

LIFE CHANGED AFTER VISIT!

Ntswaki thanks president

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THEIR lives were at a low point and they were suffering from poor health in a leaking shack.

But then President Cyril Ramaphosa paid the Jan family from Phase 6, Mangaung a Thuma Mina visit and their burden was lifted.

After the president visited the area on 5 November, they saw their lives change in front of their eyes.

Mum Ntswaki's health was attended to, they got a new shack, food parcels arrived and they even got jobs!

Family of two, Ntswaki Jan (41) and her daughter Nongetheni (25), lived in a tiny shack.

Daily Sun published their story, "President makes promises" on 6 November.

Ntswaki told *Daily Sun* that on the day of the visit, their lives changed.

"We were living in bad conditions. Whenever clouds gathered, we began to worry because we knew when it rained, our shack would be flooded.

"When the president visited us with the premier's team, we told him our story and he quickly realised I needed urgent medical attention.

"He asked Premier Sisi Ntombela to call an ambulance to take me to hospital.

"The ambulance arrived and paramedics checked me and re-

alised I needed medical assistance.

"I was admitted to Pelonomi Academic Hospital the same day. But today I am healed and happy!

"I would like thank the president and his team and the Free State government for changing my life.

"Mangaung mayor Olly Mlamleli gave us blankets and brought groceries.

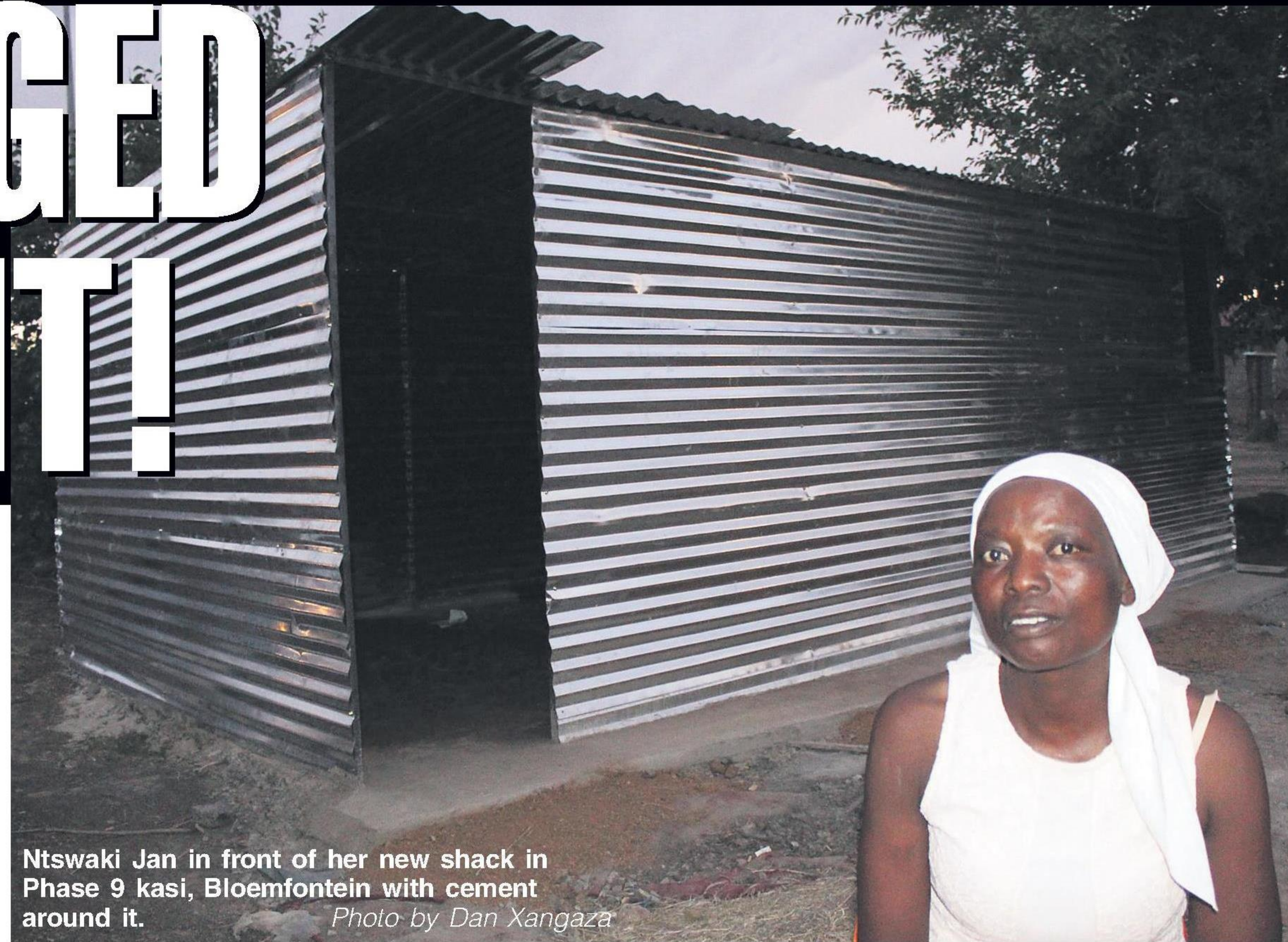
"A new shack was built. They poured cement around it to ensure when it rains, our yard doesn't become muddy.

"They also promised the municipality would install a new toilet and fix our electricity.

"We are just waiting for them to come."

She said they would also be getting a job through the expanded public works programme, starting today.

"Our lives will never be the same again. We are tired of begging. Now we can smile like other people," Ntswaki said.



Ntswaki Jan in front of her new shack in Phase 9 kasi, Bloemfontein with cement around it.

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