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## RICHARD SOUTHEY – MISSIONS AT DBC

Thank you for taking time to read this document. Our intention is to create awareness of our missionaries and ministries so that you know who we support, what they do and how you can get involved.

We base our support and focus on Jesus' final instruction to his disciples found in Acts 1 vs 8: "... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Guided by this instruction, we could identify the various areas we wanted to focus on. We therefore support and minister locally (our Jerusalem) through our internal ministries (children, youth, UP ministry etc), and our efforts in the local community (school ministries, Holiday Bible Clubs) Our Judea and Samaria would be our support of the Bettaway Community Church, Franschoek Barn, local farm ministry, soup kitchen and many other ministries you will be able to read more about in the pages to follow. Finally, we also support missionaries beyond the border of South Africa. The Bonthuys and Bremner families were sent "to the ends of the earth" by DBC many years ago and are both affiliated to SIM, a global missions organization. Please read more about the great work both these wonderful families, as well as the Moller family in Malawi, are doing in furthering His Kingdom.



Evangelism and outreach through our local ministries and missionaries is a priority for us at Durbanville Baptist Church. Currently 22% of our annual income is allocated to the Missions Fund for us to provide financial assistance where we can. Sadly, because our general giving is often below budget, we are not always able to do all that we would like to. Since missionaries are mostly funded through support they have to raise and maintain, they are often under financial pressure due to difficult economic conditions for their supporters, rising costs of working in the field, currency fluctuations and the cost of education.

As the children of missionaries get older, it becomes more expensive to provide a decent education in the areas where they live. This means sending them away to schools or colleges, increasing the cost of transport and accommodation. In 2017 we started the MK (Missionary Kids) Education Fund to provide a channel for

support for educational needs. This fund has not grown the way we had hoped and would appreciate support for it as well as any individual who could assist in raising funds for this need.

We do hope that this booklet will not just give you a better understanding of what missionaries and ministries DBC is involved in, but will also help you to find a way to get involved. There are many opportunities to serve in the ministries listed below, so please contact the office or the ministry leader directly. We also encourage you to pray for our missionaries and show interest in the work they do.

Please remember that we may not all be called to be missionaries, but we are all able to share the Gospel where we work, go to school, shop or play our sport.

Thank you.

## **JILL PEPPER – HOW TO PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AS MISSIONARIES**

From the Evangelical Free church of America website

### **The missionary's own relationship to God – 2 Peter 3:18**

- Pray that he/she will be abiding in Christ and feeding on God's Word
- Pray for a deep prayer life
- Pray for him/her to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and not depend on their own efforts
- Pray for victory over Satan

### **The missionary's physical and emotional life – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

- Pray for good health – they live and work in difficult climates, diseases are prevalent
- Pray for safety – travel is often hazardous, whether by air, car or foot
- Pray for deliverance from depression, discouragement and loneliness
- Pray for the missionary's financial, physical, spiritual and emotional needs to be met

### **The missionary's family – Ephesians 5:21**

- Pray for a strong marriage
- Pray for children – their educational needs, safety, health, and to grow to love the Lord
- Pray for wisdom in parenting
- Pray for the missionary's family at home, especially needs of elderly parents or children in college or living on their own

### **The missionary's ability to communicate – 2 Timothy 4:2**

- Pray for ability to learn the language and understand the culture; pray they will adapt to the culture
- Pray for effectiveness in communicating the gospel

- Pray for the time and discipline to communicate with supporters and others at home

### **The missionary's ministry – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3**

- Pray for open doors, boldness, empowerment by the Holy Spirit
- Pray for discernment and understanding in decisions that are made
- Pray for effective use of time
- Pray for God to show the missionary where the harvest is ripe

### **The missionary's interpersonal relationships – John 17:21**

- Pray for the missionary's relationship with fellow missionaries; pray for unity, grace, and understanding.
- Pray for the missionary's relationship with national workers.
- Pray against Satan sowing the spirit of discord.

### **The missionary's country of service – Colossians 4:2 -5; Psalm 2:8**

- Pray for political stability and peace
- Pray for its government and leaders
- Pray for freedom to evangelise; pray for a favourable climate for the gospel.
- Pray that there will not be difficulty in granting visas, work permits etc.

## **DAVE AND NIKKI BREMNER – SIM INTERNATIONAL**

### **1. CALLING**

God has led us on a journey of faith from when we felt His call to go to South America as church planters. Dave's veterinary services gave us an open door to the homes of the rural community in Paraguay for 16 years as we established a church there. God then lead us to join the International Leadership Team of SIM, giving oversight to the ministries of SIM in East and Southern Africa. In 2014, we created a leader development initiative that supports the growth of senior mission leaders globally. Now after 12 years we have handed over the Africa responsibilities, and are focusing exclusively on the development of SIM leaders.

### **2. WHAT WE DO**

We head up two key leader development initiatives. The global initiative equips country-level leaders in a two-year mentoring experience and includes two events for each learning cohort. The regional initiative equips leaders earlier in their leadership responsibilities in all the ten SIM regions of the world, through training, mentoring and leadership assignments. A total of 200 SIM missionaries have been involved in the global approach. 250 leaders, both missionaries and host country leaders, will be equipped in the regional ministry over the next 4 years.

### 3. HOW GOD IS AT WORK

As the leaders are supported, encouraged, challenged and nurtured, we hear regular reports of significant progress in their lives. Several participants in the global training have joined the new International Leadership and Executive Teams. One significant leader and missionary had planned his resignation from ministry before he was invited to the training. Through the two-year experience of mentoring, coaching and training, he turned the team he was leading around and signed on for even more leadership responsibility. Right now, he is spearheading a major SIM innovation on placing teams in new locations that are unreached and tough to access.

### 4. YOU CAN BE INVOLVED BY...

We run a number of international events in all parts of the world. We have need for musicians and child care workers at these events.

### 5. HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- Pray that we will be effective in creating the environment where SIM leaders will grow deep in their trust of the Lord, effective as loving shepherds, humble servants and faithful stewards.
- Please pray for our adult kids as they negotiate some difficult things in each of their lives. Pray that each one would follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

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### COMPLETION OF TWO YEARS



**MENTORING CONVERSATIONS**



**DESIGN TEAM**



## BENNIE AND MAGGS BONTHUYS – SIM SENEGAL

Before we met, God called both Bennie and Maggs individually into full time missions to an unreached people group. God gave us hearts for people who did not yet have the Bible available in their own language, nor have churches or Christian friends. We individually pursued theological studies where we met and on completing our theological qualifications we got married (1995) and started to serve within Durbanville Baptist as Young Adult Pastors and on the University of Cape Town and CPUT campuses in student ministry with the Student YMCA simultaneously for five year before leaving for Senegal in 2000 with SIM.



We have three delightful and resilient children who have grown up deeply immersed cross-culturally in a staunch Muslim context; Carla (1998), Kirsty (2001) and Nico (2003). All have been home-schooled first, then transitioned into a local WEC MK school in Senegal using the British system where Nico still attends completing year 9. On completing their IGCSEs our kids switch systems into the only other MK option in Senegal, an American school, Dakar Academy, to complete high school. Kirsty is in her final year at DA and Carla is in her final year at the Bible Institute in South Africa. All three children speak and understand their own levels of English, Wolof, French and Afrikaans.

**Pray** for Bennie as SIM Senegal Director as he leads the three SIM Senegal teams in our work to see "Wolof-friendly" Bible studies, fellowships, and churches develop where Muslims would feel culturally comfortable as the Lord leads.



The SIM Senegal team is focusing on ministry among the Wolof people and Wolof speakers. The Wolof are the largest people group in Senegal (40% of the population) and are linguistically and culturally dominant (80% of the population speaks Wolof). In spite of religious freedom and 50+ years of evangelistic work on the part of multiple missions groups, the Wolof have been very resistant to the Gospel with fewer

than 200 Wolof believers scattered around the country. The Wolof people are 99% Muslim, with animistic beliefs and practices intermingled with Islamic beliefs and practices. The church in Senegal is predominantly French-speaking and composed of Africans from other people groups. Our vision is to help establish a Wolof-speaking church.

SIM missionaries work in health and development projects, friendship evangelism, Bible studies, theological education, chronological storytelling, literature and tape distribution, radio broadcasts, literacy, student ministry and facilitating song writing in Wolof.



**Pray** for Maggs as she leads our multicultural SIM team in Thies as we work towards a Wolof Church through diverse platform ministries: Prison Ministry, Student Ministry, Medical Work, Sports Friends and friendship evangelism according to the Discovery Bible Study method. Each ministry has to heed to Scripture, comply with SIM's requirements and respect the country's laws.

In addition, we strive to work alongside the French-speaking national church. **Pray** for wisdom and unity. **Pray** that the classes studying English with Maggs at the University of Thies would be drawn ever closer to Christ. **Pray** that each of the English students who have heard the gospel over the past six years would respond by putting their faith in Christ.

Please **pray** for our children, Carla, Kirsty, and Nico, that they will know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge and that they may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Praise God** for our Senegalese Muslim Background Believer children as they boldly live out their faith in this Muslim context.

**Pray** that the Lord would continue to supply all our needs.

**SIM** SERVING THE CHURCH ACROSS CULTURES  
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Bonthuys ministry videos:

<http://sng.al/Bonthuysvid>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebouNknOS9g>

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**CONSTANTINE & LORNA NIKIFOROS – NEW LIFE (CALVARY CHAPEL)**



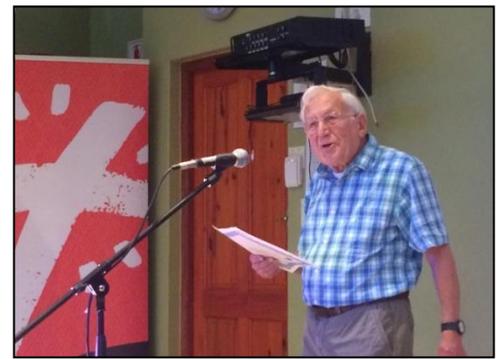
## CALLING

A few years after my conversion, a desire for missionary work emerged in me. To start with I had my own ideas as to what field I would choose. As time went on, I sensed the need to have the confirmation of my calling to come from someone in the church who discerned my calling to make sure it was not out of a personal fancy. I spoke to no one about this conviction except in my intimacy with the Lord. After a few years of waiting, early in 1988, Ed Marshall, our pastor, came to see Lorna and I to tell us that someone in the church recognized God's calling upon our lives, and committed to give a sum of money to start us off. Because of anonymity, to this day I do not know who the person was. I gave then my resignation to my employers, and applied to Child Evangelism Fellowship for formal training. In August of that year I went to the Child Evangelism Training Institute in Missouri for the course. When we reached 'retirement age', CEF 'retired us'. However, there were still children whose greatest need was to know Christ, teachers who needed to be trained to effectively reach and teach those children, and the great commission which was still valid. So we did the ridiculous in the minds of friends and family --we carried on, on our own as Child Evangelism. Our prayer is that we will go wherever God directs us (even to Greece with Hellenic Ministries).

