



# An Outreach Ministry of Hilton Christian Fellowship

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*Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.*

Partner with us as we partner with the poor

## Dear Friends,

The word to us from the Lord in February was that “the old must die in order that the new might live”. This was from a picture of a hen that had died in a veld fire, but in dying had saved its chicks under her wings. The chicks lived to tell the tale & represented new life. It is in line with this that we are seeing new people becoming involved with Hope Trust and new activities being initiated. Jane (from HCF) has initiated a reading group for children in one of the ‘needy’ homes in Sweetwaters. She has gathered a small group of children. Together they read suitable books within a loving and caring atmosphere. As the demand increases the same activity can be spread across the area. Most children never see a book in their homes! Amy has volunteered her time twice a week to assist with administration. This is an important contribution because our part-time administrator recently resigned to take up a full-time job. Norman has also offered voluntary help and we shall soon be using him. Finally, an HCF “Connect Group” is exploring with HT how to express their Christian walk in serving the poor.

## Administration

We have moved into the new HT offices in the HCF church building. This is a wonderful facility and enables us to have all our files and storage under one roof. Thank you HCF!

## Welfare

We are so grateful to walk under the grace of God and not to fear setting foot outside



*Above: Our dedicated staff at a staff empowerment day. L to R: Mrs Dlamini (community volunteer) Mpume (admin—now just left our employ) Kuthala (Welfare & Youth) Snè (Development) Daphney (Welfare & Psycho-social) Amos (Youth Empowerment) Backrow: David (Manager-Development) and Nicholas (Development).*

our homes! We encountered a lady recently who is so afraid of the ancestral spirits who torment her (she affirms they have tried to drown and strangle her) that she will not leave her property. She refused to permit her adult daughter (Bongi<sup>1</sup>) to obtain an Identity book unless she takes on the name of her husband (who

is not Bongi’s father). In the midst of this, two grandchildren are not able to get into school because the mother (Bongi) has no birth certificates for them on account of having no identity document herself.

## Footnote

<sup>1</sup> Pseudonyms are used to protect identity.

Following several visits to the home, mother, stepfather and daughter have all responded and committed themselves to Christ, receiving forgiveness and deliverance. We encouraged them to attend a nearby Bible believing church & shall monitor the family regularly. We are praying that this will lead to a change of heart concerning the identity of Bongzi which will enable her to obtain an ID and, in turn, birth certificates for the children.

### Youth Empowerment

Amos has been tutoring a student from an FET college in the city, helping with maths literacy and project work. This is such an important role because so many of the students in tertiary institutions do not have an adequate grounding in the basic educational skills from an early age.

The soccer team enjoy their sport and continue performing well. Two of the youngsters who completed school last year but were part of the "God With Us" soccer team, have been accepted into teams that are part of the soccer Leagues in Bloemfontein and Durban, respectively.

### Land

Manka has been offered a piece of land by his neighbours. This is an answer to prayer as land is at a premium in Sweetwaters. Sweetwaters Christian Church desperately need a property for their Sunday meetings. It may also be used by HT for training courses in the community. Please ask the Lord for favour in securing this property because in the past many attempts to secure land have failed.

### Ministry Opportunities

- ◆ Pray for:
  - ⇒ those mentioned in the testimonies.

Their very survival depends upon continued support, changes in lifestyle and a growing relationship with Jesus.

- ◆ Volunteer opportunities include:
  - ⇒ Sorting of clothing for jumbles sales and helping at such events at month end.
  - ⇒ Helping with reading groups in S'Waters.
- ◆ Financial offerings. (A big thank you to those who have given to the land acquisition and who give faithfully & regularly to HT.)
- ◆ Join the prayer time at our home between 4 -5 on a Wednesday afternoon. (Call Dave on 082775 8833 or Jean on 082 858 0443.
- ◆ As we head into this winter, blankets &



*Above: Some of the blankets donated to HT by Laddsworth Primary school pupils during last winter.*

warm clothing are welcome donations.

We are encouraged in Hope Trust as we feel a growing momentum which will lead to even more open doors for the work and for the financing of the vision. Pray with us for the funds to employ the training staff needed for courses in healthy living, parenting skills and foster parenting skills.

Our special love and appreciation to you all.

***Dave, Jean and the Hope Trust staff.***

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