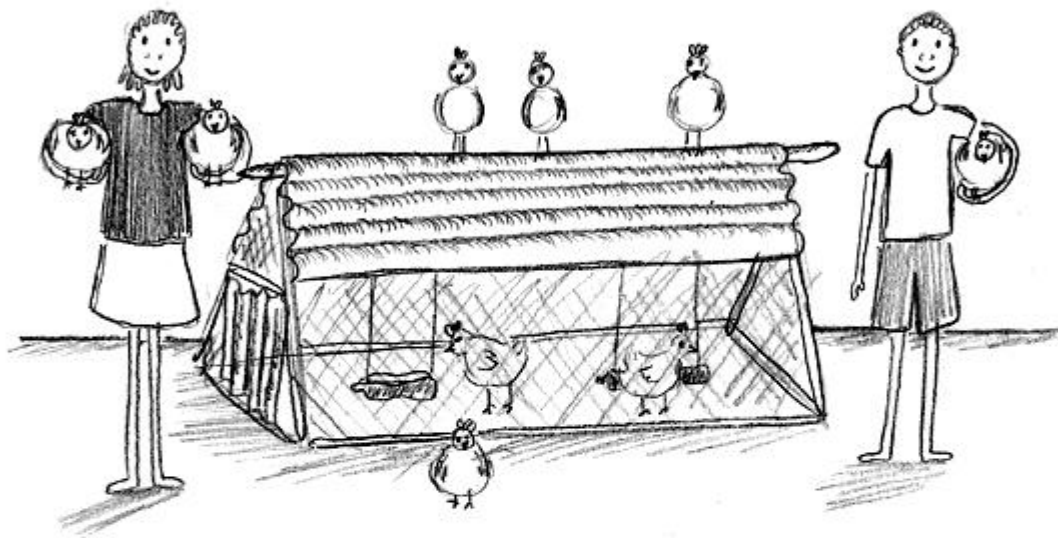




Lonny and Tabu



Cash for chickens

By Elize Ferreira



Dear Friends

This booklet gives a few ideas of how you can change your own life with the things that you have around you, with your own hands and abilities that God blessed you with.

Some of you will want to see a copy of the Subsistence Manual. You can either download it from the website: www.africanhoneybee.co.za or ask your local African Honey Bee or Sappi Khulisa facilitator.

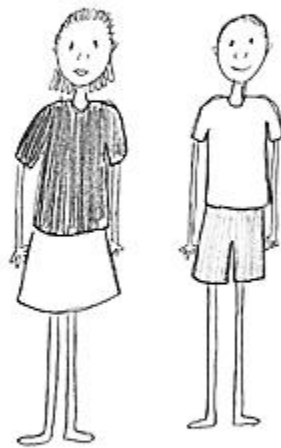
God bless

*Guy Stubbs
African Honey Bee*

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3



Lonny & Tabu



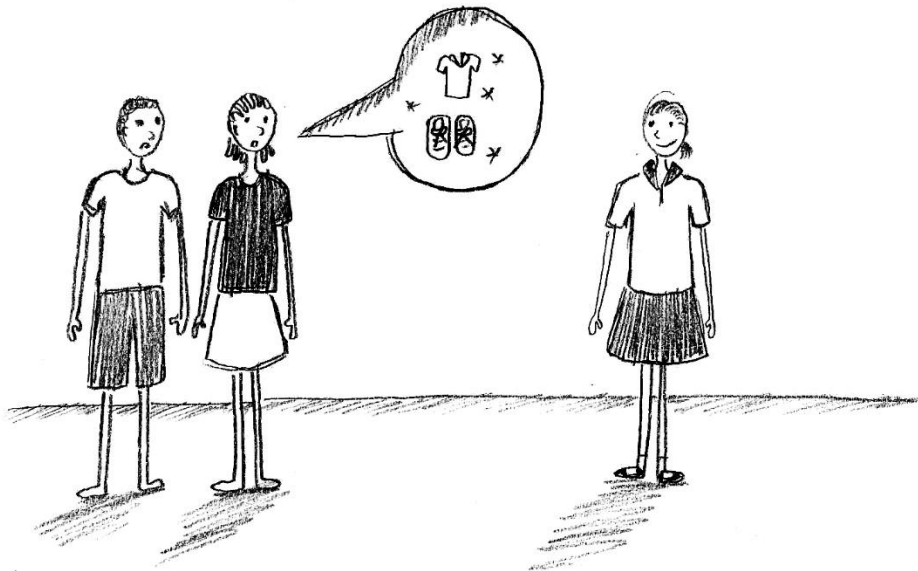
Cash from Chickens



"Look at Bongi, she has such nice shoes and a new school uniform", said Lonny.