When we left the security of CEF, it really felt like we were getting out of the safety of the boat to walk on water--we experienced that sinking feeling so often--but God is true to His Word--Isaiah 43:2a.

## WHAT WE DO

Currently our ministry is mostly focused around inner-city children and their parents (Lorna), and youth and counseling adults (Niki) . There is an amazing mix--foreigners from Gabon, DRC, Malawi, Zimbabwe & Zambia, locals from the city, Woodstock and beyond--Muslims as well as infidels.



Lorna: I soon discovered when ministering to inner-city kids that “one size doesn’t fit all.” I've had to write teaching material that the children can relate to. The lessons have to be interactive--to keep the attention of our ADD , ADHD and Alcohol Syndrome kids--and fun. Children learn best when they are having fun. I was made aware of the fun they create for themselves with pavements as their confined playgrounds: when I left

the K.G. group in the care of two new teachers, I returned to a very wild gyrating KG group playing 'bum - bum'. (I don't even want to know the origins of the game).

Teacher training is ongoing and we now have the joy of training young adults and teens that have come through Sunday school (pic) and want to be involved there. What a joy and privilege to train them.

## HOW GOD IS AT WORK

We have experienced amazing answers to prayer that have encouraged us. We were praying for a brother and sister who gave a new definition to naughty. Last year the brother (5) got into the janitor's cupboard, managed to dislodge a tower of coloured paint, and left a rainbow trail to the boy's toilets where I found him trying to get rid of the evidence. The change in these two is unbelievable. We thank God for a deeper level of commitment generally. God has blessed the teen ministry, and, as the group has grown He has provided a bigger venue for Friday evening meetings. Another answer to prayer: The kombi that we have been using since 1990 to transport the children, was badly in need of repair and just when it looked like it would land up at Chicks a kind business lady came to the rescue and it's been given it a new lease of life.



## YOU CAN BE INVOLVED BY...

Praying for the children and for us. Donating good second hand toys, puzzles or books for our preschool and KG departments would be a great help.

## HOW YOU CAN PRAY

We would value your prayers for the children who struggle with deep issues that come with poverty and abuse of all kinds. Also for the teens--many of the guys are being lured into gangs. The temptation of fast money earning that comes with drug dealing is difficult for them to resist. Special prayer for a boy in the K.G. who is manifesting very weird symptoms--he growls when the teacher tries to restrain him when he goes on

the rampage. Also for a boy in the Primary group who hears voices telling him to do bizarre things.



Primaries enjoying learning about God through His covenant with Abraham.

## MCMINN – BETTAWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH & HOMEWORK CLUB (DELFT)

### WHO WE ARE



We are Clive, Glenda, Daniel & Jessica McMinn. We drove around Cape Town one day in 2000 with Daniel only 9 months old looking for where God would want us to start a church. We had received the call to plant a church 5 years prior to that. We drove everywhere until we arrived at this place called Delft. A place called “God forsaken” by society. There was much poverty, crime, desolation and abuse. Now, almost 19 years later we are at Bettaway Community Church Delft, seeing God do SO much in our lives and the lives of the people.

### WHAT WE DO

- Currently we have 120 adults attend our Sunday morning services. On a Wednesday we have a Revival Service which refreshes and teaches us through Gods word.
- On Friday nights we have about 40 high school students attending our “Risen Squad” youth, under the leadership of Pastor Selvin & Elrisa Hein.

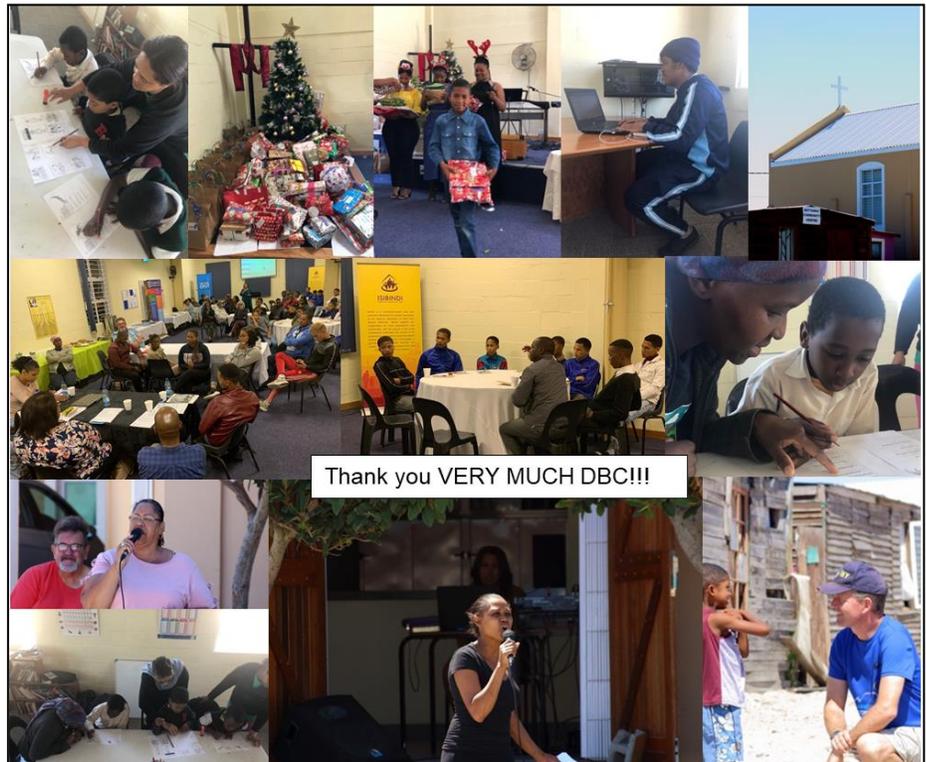
- On a Sunday morning we have approximately 100 children attending our Children’s Church. We call this our biggest and most fruitful congregation at BCC and what a joy to have witnessed 4 year old boys and girls now involved in ministry at BCC and continuing to grow in the Lord.
- Through our soup kitchen, we feed over 1000 people every Monday and Wednesday. Every week we do an outreach to the community in terms of street preaching, handing out tracts and invitations to those who are lost and hurting in the community. This has been the FOUNDATION of why we are in Delft for all of these years.
- Since August 2011 we have been running a Homework Club for children attending Bettaway Community Church. This year we have 61 learners from Grades 3 to 12 every Monday through to Thursday. The Homework Club has been very successful as we have been able to give a learner a sandwich, a table, support, a safe place, and resources to enable them to do better at school. This year, we have 11 Matric students, and 9 Tertiary students who have come through the Homework Club. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March we had had a very successful “Learners Career Expo” for our Grade 9-12 learners to help them make the right choices for their futures.

## TESTIMONY

A powerful testimony is that of a single mom who came to the church broken, a drug addict, and caught up in prostitution. With prayer, encouragement, the Word of God, and the support of the ministry, she is now in rehabilitation and doing extremely well. She has been clean for almost 250 days!

## PRAYER NEEDS

- We would like to ask you to pray that we would soon have more Tutors at the Homework Club. This is a desperate need, as we only have Lorna, a retired school teacher, who is qualified to assist. Maybe you know of someone (University student, retired teacher, high school student, young adult), who would like to come and assist our Homework Club?
- Please will you continue to pray for overall family and ministry financial support?



THANK YOU, Durbanville Baptist Church for being supportive in prayer, finance and resources. Thank you for being part of what God is doing through us in Delft.

## VAUGHAN AND CORNE STANNARD – BEAUTIFUL GATE SOUTH AFRICA IN LOWER CROSSROADS

### OUR CALLING

Corné and I are so blessed to serve the Lord and have a special passion for missions and serving the poor in Africa. The Lord led us to join Beautiful Gate Ministry full time to serve his people on the outskirts of Cape Town by bringing His love, mercy and justice to support families and children. We have been serving in the township since 2000.

I (Vaughan) am presently the director and one of the doctors on staff. Our goal is to share the love of Jesus by creating a community of justice and mercy and in particular by caring for and protecting



children, preserving and empowering families and mobilising our community to do the same. Our main programmes include Child Health (teen HIV clinic), Education (supporting 6 township schools), Family Strengthening (parenting courses, orphan and vulnerable family support)

### HOW GOD IS AT WORK



We are privileged to see so many families receive love and support through the staff, programmes and services here. Recently one of our teens was murdered by a gang and the children were able to come together to mourn and be supported. There is a great need for discipling of

young people.

## YOU CAN BE INVOLVED BY

- Support our Clubs: We currently have a number of children’s and youth clubs that we are developing as “vehicles of belonging”. These are spaces where children get to learn and experience things they unfortunately do not get to learn at their schools. Drama, Dance, Marimba’s, Art, Lego, Computer programming, Robotics, Baking, etc. If you have a special skill and one day per week to help facilitate or support a club – please let us know!
- One to One reading – we are always looking for one to one English readers who can volunteer in our After School sessions.
- Pray for our children, teens and families

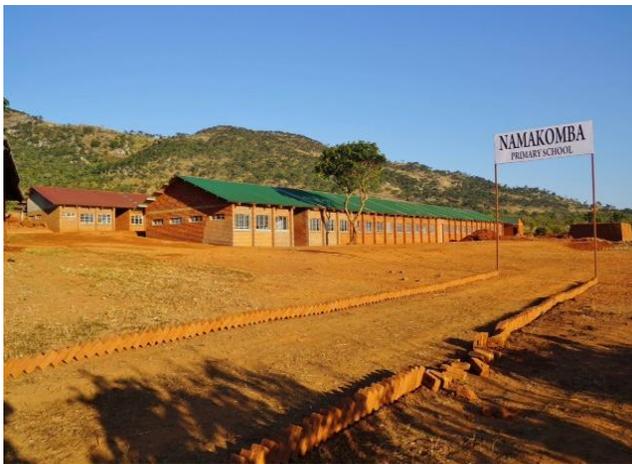
## HOW YOU CAN PRAY

Please pray for God’s heart and purpose to be realised in the life of our families, children and youth. That they may know their identity and purpose and that God would use us to be part of bringing His kingdom of love and grace.

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# Mollers In Malawi



“Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?” I spoke up, “I will go. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Twenty-three years ago God called us to a small corner of Malawi, to a people who had had little opportunity to hear His Word, and after all these years we still find ourselves amongst these precious people whom God has not forgotten.

Much of our time has been spent along the escarpment over looking Lake Malawi, a very rural area with little infrastructure. And so it was with much joy last year that we opened a primary school in the area and currently we have over 500 children. The school has also brought us significant credibility and serves as a tremendous platform for ministry into the community.





In the past 5 years our main focus has shifted to translation work as Keith heads up a team of 12 translators, proofreaders and field testers. We praise God for these wordsmiths as they wrestle with the scriptures, seeking to translate the Word of God with accuracy, naturalness, and clarity into the heart language of the people. Bible in the heart language of their people.

