

DBC

Life Trust 2020

DEMONSTRATING THE
RELEVANCE OF JESUS
CHRIST IN TODAY'S SOCIETY



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Love God – Love People. This is our calling. We are reminded that we can't claim to love God, who we haven't seen, if we don't love our brothers and sisters who we have seen (1 John 4). Love is practical. Love is a verb. How then can we be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in this world? This is our role, this is our calling, this is our command.



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AS ONE BENEFICIARY WRITES

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

I thank you for the ministry of assisting the needy in this wonderful way. We praise the Lord for what you are doing. We are able to buy necessary day to day needs, the cost of living is very high. Service charges and electricity charges keep on rising. We thank the Lord who cares for us.

I also thank the DBC Trustees who distribute the gifts as they are coming from the donors. May the Lord richly bless you!

Donors it is a great joy as I think about you, you are doing a wonderful work in this ministry of giving.

Continue to trust the Lord as you are serving Him.



"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep one self unstained from the world." (James 1:27)

HOW TO GIVE

- Monthly
- Yearly
- Once Off
- Bequest
- Debit Order
- Encourage your Church to give
- Encourage your business to give

See account details below

FINANCES

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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
- Audited financial statements are available to those who request them.

PLEASE NOTE: Pass it on to businesses and individuals that once they give, if we have their name, we can issue them with a section 18A certificate. They in turn can submit this with their personal or company tax return, to SARS, for a deduction.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FINANCES

- Every year our finances are audited.
- Gifts designated for a particular purpose are used for the named purpose (e.g. Money given for retired pastors/missionaries is used for retired pastors/missionaries, etc.)
- Expenses are taken from undesignated funds. These expenses have covered printing, postage, legal fees (setting up the trust in 2008), bank charges, etc.
- No individual or trustee has received any income, from the trust, for work rendered.

In the years that the trust has been running we have been able, through God's providence and grace, to give away **R3 355 319**

HOW IT ALL STARTED

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 pastors and missionaries 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



Rev. Basil Sparks serves as the chairman of the DBC Life Trust. He has also served as the senior leader/pastor of Durbanville Baptist Church for the past 18 years.

Contact him if you need to know more about the trust.

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The **DELFT HOMEWORK CLUB** is an initiative of Bettaway Community Church in the township of Delft in Cape Town. Presently there are 63 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. 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.

We are presently NOT raising funds for this project but you are welcome to contact Archie de Jongh directly should you wish to get involved: adj@iafrica.com

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, Baptist Today, 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/missionaries 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.

At this point the Trust currently supports 36 (at one point we were supporting 43 but some of our beneficiaries have passed from this life into the presence of their Saviour) 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.

