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PROJECTS

HELP FOR OUR RETIRED PASTORS & SPOUSES

PRESENTLY WE ARE SUPPORTING 33 INDIVIDUALS/COUPLES R800/MONTH. EACH PERSON WE SUPPORT IS LIVING WITH EXTREMELY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES. WHILST THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN AS HIGH AS 43, MANY OF THOSE WE HAVE SUPPORTED HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO GLORY. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF OTHERS WHO NEED OUR HELP.



HOMEWORK CLUB: DELFT

THE DELFT HOMEWORK CLUB IS AN INITIATIVE OF BETTAWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DELFT, CAPE TOWN. PRESENTLY THERE ARE 83 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.



PRE-SCHOOL: SINEKAMVA (WE HAVE A FUTURE)

THE SINEKAMVA TEAM'S VISION IS TO FOCUS ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR FUTURE CAN BE BRIGHT THROUGH GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION, REGENERATION OF MORAL VALUES AND INTRODUCING CHRIST AS THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WALLACEDENE IS FACING. THESE CHALLENGES ARE EXTREME POVERTY, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, CRIME AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY, TO MENTION ONLY A FEW.



DISASTER RELIEF

UNDESIGNATED GIFTS TO THE TRUST HAVE ENABLED US TO HELP WHEN DISASTER (FLOODING, FIRES, ETC.) HAS STRUCK COMMUNITIES. THESE ARE GENERALLY GIFTS GIVEN TO ORGANISATIONS/CHURCHES THAT HAVE HAD HANDS ON INVOLVMENT IN THE PARTICULAR CRISIS. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WE HAVE WORKED WITH OTHER BAPTIST CHURCHES ACROSS SOUTH AFRICA.



POVERTY RELIEF AND OTHER

OVER THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP COMMUNITIES WITH FOOD PARCELS AND VOUCHERS. THIS HAS BEEN AIMED AT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE AND WHO BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BYTHE TOUGH ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE ALSO HELPED, ON A SMALL SCALE, WITH OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.



About the DBC Life Trust

"If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (James 1: 27)

At a glance

The DBC Life Trust was created by Durbanville Baptist Church to Demonstrate the relevance of JESUS CHRIST in today's society. We noted our dual responsibility and privilege to share the love of Jesus Christ with people whilst at the same time addressing many of the social realities that they face every day.

Finances

Trust Details: DBC LIFE TRUST
PBO No: 930026524
Registration No. IT 5091/2007
Bank Account ABSA
Cheque Account No: 40-7030-4163
Branch: Tyger Manor

The DBC Life Trust's accounts are audited every year and are open to scrutiny by donors wishing to know that their money has been spent on the stated project.

SECTION 18A RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS MADE TO OUR PROJECTS.

R5 800 000

Received since inception 2008

R5 150 000

Given away to date June 2023

From the Chairman - Basil Sparks



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 motivation.

Durbanville Baptist Church set-up the DBC Life Trust in 2008. The big idea was to be strategic and intentional about helping to meet some of the big needs faced by our country, but more particular our own spiritual family.

We believed we had a role and responsibility, especially given that we exist in a more affluent part of our city, to take the needs of those around us seriously. Our desire was to move outside our own bubble of comfort, recognise that many struggle and, in God's provision, do what we can. We took the step of faith God was calling us to and, as a result, we have seen Him multiply what we have brought in wonderful ways. We are thankful.



Let Others Know

Spread the word about what the DBC Life Trust does.



Let Us Know

Let us know if you know of someone who may need our help.



Let God Know

Please pray for the trust and its trustees. We God's hand in all we do.



How we decide who to help (regarding retired pastors, etc.)

1

A NAME IS GIVEN TO US

The Baptist Union are aware that they can pass names on to us of potential beneficiaries. We also ask you, as pastors and leaders, to let us know of people who may require our help.

2

WE INVESTIGATE

We then contact the person/s concerned. For accountability to SARS and The Department of Social Services, we require every person we support to disclose their monthly income. We also gather other relevant information from them.

3

WE START SUPPORT

If the individual's income falls within the parameters we have, we can then begin with support. Our commitment, God enabling us, is for a period of one year. We evaluate on a yearly basis. Our present support is R800/month

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

- Monthly.
- Yearly Gift.
- Once Off Gift.
- Bequest - Include the DBC Life Trust in your will.
- Debit Order.
- Encourage your Church to give.
- Encourage your business to give.

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SEE ACCOUNT DETAILS ABOVE



A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Rev. B. Sparks

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for the letter you have sent to us although I have only received it today.

I am very thankful to the Lord and the DBC Trust for the way you are assisting us financially. We praise the Lord for supplying our needs. We pray for you, for the good work you are doing.

The monthly income I receive from SASSA is R2010,00. The cost of living today is very high but we always give thanks to our Lord, he is always with us.

We always pray for you as a Trust as you are serving the Lordf with this great work.

Yours in Christ

LIVING WITH SOFT
HEARTS AND
OPEN HANDS



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.

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