Running hand in hand with the translation is the Literacy project. In response to a largely illiterate society and to prepare people for the publication of the Scriptures we have produced an adult literacy primers and are currently running numerous adult literacy classes in the villages. It has been a real joy to see folk embrace the ability to read!



We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us as we journey down this road God has called us to. And here are some ways in which you can be involved.

- Intercessor. Prayer is indispensable part of our ministry and survival and we covet more prayer partners. Please join our mailing list.
- Join a team. You can be part of a short term team who comes and gets involved in a practical project here in Malawi. We promise it will change your life.
- We can only remain here because of the generosity of people like you. Please consider supporting us and our ministry or one of the various projects we are involved in.

We would love to hear from you. You can contact us at: [mollersinmalawi@gmail.com](mailto:mollersinmalawi@gmail.com)

## TRUDI VENTER – JOHN 15 MINISTRY

In 2006 we moved to Cape Town from East London. Although I knew that God was in control of this radical change in our lives, I had no idea where all of this was leading too.

There are two verses that carried me through these uncertain times:

*Isa 43:1,2: Fear not, I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

*Isa. 50:4: The sovereign LORD has given you an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.*

Over time, God revealed his plans to me and the purpose of these radical changes became clear. The farming community in and around Durbanville is a hurting community. There are more social, physical and emotional needs than we can ever imagine. My work in this community is therefore very practical as I, through various approaches, aim to meet these needs directly. I am however acutely aware that nothing will ever change fundamentally unless they find rest in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This truth therefore forms the foundation for any and all support, guidance and interaction.



There are nine farms that are part of Durbanville Hills Cellar. The Workers' Trust of this organization has made it possible for me to have access to most of these farms. There are four platforms through which the support is provided, each with its own target beneficiary:

- During the winter months I have time to speak, in a traditional classroom format, to approximately 130 male and female farm workers. I decide on a theme for the year, which is usually more practical in nature (budgets, abuse, relationships, etc.) and then use these as a foundation to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. These classes (over the past 12 years) have built wonderful relationships. They have learnt to trust me. I have spoken about family matters, abuse, budget, health, safety and many other practical subjects. In every single lesson the Word of God is the most important. Have I seen change in people's lives? Yes I have but only God can change their lives in His perfect time.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- *PRAYER FOR HEARTS TO BE CHANGED. To ask God how He wants to use you and your gifts and talents, even if it is just that you become aware of these wonderful people and their needs.*
- *The women on the farms are definitely in need of love and caring in a practical way.*

- **CRÈCHE AT MORGENSTER:** The crèche has 24 children between the ages of 3 and 5. My involvement is mostly to source food and to support Sandra Wessels who is head of the creche.



## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- *Prayer.*
- *Donate food or money for food.*
- *Be available for practical outreaches like painting, fixing of toys, visit the school to play and minister to children.*

- **FARM SCHOOLS:** There are more than seven farm schools in our area. There are so many opportunities to be involved.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- *Donate stationary (pencils, pritt, crayons, rulers, paper).*
- *Spend time with the children who struggle to read or understand Maths. (People can go during certain times of the day and take a child out of class to teach them to read)*
- *There are always practical ways to help as far as maintenance is concerned.*
- *The main aim would be to build relationships so that they can learn to trust you. It is a wonderful way to bring the Gospel in a practical and loving way.*

- **AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** This is a story of miracles. God has provided the opportunity to start an after care at Altydgedacht farm. This was made possible through the involvement of Protea valley church. They expected 20 children and more than 50 arrived on the 4th of February.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- At this stage the biggest need is food. For most of these kids the sandwich they get will be their only meal of the day.
- We need personal hygiene articles for the girls and boys as well as food with a little more substance.
- With the help of Rene Grobler, we are planning a vegetable garden to provide them with healthy food and teach them the values that go with the preparation of the soil and the planting of seeds.

I trust that you will become as passionate as I am for these wonderful opportunities God has given us and that we will always be obedient to His call to look after the poor and the needy and to tell people about His unfailing love.

## TERTIUS VENTER – FULLTIME VOLUNTEER

### Tertius Venter

#### Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon

Websites: [www.GlzG.org](http://www.GlzG.org) - [www.cyclemilesforsmiles.org](http://www.cyclemilesforsmiles.org) Email: [tertius@torquetalk.nl](mailto:tertius@torquetalk.nl)

I was in private practice as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in East London, South Africa, for 10 years when I signed up to serve on a Christian hospital ship, Mercy Ships, for 10 days on the West Coast of Africa. Grippled by the love and reality of God, the intense poverty I saw and the desperate need of people sharing our world, my life changed forever. I was called to serve God fulltime and I serve in different ministries. Since 2006 I have been a fulltime volunteer with the organizations Mercy Ships International, Operation Smile and The Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons to help relieve the enormous burdens that destroys so many lives. The World Population is currently 7.6 Billion People. Two Billion people – almost a 1/3 of the world's population, have no access to any surgical care. A further 3 Billion people have no access to safe, timely, affordable surgical care when needed. These organizations that I work with reach out to the forgotten poor with a message of hope and healing, show them by word and action that each human life is valuable, important and certainly not forgotten. While physical and spiritual healing takes place, dignity and self-respect is restored.



1. **Mercy Ships International:** On the hospital ship, operating mainly on the West Coast of Africa, the M/V Africa Mercy is a 450 crew Christian hospital ship, offering free surgeries to the peoples of West Africa,

one of the poorest regions in the world, where up to 60% of the population has no access to any form of medical care. ([www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org))

**BEFORE and AFTER SURGERY**



2. **PAACS:** The Pan Africa Academy for Christians Surgeons trains surgeons in Africa and is active in countries like Gabon, Niger, Kenya, Cameroon, Malawi and Ethiopia training African doctors through a 5-year program credentialed by the Loma Linda University in California to become surgeons dedicated to service in Africa - currently 70 surgeons are in the program. ([www.paacs.net](http://www.paacs.net)) In the United States there is one surgeon for every 2 272 people and in Ethiopia one surgeon for every 1.6 million people.



3. **Operation Smile:** repairing cleft lip and palates in patients of all ages as it is believed that no one should be burdened and often ostracized by a defect that can be repaired in 45 minutes. It is a global charity founded by a Christian plastic surgeon and operates in all countries where the poor cannot afford surgery e.g. South America, Central America, Africa, China and India. ([www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org))

Since 2014 I have undertaken six bicycle tours in: Europe -2, South Africa -2 and the USA -2, to raise funds and to raise awareness of the desperate surgical need of the poor; 5 billion people in the world do not have access to safe affordable surgery that devastates individual lives, families, communities and countries' economies. The USA tour in 2015 was the longest, from New York to San Francisco but not in a straight line but in the shape of two smiles over 6 500 km, hence the Cycle Miles for Smiles campaign; to put smiles on people's hearts and faces. An estimated 20 million people have been reached with this message through television, radio, the written media and talks at hospitals, churches and various public opportunities.

I had been privileged to address audiences on various platforms in The Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Scotland, Ireland, South Africa (various podia including the Universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch) and United States (7 States, including Stanford University California, University California Irvine, University California San Diego, The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and Loma Linda University, CA)

Apart from serving the poor with free surgical procedures, I have a ministry in the Red Light District of Amsterdam bringing the love of God to the girls trapped in prostitution. And a heart to bring the reality and love of God to the sceptic, the agnostic and the atheist. ([www.torquetalk.nl](http://www.torquetalk.nl))

## PETER AND PATSY MUNDELL - DURBANVILLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

For many years now Durbanville Baptist Church has been involved in the soup kitchen ministry in collaboration with 5 other local churches in the area meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless and the less fortunate members of our society. The local churches have been able to feed them with soup and bread for 5 days a week and spiritual input in terms of a bible study for 2 days a week. We have also been able to hand out tracts and a few bibles to those who can read although not many of our homeless people can.

We have two homeless people who attend our morning service on a regular basis (Paul and Philip) and they both need your prayers for the Lord to intervene in their lives. They also have health issues that need to be addressed.

MES, (Mould/Empower/Serve) a not for profit Christian organization has joined us to assist the homeless in finding work opportunities, helping them create CVs and assisting them to obtain I/D documents. A social worker comes twice a week to help them with any social problems such as alcohol and drug abuse and then refers them to the applicable institutions for assistance.

Now we are serving from a food trailer at the Morningstar rugby club and we have applied for a permanent space from the municipality in the Durbanville CBD area and we should hear from them in the next two or three months.

We have a very dedicated team of people who provide an abundance of wonderful soup and who also serve at the food trailer every Monday morning and we thank the Lord for their commitment. **The one area where we have a great need is the regular supply of bread. If each family in the church brought 1 loaf of bread a month then we would never have to appeal for more supplies.** We have a large deep freezer at the church which is more than enough for our needs.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- That our homeless people will come to know the Lord.
- That our need for a permanent space is met by the municipality.
- That our numbers will increase as we are quite far from passing foot traffic.
- That our sale of voucher books will increase.
- That our supply of bread will exceed our needs.

If you need any further information, please contact us.

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## MARY KLINKRADT – UP MINISTRY

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UP MINISTRY started in 2014, the UP ministry strives to engage with families impacted by special needs through inclusion and acceptance of differences. This acceptance is shown by offering inclusive and special accommodations for Kids Church, Friday Night Children’s Ministry and the annual Holiday Bible club, as well as through the UP Family Day Programme which is specifically for families impacted by special needs.

The UP Family Days take place once a month, and offer families a safe place to come where their children/young adults

are entertained with specially organised programmes such as a music and dance presentation by the Barnyard Theatre cast, an adapted sport skill programme, adapted cycling, or a music participation event. While the youngsters have fun, assisted to participate by volunteers parents have the opportunity to socialise and share with one another in a support group environment, or enjoy an afternoon with a guest speaker.

I first felt the calling to start this ministry in 2009 when still living in Gonubie, East London, due to our own experience in trying to find a place for David (then 4 with Down syndrome and Autism) in our church. I became aware of the need for special accommodations and the need for assistance in integration, and the lack of disability friendly worship experiences available. At this time, we started a quarterly respite day, but found that the parents always wanted to stay for spiritual and social input. In 2010 we relocated to Cape Town, but it was only after David was 7yrs old that I again felt that I was called to do something more for other families with children with special needs.



The need was highlighted for me as David loved sport, but the special school he was at did not offer sports, and he was too intellectually delayed to be able to follow the instructions of a club coach. The Family Days began as a sports day for the kids with parent support being an essential element of it. These evolved into Family Days as we included activities other than sport for the children. My role remains the connection

between the families and the church, and I co-ordinate the events for the Family Days. The Kids Church program is part of the regular Kids Church, and inclusion on Friday Night's is part of the regular program of the evening.