"Let us ask her how she affords them", said Jabu.

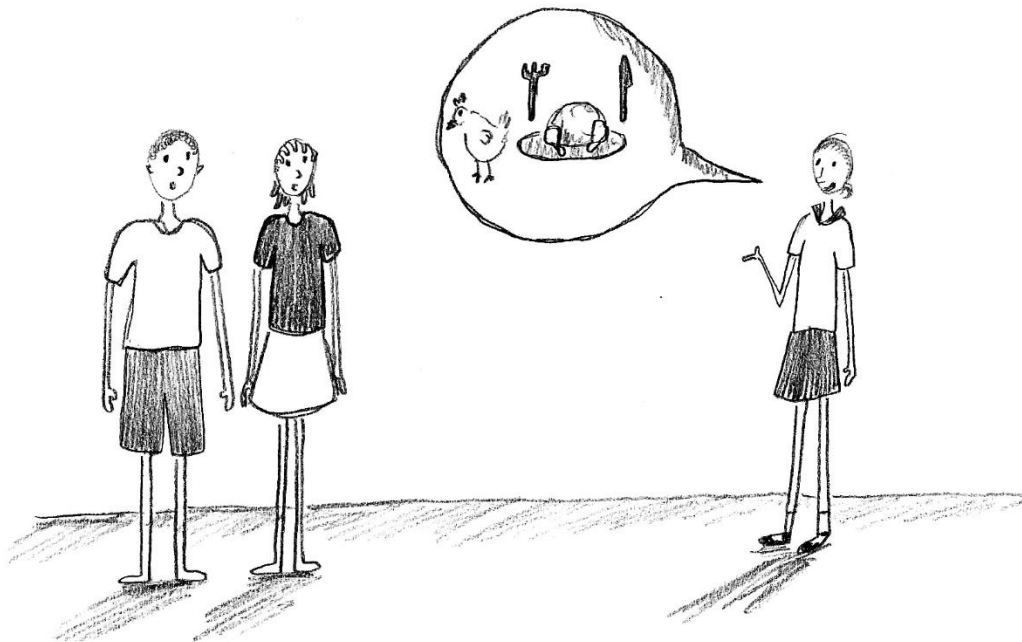
"Bongi, how does your Mama afford to buy you new shoes and a school uniform?", they asked Bongi.





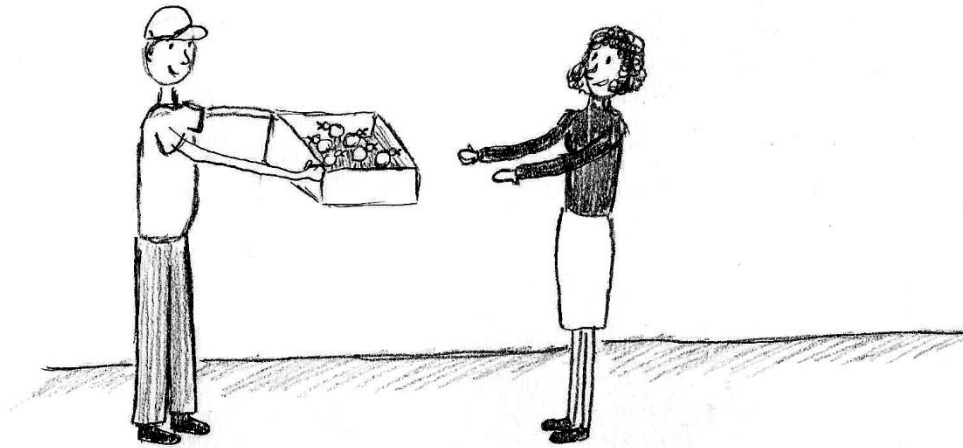
"My Mama farms with meat chickens. African Honey Bee taught Mama and me how to build a meat chicken hok and farm with the chickens", Bongi told them.

"How did she afford it, to buy the chickens?", asked Lonny.





"Mama goes to an African Honey Bee savings group where they save a little money every week. When the money is payed out African Honey Bee helps us buy 10 ~~one day old~~ chickens and feed for the chicken", Bongqi told them.





