



AGAPE SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

The South African Board for Sheriffs (**SABFS**) was invited by Mr Naseem Gasant, the sheriff for Pretoria South East to accompany him on a visit to the Agape School for Autistic children in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain in Cape Town.

Mr Gasant and his wife had decided that as it was his wife's birthday, they would prepare a special meal for the Agape School children. On Wednesday 19 August 2009 the Training division joined Mr Gasant as representatives of the **SABFS** to assist him with the feeding of the children. During our visit to the school we met with the school psychologist who informed us of the background of some of the children and the dire straits that they find themselves in, most of them do not have proper care other than when they arrive at the school.

Mr Gasant informed us that he is very passionate about assisting the school and requested the **SABFS** to assist in raising funds to sponsor the purchase of a new school bus. The school requires a special bus to transport the paraplegic students. This bus would have a hoist that would lift the wheelchairs onto the bus and in so doing making the transport of these children so much more comfortable and convenient.

He further informed us that the cost implications for the purchase of this particular bus is in excess of **R200 000.00** and that it was nearly impossible for the school to raise the money by themselves.

Mr Gasant generously opened his heart and pledged to donate **R10 000.00** to the purchase of the new school bus. Mr BJ Koen, the sheriff for Mitchells Plain South who also joined us pledged to make a donation to the school as well.

The school principle showed us the busses that they were currently utilising and it was in a bad state, one could clearly see the need for a new school bus. We then joined the Principle and her staff for lunch and she informed us of the Schools 21st anniversary and invited us to write in their school journal.