In the last 5 years we have seen this ministry grow from 4 families to 45 families, and 50 children/young adults, and at every meeting there are new faces. We have supported families through challenging emotional, financial, and physical times, and have witnessed the growth of special relationships between volunteers and the kids they work with, some of which have grown beyond the scope of the program such that the relationship is a truly personal friendship. During HBC we have had the privilege of seeing several of our children with intellectual disabilities committing their lives to the Lord, a wonderful experience.

### **HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED:**

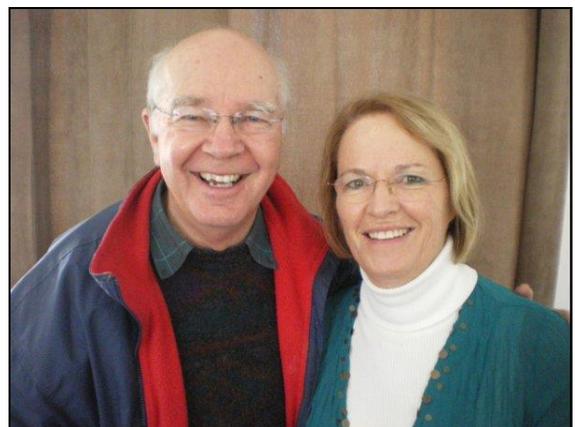
- Assist in the Kids Church class
- Assist with a child on a Friday night
- Serve tea at a Family Day
- Volunteer to work with a child or young adult on a family day
- Can you offer a programme? Art /music/ sport/ dance / other?
- Volunteer for HBC

### **WHAT YOU CAN PRAY FOR:**

- Our families: For physical health, for marriages to stay intact, for siblings, for financial and medical provision and for acceptance by others
- Our ministry: for growth, for volunteers to come forward to serve, and for wisdom and insight for all involved in the ministry

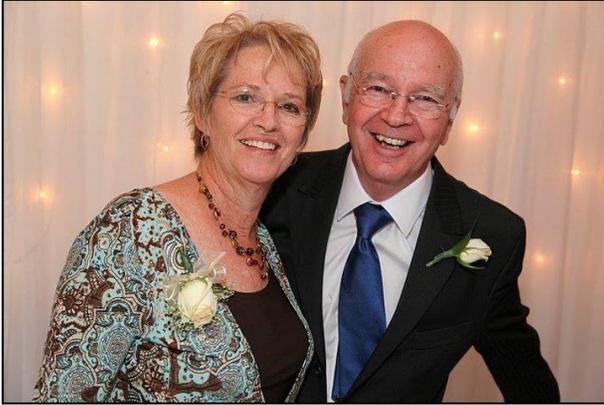
### **NICO AND BEE BOUGAS – MISSIONARIES WITH HELLENIC MINISTRIES**

On August 18, 2002 I was up in Johannesburg when I got a call to say that my 87 year-old father was dying. I cancelled all my scheduled meetings and rushed back to Cape Town to see him in the hospital. We had a short conversation and I got to thank him for his great influence on my life. As I left the hospital his last words to me were, "Don't forget you are



Greek.". The next morning he was dead.

He was proud of my Christian service with Youth for Christ, IN Magazine, TODAY magazine and the local church. But he longed to see me do something to bring the gospel to the Greeks. I, in turn, was keen to get involved and felt the tug of God in that direction.



Whilst completing my masters program at Wheaton Graduate School I did a special independent study on the history of evangelism in Greece. My research revealed that Greece was the very first mission field and in the early years the church grew rapidly even though it faced considerable persecution and thousands of believers died as martyrs. A change came about when the Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan granting religious freedom to all Christians. By 380 AD the Emperor Theodosius declared Christianity as the official state religion.

This should have been wonderful news for all believers. But the truth is that the national church became the dominant political player. The evangelical gospel went out the window and Christianity became a dead, ritualistic religion that has continued up to the current day.

I identified a few mission organisations that were working in Greece and met up with Johnathan Macris, the son of the founder of Hellenic Ministries, who was a student at Moody Bible College at that time. I undertook to represent the mission on my return to SA.

The next step was connecting with fellow Greek believers in SA. At that time I was serving as Editor and Publisher of Christian Living Today magazine which took up most of my time and energy but I still managed to set up Greek fellowship groups in major cities around the nation

I then invited Johnathan Macris, who had succeeded his father as president of the mission, to come to SA and share the vision of reaching Greece with the evangelical gospel. He invited me to officially join the mission and develop the work internationally

## **MY ROLE**

In October 2008, my wife and I relocated to Florida in the USA in order to fulfill my new role as International Director of Development. Since then we have travelled extensively establishing contacts and support groups in the various countries.

The work has been challenging but God has been at work and raising up champions for the mission in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the UK and other places where the mission was previously unknown.

## WHAT GOD IS DOING

### *The Greeks*

Initially the people of Greece were very resistant to the evangelical message which they regarded as heresy and a threat to the Greek Orthodox Church. But there has been steady growth. When the mission was launched in Greece in 1980 there were only 5,000 known evangelical believers in the whole nation. Now there are an estimated 25,000. (which is still a tiny fraction of the population 0.0023%)

### *The Refugees*

In recent years God has opened a new door of opportunity and thousands of refugees have poured into Greece trying to get into the wealthier countries that were willing to accept them. They are not welcomed by the Greeks who have substantial problems of their own. But when they come to our Refugee Centre and find love and acceptance, food, clothing, medical help and best of all the message of salvation it gives them new hope. They come disillusioned with Islam, ISIS and the situation in their home countries and are very open to the gospel message.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

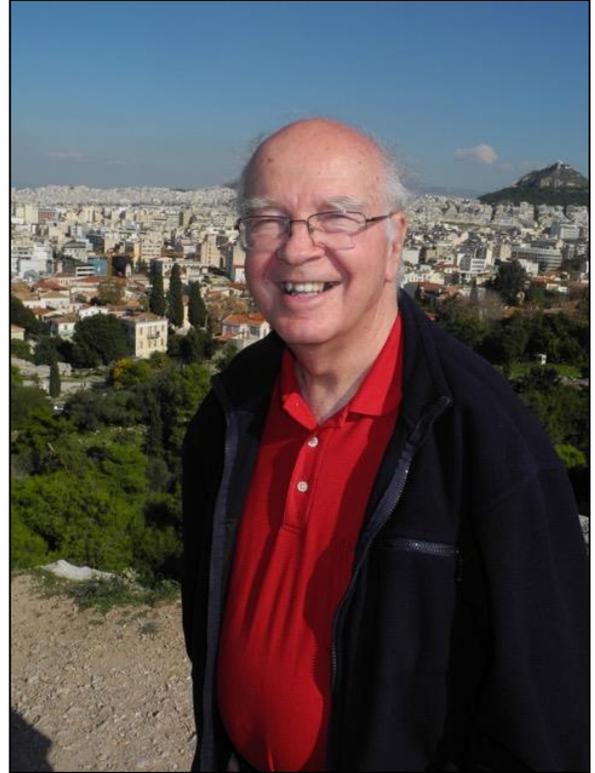
We need people to get involved as:

**Prayers** - All the many projects that we are involved with are a waste of time if God is not in them. (Ps127.1). We want to build a great army of prayers around the world that will pray for Greece and the work being done to break through the religious curtain keeping people from God.

**Payers** – There is very little money available in Greece so local workers are given a small salary and all foreign missionaries have to raise all their own support and travel expenses. (that includes us!)



**Players** - We need to get people out of the grandstand and onto the field of play. We need short-term volunteers to come and help us with the refugees, the Bible distribution project, the yacht ministry to the islands, the crisis pregnancy clinic, the school for the neglected Roma community, church planting efforts, sports camps, discipleship training programs, etc.



## HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- That God will raise up reformers and revolutionaries within the Greek national church to bring the evangelical gospel message back to the church.
- That God will stir up interest in the work in Greece and many more people will feel the call of God for short and long term mission work in Greece
- That God will raise up an army of intercessors to pray for the work.
- That the necessary finance to support the work will be forthcoming.
- That God will bring about a revival in Greece that will spread throughout Europe and Asia.

## CARY-ANN JOYNT – SCHOOLS MINISTRY

For those of us who are regulars at church or have grown up hearing about God and the things of God, we can so easily assume that the majority of people have some basic knowledge of who God is. Yet more and more, I am astounded by the questions that I often get asked by the learners I teach in the schools which remind me that society is not what it used to be. Those of us who went to school more than 15 or 20 twenty years ago were still exposed to some form of Bible Ed, so even those children who didn't come from Christian homes had a basic knowledge of God and the bible.

This year already, I have been asked by 2 different children in different classes what the Bible is. In all seriousness, they had not heard about the Bible before. This is now the seventh year that I have been involved in School's Ministry in some of the Durbanville schools and even from when I started to now, I can see the number of Bible illiterate children growing. It is often so clear to me in a classroom setting which children have been raised in Christian homes and which haven't.

What a privilege it is then, for us as a church, to have the opportunity to go into these schools and share God's Word openly with these children. For many of them, it may be the only time that they will be exposed to

teachings from the Bible. Isaiah 55:11 says “so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” My prayer, and I ask that you join in this prayer, is that God will use those of us involved in School’s Ministry, whether it be through Assemblies or weekly lessons or topical talks, to share His Word with the children of our community and that He would change lives through each of these opportunities and draw these children by His Holy Spirit to Himself. That, at some time in their lives, they will remember some of the lessons heard or the verses spoken and see God!

I am very aware that we are invited into each of these schools as guests and my approach has been one of wanting to serve the schools in whichever way we can, and so need to be sensitive to and respectful of the needs and desires of the schools. If you are aware of opportunities that there may be for us to be involved, please let me know. We are so fortunate to have Principals at the schools in the area who support and even encourage our involvement. As some of these Principals are nearing retirement age, and as it is legally becoming more difficult to openly proclaim Christianity in the schools in our country, please pray that these doors stay open. Please pray for the future Principals to be men or women who love and serve our Lord. May those of us involved in this ministry be faithful in sharing God’s Word and speaking Truth into the lives of the children of our community and may God do mighty things in our community through the children who hear and respond to His Word!

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## **CLIVE BOWERS – DISCIPLESHIP AT FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

### **CALLING AND WHAT I DO:**

I worked with teenagers who were leaders on the Friday night children’s ministry team and so I have a passion for teenagers. I felt that the Lord has moved me into teen ministry over the past few years and I have a desire to see teenagers develop into mighty men of faith who can lead their families and friends in a God fearing way. 2 years ago I asked the school if there was a way I could get involved in their Student Christian Association. They gave me opportunities to teach and lead small groups during the breaks. Over the last 2 years this has developed into my weekly ministry in Fairmont High School. Last year I got involved with a non-profit organisation called NewLife who look to develop teens, at Fairmont, into leaders also connecting with those who are going through difficult times. I go through to Fairmont 8 breaks a week where I meet up with teenage boys from our youth group and connect with teens who don’t go to church. I meet in groups and I have one on one appointments with guys who I feel need more input or ask for my help. I also went on a mission trip to Zimbabwe last year with NewLife and we had the opportunity to minister to some more teen guys.

