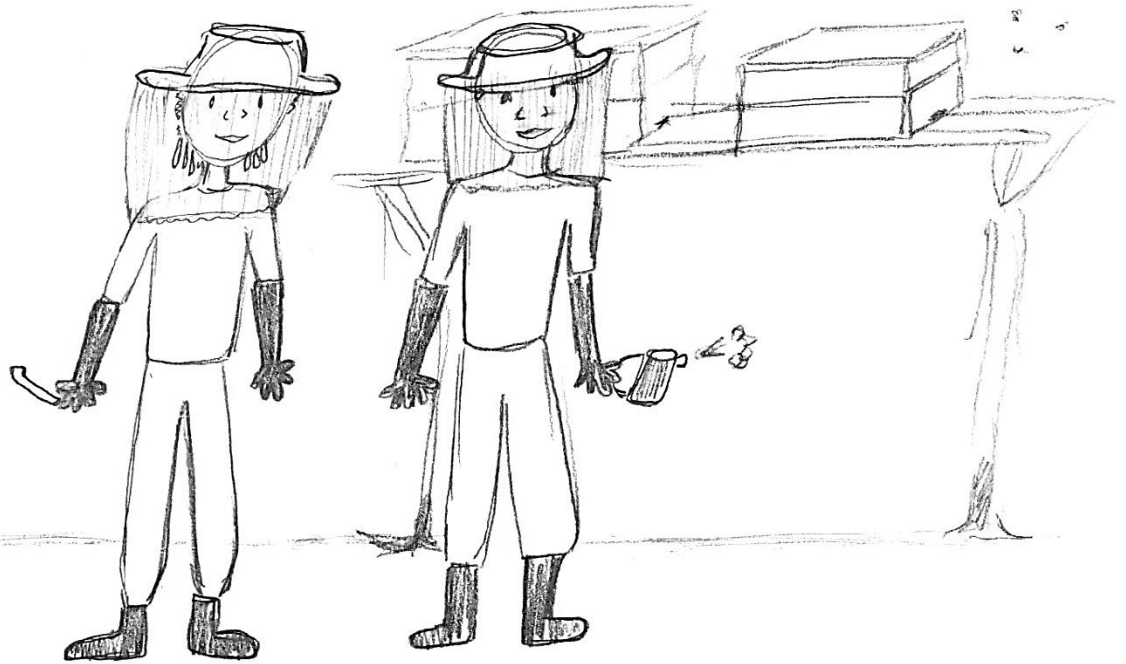




Lonny and Tabu



Money from Honey

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.