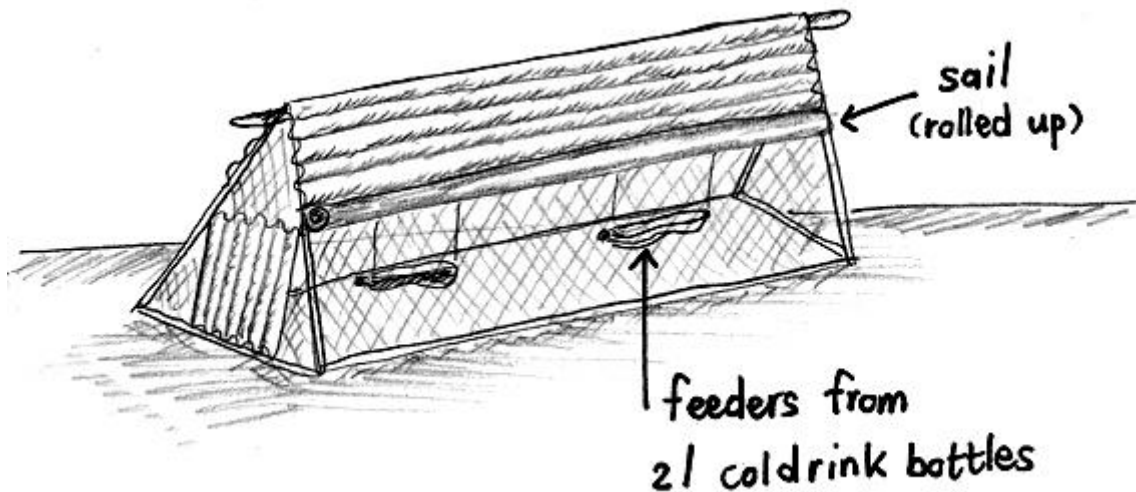
Mama kept them inside the house for
3 weeks under a warm light and fed them
Starter mash.





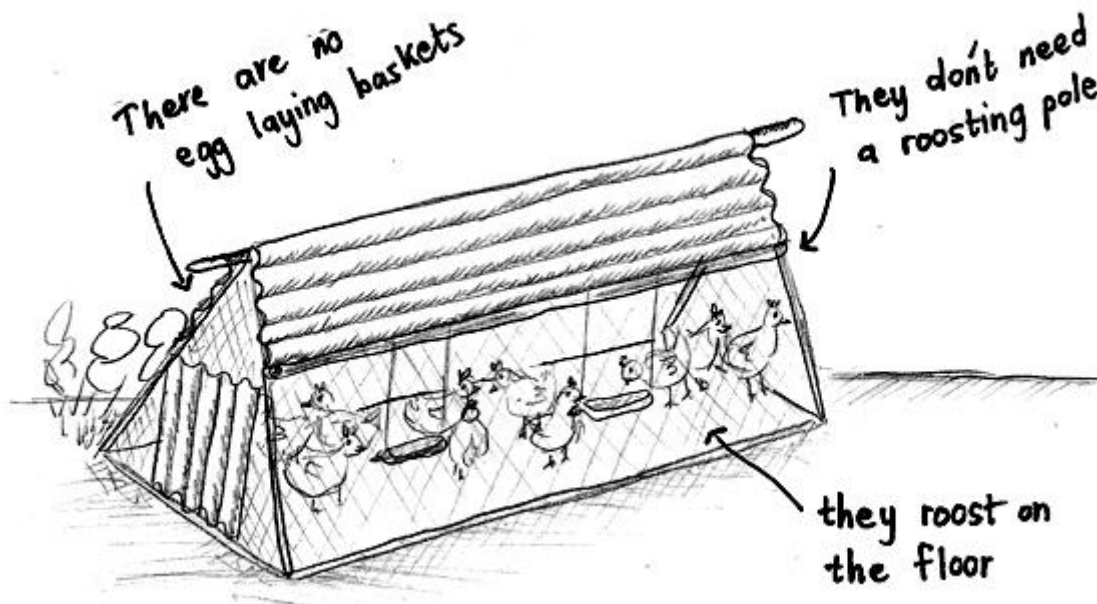
Meanwhile she built a chicken hok that looked like the egg chicken hok but was a little different.

She also put a sail over the chicken hok to keep them warm and dry.