## **HOW GOD IS AT WORK:**

I have seen many new teenage guys start joining us at break out of interest. They still meet with us and connect on a weekly basis. We have also seen many guys start to come to our Friday night program, Reach, as a result of weekly meetings at break. We have also seen some guys give their lives to God who started coming to church through these weekly meet ups. It is awesome to see how God is working in the lives of the teens and all we need to do is be obedient to reach out to them.

## **YOU CAN BE INVOLVED BY:**

I have seen growth take place in our guy groups from these meet ups, but I would like to see the girls experience the same opportunities to meet as groups during break time. If there are any young adult girls who are interested in meeting up with girls at break time it would be awesome. It doesn't have to be every break, but even if it is once a week that would be a start.

## **HOW YOU CAN PRAY:**

Pray for openness to the word of God for the teens at Fairmont. Pray for countless opportunities to share my faith and meet teens who don't know Jesus and wisdom to guide them to Christ.

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## **LIZETTE KOTZE – CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST**

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My calling came in July 2015 during a short-term mission trip to Spain where I distributed the Gospel, the Jesus film and other Evangelical material to Moroccans entering Spain via the ferry from Tangiers through the port of Tarifa. This is when I realised that I had to become a doer of the Word—sharing Jesus with the unreached and lost people all over the world. [Matt 28:18-20] Prompted by the Holy Spirit, I joined Campus Crusade for Christ as a full-time staff member in 2017.

The mission of Campus Crusade for Christ is to develop movements of Evangelism and Discipleship by winning, building and sending Christ-centred multiplying disciples into the world. We strive to inspire vision and action in the Church by training and equipping multiplying leaders so that they can equip their congregations in Evangelism and Discipleship. We promote strategies; Prayer, Care and Share as well as tools such as Bursting

Your Bubble and The Biscuit Trail to encourage members to grow in their faith and outreach.

God is at work in various ways in our congregation (Jerusalem) and through our congregation in Franschoek (Judea) [Acts 1:8]. In our DBC family, during the month of March, everyone attending a Sunday service was exposed to the 30-Day Biscuit Trail Challenge. The aim of this training is to enable believers from DBC to share their testimonies and the gospel with family members, friends and colleagues who are not yet followers of Jesus. The following comment was shared with me after the Sunday service 17 March, What's your story? "I love the way Keith made the concept of telling your story practical by giving us an example from the Bible we can easily follow: 'I was blind. Jesus told me to wash. Now I see' – this applies to all of us."

## THE BARN IN FRANSCHOEK



The Worship Team, Basil (standing in for Colin), Rene, James, Allison and Japie on visuals

Since February 2018 DBC is actively involved in an Agricultural Bible College in Franschoek (Our Judea), known as The Barn. Since 29 July 2018 a sermon is delivered every Sunday by either one of the two preachers Mandla and Johnny. They are assisted by a team of volunteers from DBC to lead worship.

About 55 visitors attended the last service, Sunday 17 March. Almost half of the visitors on Sundays are



Children listening to the story of Daniel



children and this sparked the beginning of a children's ministry. The service now consists of two parts, a Bible story delivered

in Afrikaans for the children and an English sermon for the adults.

As from April the following will be implemented: an Evangelism campaign in the communities of Mooiwater, Groendal and Fanschhoek as well as leadership training in Prayer, Care and Share.

Another aspect of the Agricultural Bible College is the teaching and training of people in Franschhoek and Paarl in subsistent farming, using Farming God's Way (FGW). One 'tunnel' is in production and the other should be completed and in production within the next month or two. (See FGW article)



Beetroot and Spinach in Tunnel

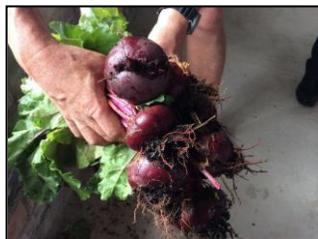
### YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



- The Franschhoek worship team need more vocalists, another acoustic guitar and key-board player
- Another volunteer to do visuals would be appreciated
- An Afrikaans children Sunday school teacher is needed
- Volunteers to distribute pamphlets in the community on 4 May, promoting services at The Barn and children's event
- Bilingual (English, Afrikaans, Xhosa) youth leaders to assist with a children's event Saturday 11 May

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- For our spiritual walk and for obedience to share our testimonies and the gospel to unbelievers
- The leaders and pastors of the Barn as they participate in the Prayer, Care and Share programme
- The proposed breakfast to be hosted at the Barn to raise support for the completion of the project
- The door to door evangelism campaigns: for volunteers to participate, open doors to share testimonies as well as the gospel during the campaign
- The logistics and planning of a Jesus film showing for Children and the right timing of the event
- The Children's event taking place on 11 May



## ELSPETH LIEBENBURG – CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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My calling came in 1984 and while it has taken me in some very different directions over the years, it hasn't changed: "...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28: 19 & 20.

In Campus Crusade for Christ we follow a very simple strategy: Win boldly (evangelism), Build deeply (discipleship) and Send urgently (equipping people to do the same). And this is what I have done in different fields and countries. With my late husband we served in Port Elizabeth for 8 years and in Moscow, Russia for 12 years. My dear husband passed away in 2003, and since then I have been in Pretoria at our headquarters as the HR director for 5 years, then National Director for 7 years, and now I am working with Leader Impact in the Western Cape since 2016.



*Figure 1: Me and former plus current National Directors*

With Leader Impact we identify Christians in the workplace, and then equip them to reach out to their non-believing co-workers. So in a sense we are reversing the order: Send, Win, Build.

God is really at work. Just recently I received the following text from one of the ladies I am equipping at Old Mutual: "Thank you Elspeth, as always, I feel inspired, fired up and so grateful for how God has worked through you to help us grow in our faith, and to be intentional about all that we do. Truly the harvest is full and we are grateful to be deployed"

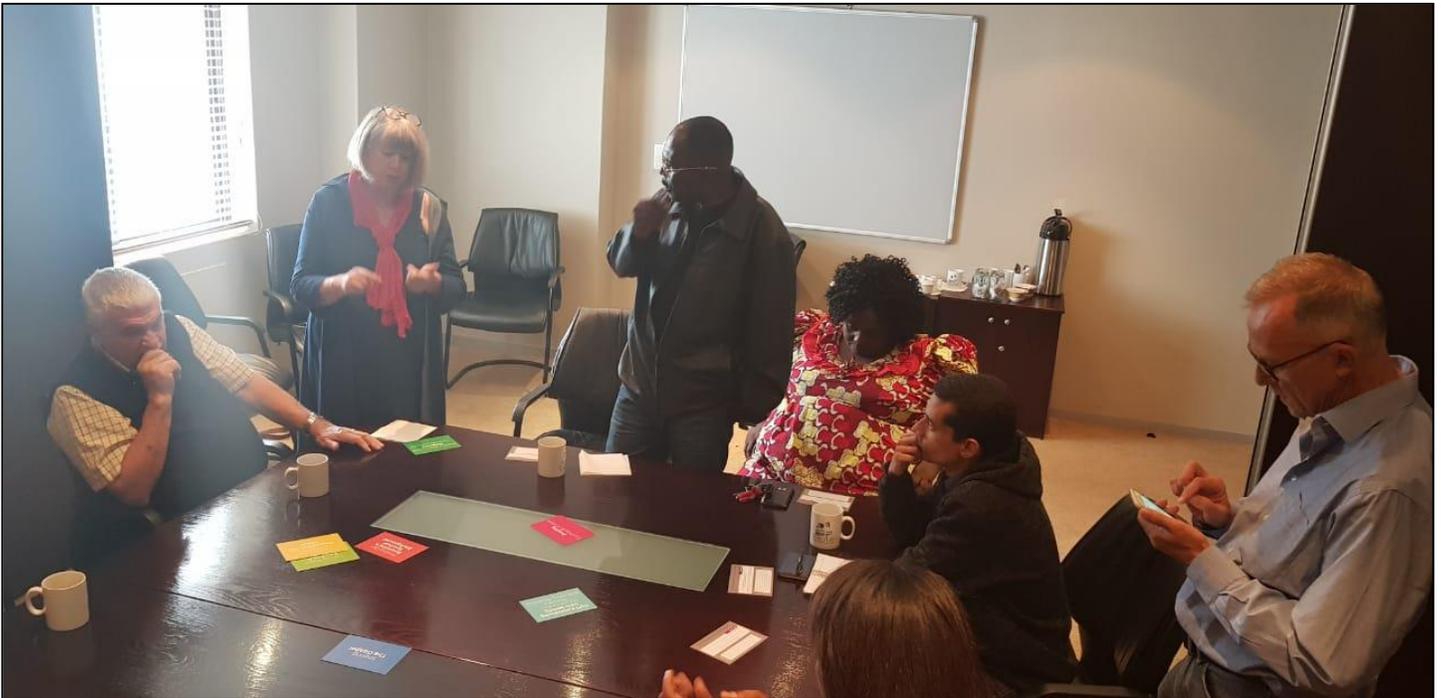


*Figure 2: Me with the Kenyan team*

I am also working internationally in Leadership Development where I help develop the young staff of campus Crusade for Christ.

You can all be involved in various ways. Talk to the other Christians in your work place, and gather them together for a meeting with me and/or my colleagues to explain how we can help you and them to make an impact right there where you work. All Christians are called to be missionaries, and your workplace is your logical mission field. Come help us change the world!

Please pray for us as we try to find the significant Christian in different work situations who will be the change agent to work with us in order to make a lasting impact amongst the leaders in our community.



*Figure 3: Biscuit Trail Workshop*

## **MARINA SMALL – KARL BREMNER HOSPITAL**

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Before we leave for the hospital we pray and worship for 45 minutes.

Visiting the sick in hospital is an important mission that I share with my brother and sister-in-law. We have been allocated a time slot of 3 hours on Wednesday mornings. My brother attends to the men's section on floor 4 whilst myself and sister-in-law visit the woman's section. We have been engaged in this mission since 2016.

We go to the hospital primarily to minister to the sick in hospital. We move quietly from bed to bed, and respect the wishes of each patient.

It provides us the opportunity to minister to people who are downhearted and who have lost hope and thus become an instrument of God's healing touch. Psalm 34 expresses this by reminding us that God wishes to be close to the broken-hearted and extend His healing power for those crushed in spirit. Jesus came to the world that we might have life to the full – John 10.10.

There were instances where stroke patients moved limbs after prayer which they were unable to do before.

As for us Christians, of course, the Master Healer is Jesus who, as the Gospels tell us, spoke with authority and accomplished numerous faith-filled healings of body, mind and spirit. Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5.

Visiting the hospital requires that you be in relatively good health yourself. Every hospital adheres to its own standards -precautions for the well-being of everyone in the hospital. Washing hands is essential when visiting patients. We are conscious of needing to protect both patient and us.