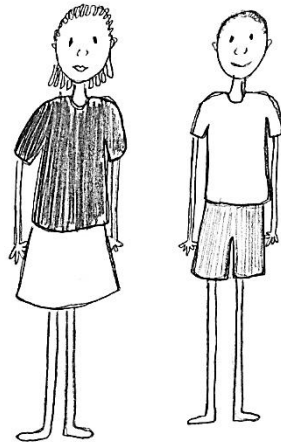
God bless

*Guy Stubbs
African Honey Bee*

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! Psalm 90:17



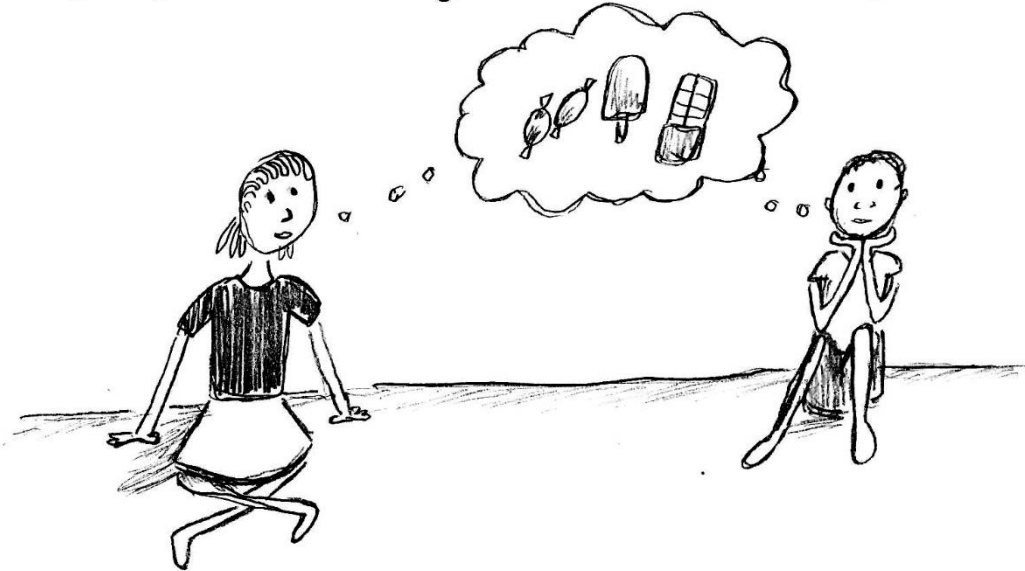
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Lonny and Jabu wanted something sweet to eat but they did not have any money.



"I know! Let us go rob some honey from the bees in the bush", said Jabu.





They went to a beehive in a treestump, made a fire to make smoke to get the bees away from the hive.



They ran away quickly after they got the honey because the bees were starting to sting them.





While they were eating the honey, they did not see that the fire they made was setting the forest on fire.





The next day they were walking and saw
Mama Zodwa working with the bees.
She was wearing strange clothes.





"What are you doing and where did you get those strange clothes Mama Zodwa?", they asked.

"I wear these clothes so I do not get stung by the bees. African Honey Bee taught me how to make the clothes and smoker myself. The smoker makes smoke to calm the bees. That way I do not start uncontrolled fires," Mama Zodwa told them.



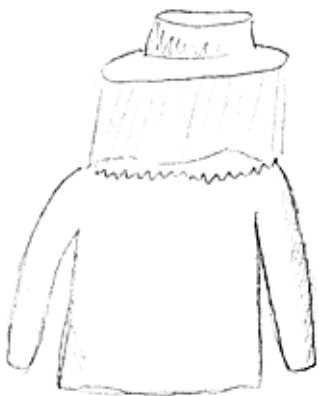


You don't need to buy things, find old stuff around your home.



gloves

(you can make gloves from old pants)



veil

(you can make a veil from a wide brimmed hat, net and a t-shirt)



smoker



(you can make a smoker from an old tin and wire)

Look in the African Honey Bee Subsistence Manual to see how to make them.



So Lonny and Jabu made their own veil and smoker and went honey hunting.



And this time they did not get any beestings!

They didn't start an uncontrolled fire either because they carried their fire away in their smoker tin.



The next day they walked past
Mama Zodwa's house again and
saw people with a bakkie there.





"Hello Mama Zodwa, who was the man that came to your house with the bakkie?" asked Lonny.



"Did I not tell you that I sell my honey? The man is from African Honey Bee and he came to buy my honey," Mama Zodwa told them.

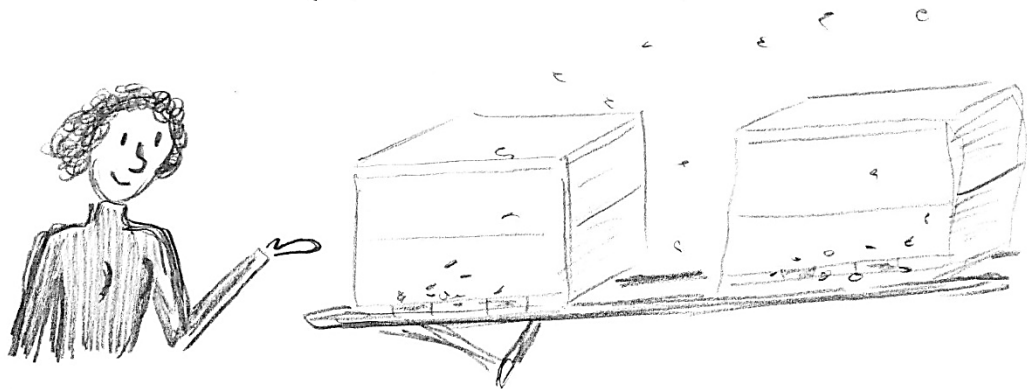




"How can we also make money from honey?", asked Jabu.