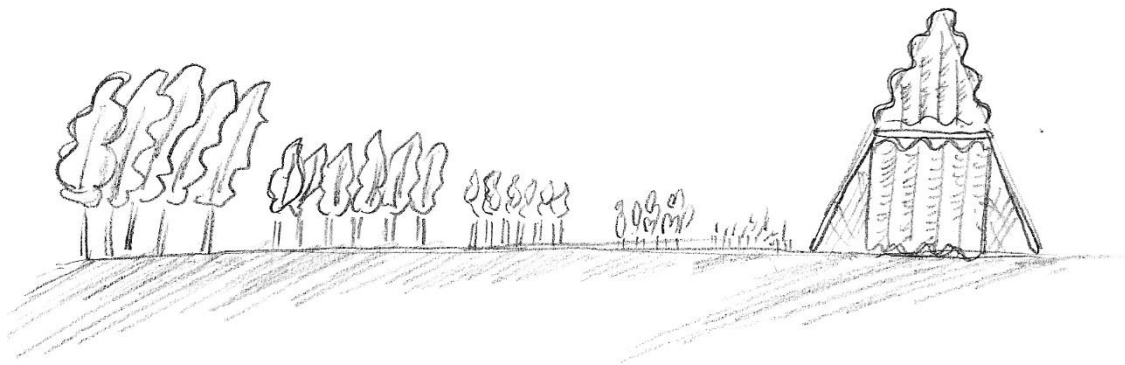


After the 3 weeks the chicks became chickens and she put them in the hok and gave them grower mash for 2 weeks. She made sure they always had fresh water.





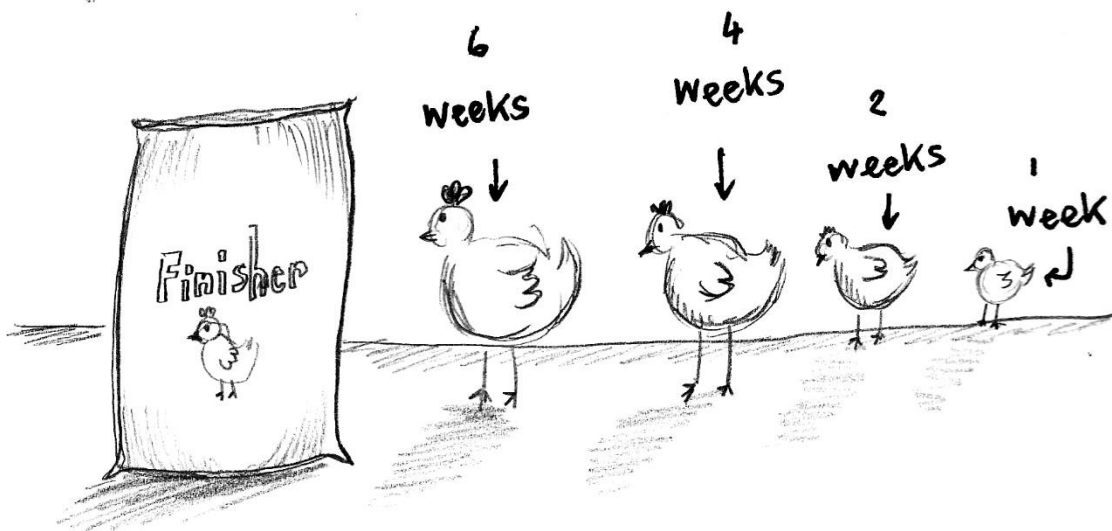
She moved the hok every week and planted spinach where the hok was. The chicken droppings worked as fertilizer.



After 6 weeks you can move the hok back over the spinach you have grown.



The last two weeks she fed them Finisher.





When the chickens were 7 weeks old
she sold them for R100.



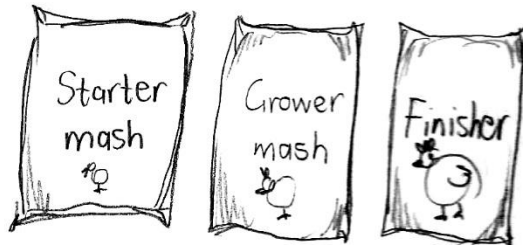


The sums are:

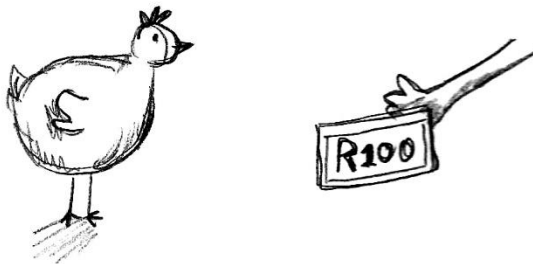
1 day old chicken = R7 

The feed for 1 chicken over the 7 weeks

= R 25



The chicken is sold for = R100



The profit is then = R68





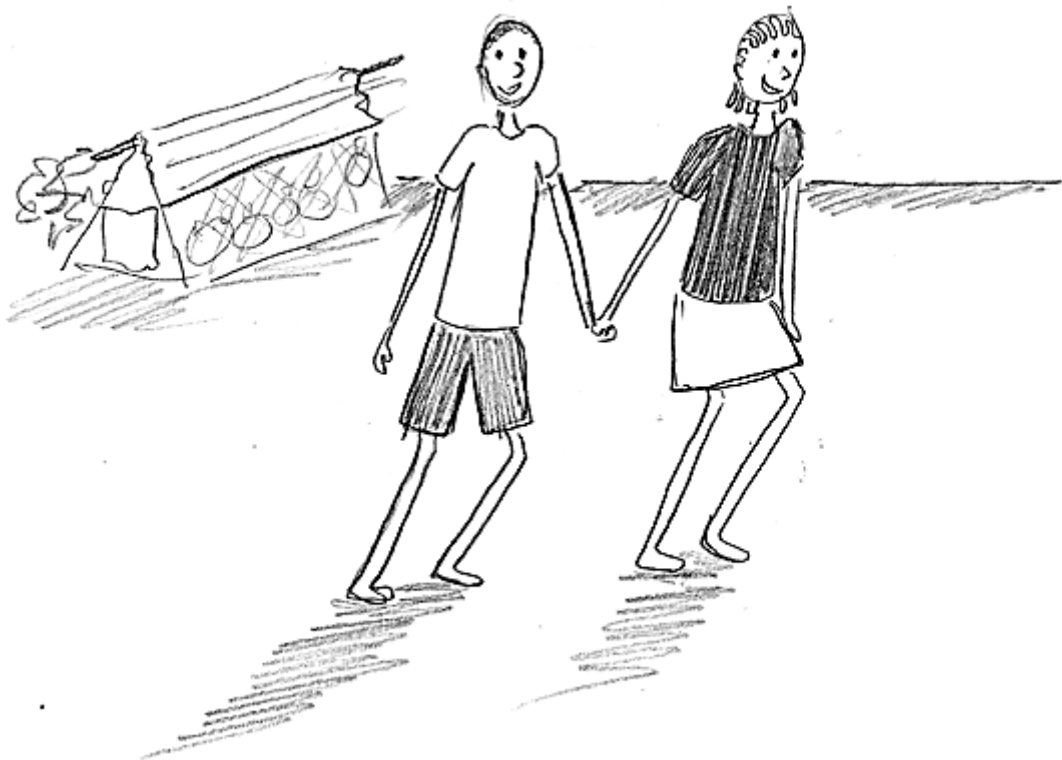
Mama is doing so well that she is now going to build two more chicken hoks.





"Wow, Mama Zodwa is running a whole business with her chickens", said Jabu.

"Come Jabu, let us go home and tell Mama that we should also start farming with meat chickens", said Lonny.



Endorsements

Our communities are surrounded by nature. They live in areas with flora that is perfect for honeybee farming. Unfortunately, our youth go looking for employment in cities, while there are opportunities on their doorstep. The project by African Honey Bee and the material presented by them, not only opens our community's eyes to the opportunities, but also helps people learn to read. I highly recommend these booklets.

Sipho Ngema

KwaMbonambi Education Circuit Manager (2017)

Sappi is committed to supporting neighbouring communities to maximise their livelihoods from mobilising all assets, natural, physical and otherwise towards enriching the quality of life they yield. Through our relationship with African Honey Bee and our combined activities, Sappi is excited to see the opportunities that arise from managing, harvesting and sustaining honey bees. The contribution to livelihoods of participating community members cannot be over-emphasised. Any opportunity for income generation leads to major saving as well as increasing what comes into the family's income basket. As we share important lessons from the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach with communities living close to Sappi plantations, the embracing of the AHB related activities demonstrate a commitment to living out the promises of the approach. We endorse this African Honey Bee book as it supports this thinking and approach to community development.

Blessing Karumbidza

Stakeholder Relations Manager, Sappi Forests (2017)