Prayer is God's way for humans to invite God's power and grace to meet the needs of patients – prayer opens the doors of hope and healing. We in no way try to win over a patient to our faith. In each instance we ask if they need prayer. Some people decline our invitation.

One of the unexpected benefits of visiting the sick is that we are reminded of the frailty of our own lives. Whenever we visit the hospital I realize anew that I am utterly dependent on the Lord to heal those at whose bedside I am standing. Only God has the power to heal the sick. We must learn to utterly depend on Him and His sovereign will when we are visiting the sick. Visiting the sick is one of the greatest privileges and blessings of our ministry.

Whether through prayer or proclamation, I see every visit as a divine appointment to make the saving power of the gospel known.

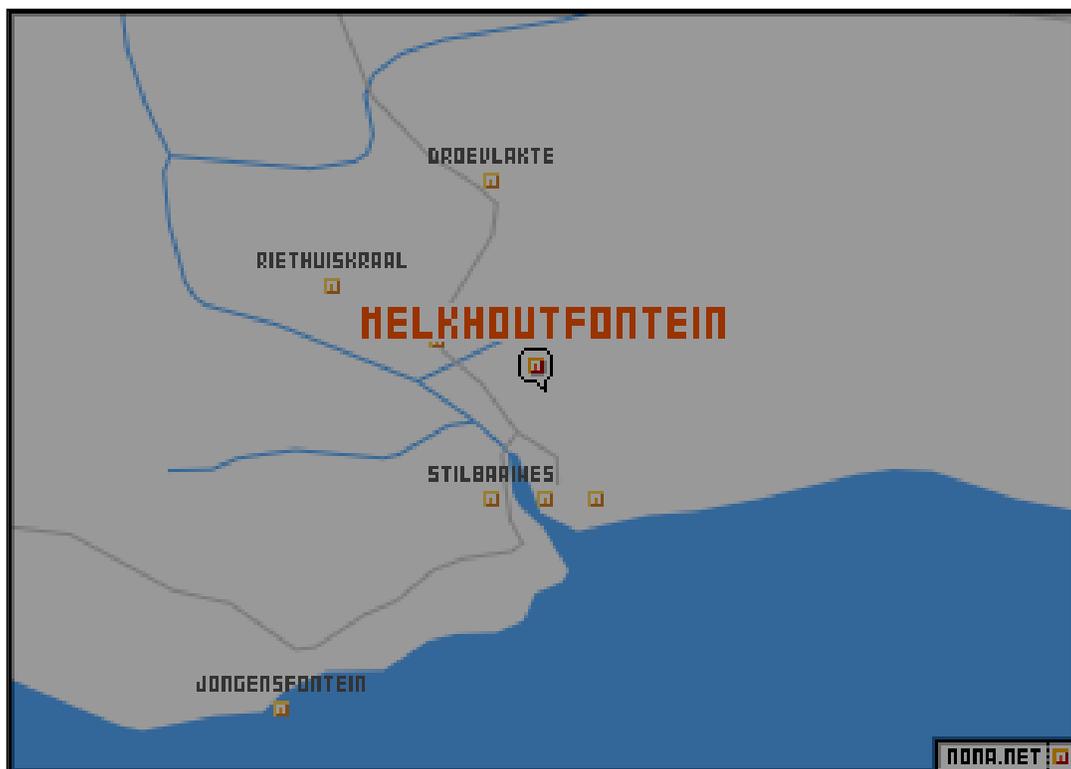
## **ANDY MIZEN – DELFT STREET EVANGELISM**

1. The Holy Spirit challenged me at the beginning of 2018 to do something that impacted the kingdom, not just to coast along in my faith or fill a pew on Sunday. My calling is to be doing street evangelism.
2. Most Saturdays you will find me on the streets of Delft with Pastor Clive McMinn, from Bettaway Community Church. We have a one-page A5 flyer that we use to invite people to church, but it is

simply a start of meaningful conversations about Christ. People are surprised that a British guy is out there, but it feels to me the most natural and exciting thing in the world to talk to people about Jesus. It is exciting times in Delft, because people with little seem to have a hunger for good news. The word gospel means good news, so it is something we want surely to share with others, whether in Delft or in our workplace.

3. Many times we meet gang members, and I like to ask them about their tattoos. It starts a conversation, and I always tell them that the prophet Isaiah writes that God has engraved their names on the palms of his hands. The word *engraved* speaks their language, and they relate to what Isaiah says. It also opens up a conversation about the marks of the nails in Christ's hands.
4. Get involved in Delft by supporting ministry days in Delft, the homework club resources / peanut butter, etc. but earnestly pray about whether you can walk with us. Maybe God wants you to support the youth ministry, or to mentor young people with missing fathers.
5. I ask that you especially pray for those we talk to, that the seed will fall on good soil, and that the curse of alcoholism and drugs will be broken. Pray also for safety. Though I do not feel afraid when we walk around the streets, we do go around in twos for accountability.

## ALTRU DE KLERK – MELKHOUTFONTEIN (YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP)





## YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP **MISSION SA**



### **Where It fits in our ministry?**

Our ministry process is: Love God, Love people, Make disciples. The mission trip falls under our Make Disciples - creating opportunity for young adults to extend the Kingdom of Jesus

### **The mission trip**

Dates: 25 - 29 July 2019

We run a three part mission trip consisting of a children, teen ministry as well as evening evangelism in homes and the streets

### **How to get involved**

#### **DONATIONS AND FOOD**

This mission trip is making a difference for the kingdom of Jesus and your donations will help us accomplish more. The team also needs to be fed so food for the team would be greatly appreciated

### **Please pray**

Kingdom of Jesus is extended  
Life change for people in Melkhoutfontein and the young adults on the team  
Unity of churches in Melkhoutfontein  
Strength and power in the mission team

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<h2 style="text-align: center; color: #e74c3c;">The calling</h2>	<p>Nehemiah was called to build the wall of Jerusalem and God placed on Altru's heart to build a wall for Jesus somewhere in SA. The confirmation came where Jenny who runs Ouma Lena se Huis in Melkhoutfontein said it is her life story and a huge reason she started the place.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center; color: #e74c3c;">How it all happens</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In April the planning team meets to plan the trip for the year.</li> <li>• The team is in contract with Jenny regarding needs of the community and the plan for the trip.</li> <li>• A pre trip visit is done.</li> <li>• Team forms are made available for young adults to join.</li> <li>• Team meetings take place to prepare the team for the mission trip ahead.</li> </ul>
<h2 style="text-align: center; color: #e74c3c;">How God is at work</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have seen salvation of children, teens and adults over our time in Melkhoutfontein.</li> <li>• Jenny and her team constantly affirm the need for the team to return and the tremendous impact we have over the week.</li> <li>• Lizette leads various workshops and remains in contact with Jenny.</li> <li>• Every year we try to equip leaders in the community to continue the work we do and the work they are doing.</li> <li>• Every year we are attempting to unify the churches in the area, the dream is to build a M4J in the community.</li> </ul>
<h2 style="text-align: center; color: #e74c3c;">Testimonies of young adults</h2>	<p>Below are testimonies of some of the young adults. They have been shorted to include a few.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Craig Smit</b></p> <p>I truly felt God's presence with us as we did His work and it was incredible to be able to reach out to those in the town. I believe in my heart that God is working in Melkhoutfontein and that there is going to be change for the best.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kaylee van Eeden</b></p> <p>God blew us away in using all the leaders in an incredible way and we are in awe of the lives He changed in the few days that we were in Melkhoutfontein</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hayley Barnes</b></p> <p>Honestly it was one of the most eye opening experiences for me. It opened my eyes to how much people are suffering and really just need a listening ear. What also really amazed me was the openness and friendlies of everyone we met, we all just felt so welcome and comfortable from the get go. How open so many of them were to hearing about God and starting to accept His love for them was something so special</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clive Bowers</b></p> <p>Overall I felt the mission trip was a great success as we saw many lives changed and I truly feel that the community saw the love of God through us.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Logan Smit</b></p> <p>It not only challenged me mentally and physically, but the emotional challenge was by far the greatest. Being exposed to, and surrounded by a completely new environment, one which is home to people who have far less privileges and opportunities than where we're from was extremely humbling. It opened my eyes even more to how truly blessed the lives we lead are. But what God showed me was that there is so much need for Love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dylan Payne</b></p> <p>The mission trip to Melkhoutfontein was life changing. I went to Melkhoutfontein with great expectations for the Lord to work BUT God exceeded those expectations in every way!</p>

## SPARKS – DBC LIFE TRUST (Written by Jill Peper)

### IF YOU SEE YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER IN NEED....

This is the story of how God used a local Baptist pastor and a Swiss Banker, and combined them with the willing hearts of His children, to answer the prayers of dozens of elderly retired pastors and missionaries across South Africa.

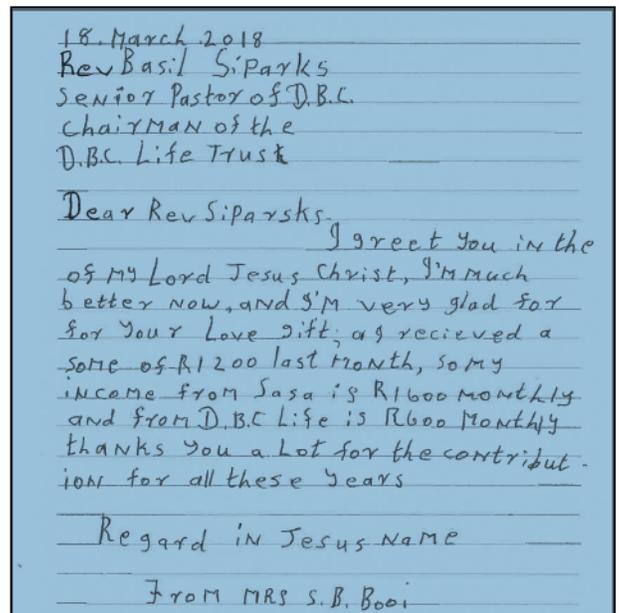
For many years, Rev Basil Sparks of Durbanville Baptist Church, Cape Town, had wrestled with the realisation that some senior pastors in the Baptist Union were facing their twilight years with insufficient funding to meet their needs. Many had served in poorer rural churches where they had lived from hand to mouth, and they had not been in a position to put away funds to provide for their retirement.

He realised, along with the Church leadership, that as a member of a more affluent sector of society, there was little that he and the church were doing to relieve the situation facing some of his brothers and sisters in Christ, and this weighed heavily upon them.

A meeting and conversation with a Swiss banker friend in 2008 enabled him and the leadership to explore a new option. If he was able to form a Trust that would qualify for Section 18A receipts to be issued for donations, donors would benefit with tax relief for their gifts.

As further encouragement for the project, the banker friend then proceeded to give a donation into a newly opened bank account which, thanks to the favourable exchange rate, translated into R30 000. The necessary applications were made to the Receiver of Revenue and the Trust was duly formed. Through brochures and pamphlets, the Baptist Union Assembly, and letters to the churches around the country, the word about the Trust was spread and, as requested, people started sending in names of those retired pastors that they knew of who were living on an income of less than R3 000 for a single person and R4 500 for a couple.