"Instead of robbing wild nests, you need to rather farm with bees. First you have to build a home for the bees to live in", Mama Zodwa replied.



You can look in the African Honey Bee Subsistence Manual how to make a hive.

Mama Zodwa also told them that their parents can get free training with African Honey Bee.



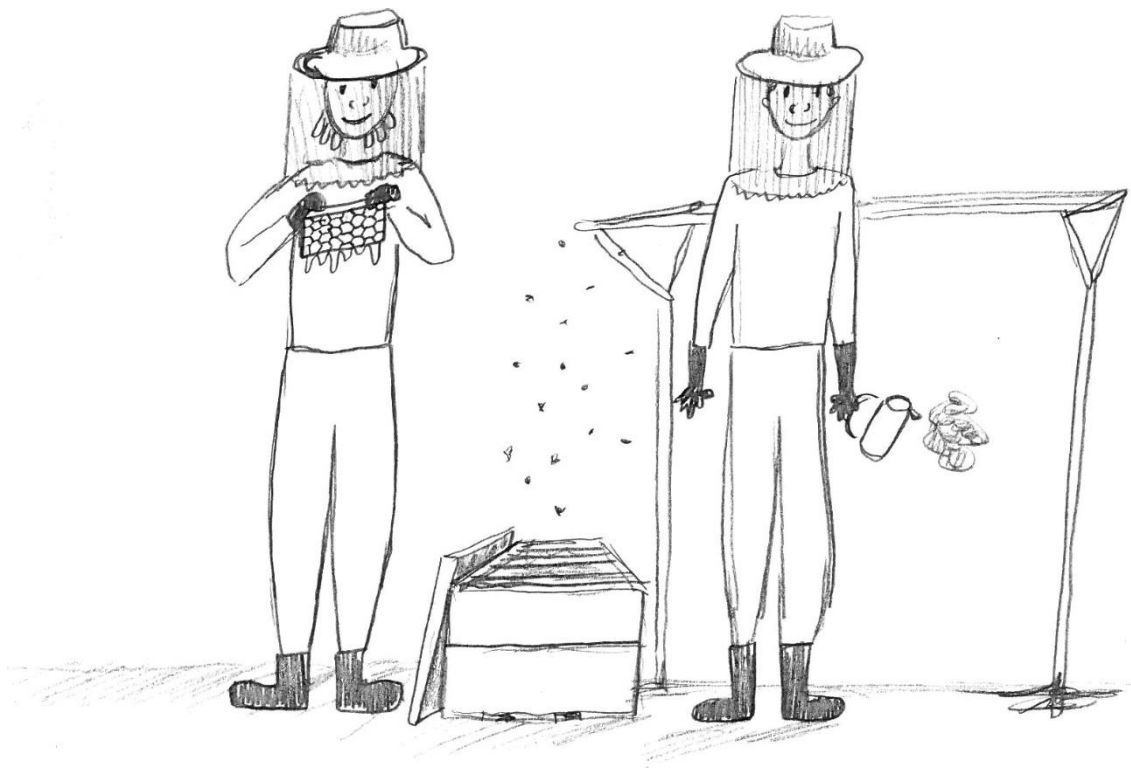
"Come Tabu! Let's go make some hives!",
said Lonny and they went to make their
hives...





Now Lonny and Tabu don't rob wild bee nests anymore. Now they rather take the bees out and put them in a bee house that they have made.

Happy bees = happy bee farmers.



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.

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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

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