Donations also started to come in from around the country as churches and individuals took up the challenge to remember those who had carried the baton of faith, and had served the Lord faithfully through the years of their ministry.



18 March 2018  
Rev Basil Sparks  
Senior Pastor of D.B.C.  
Chairman of the  
D.B.C. Life Trust

Dear Rev Sparks,

I greet you in the  
name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I'm much  
better now, and I'm very glad for  
your love gift, as I received a  
sum of R1200 last month, so my  
income from Sasa is R1600 monthly  
and from D.B.C Life is R600 monthly  
thanks you a lot for the contribu-  
tion for all these years

Regards in Jesus name

From Mrs S.B. Boo

At this point the Trust currently supports 39 people, whose names have been given to them, with an amount of R600 each per month.

Paging through the file of letters received from those benefitting from this monthly donation, there is a common theme of gratitude to God for the gift, concern that there might be others in greater need (even though in each case the recipient falls within the parameters of R3 000 / R4 500 mentioned above), an expression of joy that the Lord had answered their prayers for help, and confidence that He would continue to provide for them through His faithfulness. There are also many who continue to minister through preaching and leading Bible Studies as the opportunity arises, even into their 80's and 90's!

As the body of Christ, we are reminded: *“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”* Gal 6:9-10

The Trust has also had the opportunity to get involved in two other projects that the Lord has brought their way.



The **DELFT HOMEWORK CLUB** is an initiative of Bettaway Community Church in the township of Delft in Cape Town. Presently there are 61 students who attend the Homework Club each afternoon after school. Each has a desk to work at, a light snack provided, and assistance with their homework. At the end of last year, 10 students from the Homework Club passed matric, one with 4 distinctions! The DBC Trust provides opportunity for donations specified for this project to be issued with a Section 18A receipt for tax relief purposes.

A **MORE RECENT PROJECT** has been a church and ministry plant in Franschhoek specifically to minister to those who have been reached in the nearby Drakenstein Prison and have now come to the end of their prison term.

This involves the establishment of an Agricultural & Hospitality College to provide a means of training for employment. Four tunnels have been erected for vegetable farming through the “Farming God’s Way” methods. A barn has also been built which is used each Sunday for a church service for those from the local community.

A 6 hectare piece of land on the Val d'Or Estate has been set aside for this purpose by the owner, Archie de Jong , whose ministry to those incarcerated at Drakenstein Prison has seen transformed lives as the Gospel is preached there.

Donations and involvement in this exciting ministry are also welcomed.

*All funds given to the Trust are allocated as per the specified requested of the donor.*

**DBC LIFE TRUST DETAILS:**

**PBO No: 930026524**

**Registration No: IT 5091/2007**

**Bank: ABSA**

**Cheque Account No: 40-7030-4163**

**Branch: Tyger Manor**

- **To download our trust deed go to: [www.durbanvillebaptist.com](http://www.durbanvillebaptist.com)**
- **Audited financial statements are available on request.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Donations from businesses and individuals can be issued with a Section 18A certificate on request, for submission with the personal or company tax return to qualify for a tax deduction. Please contact Rev Basil Sparks (083) 234 4051 or Jill Peper (084) 575-5525 for more information, e-mail [dbcoffice@durbanvillebaptist.co.za](mailto:dbcoffice@durbanvillebaptist.co.za), or visit [www.durbanvillebaptist.com](http://www.durbanvillebaptist.com) and click on the Life Trust tab on the home page.

1 John 3:17-20 NIV <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

## **BASIL SPARKS – THE FRANSCHHOEK BARN**

Briefly, over a couple of years, Archie De Jong (owner of Val Dor) has been speaking to us about a Church plant in Franschhoek. This started to materialise when Archie dedicated approximately six hectares of his land for this. At the beginning of 2018 we planted a cross on the property with hopes to start services in the second or third term.



The dream was to erect a barn that could be used for services and also serve as a venue for a farming, upliftment initiative. During 2018 a barn was built, services started in July and the first two tunnel farms erected.

Our involvement initially has been to take teams across to Franschoek to serve the new Church in worship, preaching and children's ministry. We recognised this as their Church plant and that we would serve as long as we needed to for the ministry to gain traction. So for the past eight months we have been doing that. Thank you to everyone who has been involved. We soon discovered that Mandla and Johnny (who you may have met at DBC) are VERY capable preachers. So this

led to our preachers taking a step back but still going across to Franschoek to wrap up and close services. We also discovered that numerous children were coming along so, under Lizette Kotze's guidance, an Afrikaans Sunday School has started. In terms of worship we continue sending teams across to Franschoek. Whilst the idea is to eventually hand this over to team of Franschoek musicians, we haven't been able to do this yet.

In the meantime the farming initiative (Farming God's Way) has started and some of our people have been Involved with that; both by being trained and also practically preparing the soil and planting the vegetables. At a financial level our involvement has been as follows: The barn was built by the folk in Franschoek and DBC has had no part in financing this. We have, however, used DBC funds to purchase a portable sound system that is used in Franschoek along with many other DBC ministries and events. We also pay the petrol of those going across each week. In terms of the farming, because this is an upliftment project, we have been able to use the DBC Life Trust as a vehicle to raise funds for this project. Whilst we haven't actively gone about raising funds for this project, money has come in and has been used for the project.

How long will we be involved for? We will continue our involvement until the Church there can stand on its own. However, even though the time will come that we can hand over ministry to the people there I believe we will continue our relationship with the Church and farming project. Probably just in a different capacity.

Here are some YouTube links that will give you a visual picture of what has been taking place:

**Video 1:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeuTQhCVs8M&t=112s>

**Video 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvjsvL2ecc8&t=45s>

**Testimony: Mandla** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU7Q57\\_9hDY&t=12s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU7Q57_9hDY&t=12s)

**DBC LIFE TRUST BROCHURE:** [www.durbanvillebaptist.com/hp\\_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DBC-Life-Trust-Newsletter-May-2018.pdf](http://www.durbanvillebaptist.com/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DBC-Life-Trust-Newsletter-May-2018.pdf)

It is important to remember that this is a Church plant. This means we will learn and grow along the way. Whilst every service has been special we haven't seen the kind of numbers attending that we had hoped for. We are addressing this but with the full awareness that 'Unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain'. Again, come in and speak to me if you need to know more or if you would be keen to get involved.



## ASHLYN KLINKRADT – RAISING HOPE SA

I started Raising Hope SA (RHSA) in 2016 to continue with a feeding project that I had done as part of the requirements of the Chaeli Campaign Pay-it-forward Ambassadors programme that I was doing. RHSA aims to help and encourage families and individuals impacted by disability through giving hope. We do this through 5 projects, a feeding programme at Paarl School, a homeschool support programme, an adaptive sports programme, counselling support for parents, and Hope packs – condition specific encouragement brochures. This year RHSA has partnered with the UP ministry at DBC to provide support and resources to the parents and children attending the Family Days. We also, through our Junior Committee, create awareness through programs at various primary and high schools. Our Flagship adaptive cycling team, which includes my brother David as a buggy rider, also takes on many local cycling races to raise awareness around possibilities, and also to raise funds.



I started doing fundraisers and awareness talks from Grade 1 and am passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. I have been fortunate to be able to play a role in helping others less fortunate than myself, and have seen God at work as we so often don't seem to have sufficient funds for a project, and somehow, it all seems to work out in the end. This is especially true of the food hamper programme. I have also heard and seen messages of the children and families who receive these hampers, and the blessing and difference it makes in their lives.



## HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Becoming a donor
- Cycling to raise funds for us or pull a buggy rider in next year's Cape Town Cycle Tour.
- Connecting us with business who can help us achieve our goals
- Assistance with updating and running our website

## WHAT CAN YOU PRAY FOR?

- Our various fund raising events are successful (these can be seen on our website)
- That our cyclists stay safe on the roads

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# EMMANUEL TEBA – SHILOH SCHOOL



## CURRICULUM:

### LEARNERS:

- BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW
- CAPS
- COMPUTER SKILLS AND LITERACY
- CRITICAL THINKING
- ART APPRECIATION
- CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
- COMMANDS OF CHRIST
- A-Z CHARACTER STUDY
- PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
- ART & CRAFT CLUBS



**AFFORDABLE CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION:  
AN INVESTMENT NOT AN  
EXPENSE!**

## PARTNER WITH US

Our current needs:

1. The purchasing of our current school property
2. The purchasing of our new community clinic

2019

### ENROLMENT:

GRADE 0— Grade 12

A firm foundation will ensure that the "educational house" erected will be strong.

Learners receive individual attention, as no class will have more than 25 learners.

**EDUCATE THE NEXT  
GENERATION FOR SUSTAINED  
TRANSFORMATION**



Proverbs 22: 6

Train up a child in the way he should go.

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Brochure  
2019



### Vision:

**To discover and develop the individual gifts and talents in every child to fulfill God's calling; and to nurture them to obey and give God the maximum glory.**



### Mission:

**To provide a holistic learning environment utilizing God's provision to equip each child for God's Kingdom.**

**Agents of Hope & Transformation**

## Shiloh Centre of Learning

### Psalm 78

We will not hide them  
from our children  
Telling to the generation to come  
the praises of the Lord and His strengths  
and his wonderful works  
that He has done.

For He established a testimony in Jacob  
And appointed a law in Israel  
Which He commanded our fathers,  
That they should make them known to  
their children;  
That the generation to come might know  
them,  
The children who would be born,  
That they may arise and declare them to  
their children.

That they may set their hope in God,  
And not forget the works of God,  
But keep His commandments  
And may not be like their fathers  
A stubborn and rebellious generation  
A generation that did not set its heart  
aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to  
God.

Marvellous things He did  
in the sight of their fathers.

**JESUS CHRIST IS Our LORD!**

#### STRATEGY:

Co-operative school governance & learning  
! Team-based, high performance organisation.  
! New paradigm of teaching to equip for the  
future.

#### BASIC COMPONENTS:

# Positive interdependence # Use of skills  
# Accountability # Group processing  
# Face-to-face promotive interaction

#### As a Learning Organisation we are unique:

- Holy Spirit inspired teaching & learning
- Individual Discipling
- Develop creative & lateral thinking
- Holistic life equipping
- Accelerated learning
- Life-long learning & excellence



...till we all come to the unity of the faith and the  
knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the  
measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.  
Ephesians 4:13

**Our children are our  
most valuable asset**

To nurture learners who :

- Have a heart after God
- Are obedient to His will
- Will fulfill His call
- Develop holistically through our personal  
accelerated education programme.



PRINCIPLE APPROACH:    RESULTS:

- SOVEREIGNTY    \* LOVE
- INDIVIDUALITY    \* SERVANTHOOD
- GOVERNMENT    \* HUMILITY
- CHARACTER    \* HONESTY
- STEWARDSHIP    \* INTEGRITY
- GROWTH    \* CARING/SHARING
- COVENANT    \* SELF-CONTROL

## KEITH WESTBERG – YOUTH MISSION

The call to plant churches is one we are all to be involved in, DBC's church plant endeavour in Franschoek is an exciting opportunity to support, and now as we reach out to the children of the surrounding community with a one-day Holiday Bible Club program on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

We will be partnering with Archie and Lizette to co-ordinate a HBC day of outreach for the children in the community. A day that will include; worship, a Gospel presentation, small groups, games and crafts. The week before we are also going out to invite families and children to be a part of the day of ministry.

God is already moving through the work that is happening in Franschoek, and we cannot wait to be involved in a way that can be a part of the bigger story of God's Kingdom being extended.

To make this a reality we need people to come alongside and support the project, including musicians, people with a love of outreach ministry and children as well as those who love to serve in any way at all. Maybe the Lord is calling you to step out of your comfort zone for His Glory? If you would like to be involved, please contact Keith Westberg for more details.

We also need all the **prayer** support we can get, we want the Lord to go ahead of us and glorify Himself in this work, please **pray** for the ongoing work done by those who minister at the Church at the Barn in Franschoek, **pray** for the outreach day, **pray** for those who will be ministered to with the Gospel and those who will be ministering the Gospel and serving God.

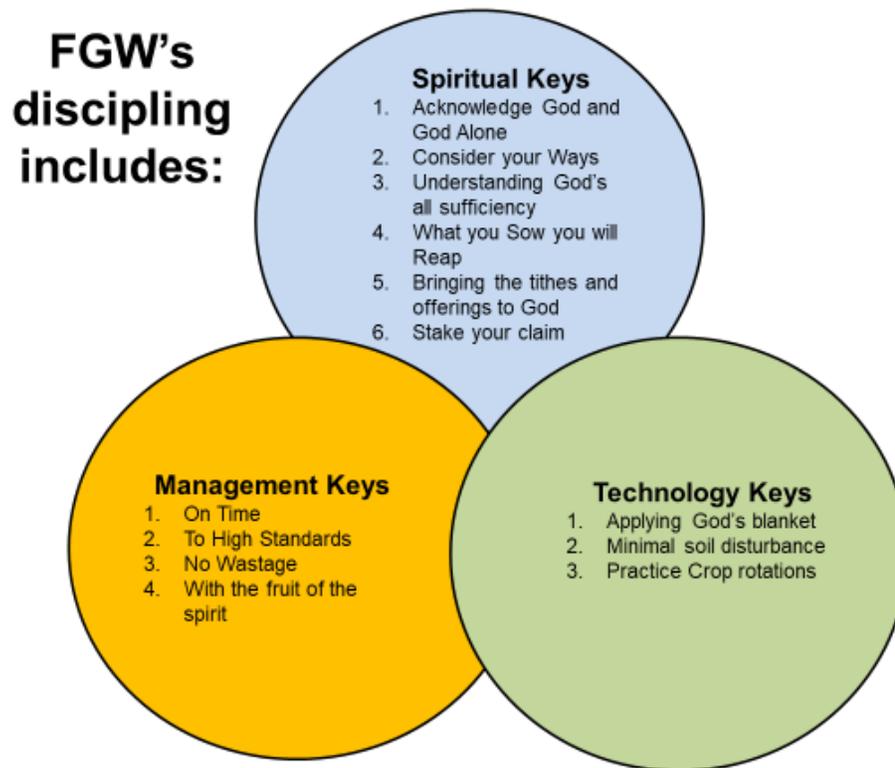
## RENE GROBLER – FARMING GOD’S WAY



### FARMING GOD’S WAY (FGW) – EQUIPPING THE POOR FOR ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST

1. **CALLING:** The FGW team is mandated by Isaiah 58: 9-12. **Loosening, removing and breaking every yoke of poverty.** Africa as a continent has the most natural resources of all the world’s continents, yet it is the only continent that gets poorer and poorer every year. There is no correlation between aid programmes (Africa receiving 500million bags of food every year) and the reduction of poverty. Handouts only perpetuate the dependency syndrome.
2. **WHAT WE DO?** FGW is not an organisation, it works through relational networks, equipping the poor in the agricultural domain to come out of poverty. It is an unashamed gospel of the Kingdom of God in the domain of agriculture. It not only focuses on the technology of farming, but also on a number of Management- and Spiritual keys so that out of the transformation of the heart, through Jesus, comes the

renewing of the mind in good management and then the practical outworking in the redemption of the farmland - completely breaking free under the yoke.



3. **HOW GOD IS AT WORK?** Throughout our continent and the world at large, fires are lit where men and women humble themselves before God to learn from Him as He is the Master Farmer. FGW has a proven track record of success since 1984. There are beautiful stories, where thousands of people across the globe have already been trained and with patient discipling, mentoring and building lasting relationships, turned wholeheartedly to God, have changed their lives, became successful farmers and are now also changing their communities and building God's Kingdom.

4. **HOW TO GET INVOLVED?** If you love God, love People and Gardening/Farming – this tool is for you! You can get involved by attending the training, then to train others and use this powerful tool to



**Same lady, same rainfall, same area.  
Conventional farming vs FGW**

reach others for the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can attend volunteering opportunities when we layout vegetable gardens or do planting. You can also make use of FGW as your tool in your NPO or mission to disciple a community and become an accredited FGW trainer and partner with other trainers to get the message out.



5. **WHAT TO PRAY FOR?** For God’s protection and provision of land in the right locations for demonstration- and training gardens. For God to go before us and redeem and restore the land and the people, to become what he intended it to be. For lives to turn to Him, to follow His ways and not our ways.
6. **CONTACT DETAILS:** [www.farming-gods-way.org](http://www.farming-gods-way.org) Western Cape - Carl Schmidt 0836352584. DBC - René Grobler 0836462887 or René Alford 0833753579

## **GAIL MCMILLAN - THE PARTNERS FOR POSSIBILITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**



I feel called to help ensure that ALL children in South Africa receive a high-quality education. I do this by working for **Partners for Possibility**, a non-profit organisation that provides leadership development for principals in under-resourced schools.

South Africa currently has the worst performing education system in the world. Over 60% of Grade 8 pupils can’t read at grade level, in any language, and more than 50% of students drop out of school before writing matric. Over 60% of South Africans never pass matric and fewer than 5% obtain a university degree. This situation perpetuates inequality, poverty and unemployment and helps explain why South Africa is the most unequal society in the world and has the world’s highest rate of youth unemployment.

One of the many reasons why almost 90% of South African government schools are dysfunctional is that very few of the principals who lead those schools have been equipped with the leadership and management skills required for their demanding role. A wealth of research shows that the leadership of school principals has a measurable and substantial influence on student achievement and this effect is particularly strong in schools that serve disadvantaged communities. Yet, most of the principals who lead our 20,000 under-performing schools have received no leadership training or development.

Unlike school principals, people in leadership positions in South Africa’s business sector are usually very well equipped with leadership and management skills. The **Partners for Possibility** (PfP) programme taps into this pool of expertise to help develop school principals. The programme partners principals from under-resourced schools with a member of the business community who helps to support and equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to lead change in their schools. This partnership forms part of a facilitated 12-month leadership development programme for which both the principals and their partners need to commit around 150 hours in total during the year-long period.

Since 2010, PfP has established more than 1,000 partnerships in schools across the country. The principals in those schools have gained important knowledge and skills that have transformed their leadership and management practice and improved the functioning of their schools. In the majority of cases, the principals and their business partners form lasting friendships and continue working together after the facilitated 12-month programme to further improve the functioning of the school. PfP is thus a nation-building initiative.



Three members of DBC - Wilf Reynolds, Gordon McMillan and René Grobler - have partnered with a principal and used their knowledge, experience and time to help give children hope and a better future.

Independent research has shown that schools whose principals have joined PfP have benefitted significantly, and in many cases profoundly, from the programme. In 2018 PfP was announced as one of six winners of the prestigious World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Award for its ground-breaking solution to South Africa’s education crisis. In 2019, for the second year running, PfP was



ranked among the Top100 NGOs in the world in the Geneva rankings.

We are always looking for people who are willing to partner with principals in schools in and around Cape Town and the Cape Winelands as well as many other parts of the country. If you are interested or know someone else who may be interested in joining Pfp or supporting the programme financially, please feel free to contact me for more information. You can also help by **praying** for partners and funders to come forward and for this work to achieve its goal of giving ALL our children the opportunity to fulfil their potential and lead a dignified life.



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## GLORIA CUBE – WORKING WITH SOMALIS

### THE CALLING:

When I was at UWC I shared the gospel with another student, who turned out to be a Muslim. In the village where I grew up we knew Muslims as people who were like witchdoctors. This guy had said he believes that people are made to believe in an empty closed tin (called God) which is placed above everyone. He (this guy) said he had had an opportunity to open the tin and saw that there was nothing in it. Another Christian friend told me about German missionaries who were teaching Christians about the faith of Muslims. I went to these teachings, in the mornings and in the evenings we were taken to visit Muslim homes. My love and concern for Muslims started then. This was at the end of 1985.

## WHAT I DO:

I work with Somalis in Bellville, since 2013. I visit the shops and sit in coffee (Somalian version) shops to meet people to talk to. Two mornings a week I teach English to grown up ladies in their homes, 3 mornings a week I visit the shops to share the gospel with people who will listen and 2 afternoons a week I help Somali children with school work, in their homes.

## HOW IS GOD AT WORK?

Somalis are a closed people group who are extremely suspicious of anyone and anything. They are a “devout” group to their faith and there is even a group of “ Sanhedrins” whose job is to “protect” the faith of the community. This involves warning the community about any “suspicious” people , like us. However, the Lord has been kind in that there are many people who are interested in talking to us, just letting us know how wrong we are. It is a blessing to see the willingness to talk (sometimes too much) and listen to us. When I

venture to the shops alone, I don’t need to start a gospel conversation, whoever is in the store will start the conversation by asking: You are alone today? Of course I respond by saying: I am with the Spirit of God. So I need to be ready to explain the hope that I have, all the time.

(Usually women are unwilling to talk to us but this lady was very kind and even used her phone to take a picture with us, after making our nice coffee)

## HOW PEOPLE CAN BE INVOLVED:

It would be nice if I can get more friends to come and walk the streets of Bellville CBD with me. (Yes, Bellville looks like another country in Africa). The shops have men folk, predominantly. It would be great if we can have more men to come and walk with us some days.



## HOW CAN PEOPLE PRAY:

Please pray that we will be kept physically and spiritually safe. It is still very intimidating to face the Somalis, because there is more of them and because “the god of this world has veiled their eyes”. Pray that we will be bold as we proclaim the good news to them. Pray that God will save some of these misled poor souls. Pray that this door will remain open and that more saints will make use of the opportunity.

