



HOPE - STORY

Pro 14:31 Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honours Him.

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Dear Friends

We are delighted to share with you some recent stories of hope:

- ◆ Gogo Qubheka (name changed for privacy) was a Sangoma. A few months ago she came under conviction that what she was doing was wrong through a dream in which she saw Jesus. She decided immediately to burn all her paraphernalia like bones, plant & animal products etc. Then three weeks ago she attended a bible study in a friends home in Sweetwaters which was being led by Daphney, Khuthala & Kim Brown (from HCF). Kim had the privilege of sharing the gospel with this elderly lady and she received Christ. Since then she has attended one of the 'born-again' churches in Sweetwaters and is even taking her grandchildren to the services!
- ◆ On a rainy Monday afternoon, Daphney heard a knock on her front door, and 4 children had arrived for Reading Club. She taught them all about the difference between Jesus' & Satan's power, resulting in all 4 accepting Jesus into their hearts for the first time! She then encouraged each one to pray, and she heard one boy saying "Satan I don't love you anymore...Go away from me.....I love Jesus now, He is stronger than you." How precious is that!
- ◆ The Mbambo adults & children are mentally challenged. We have walked with them over several years, assisting them to get child grants and to get their children into Ntokozweni School for the mentally challenged. The younger boy has finally just been accepted into the school (after two years of chipping away at the mountain). Thank you Jesus! See pg 2, he needs uniform items.
- ◆ Three new savings groups have started up this year. Our savings programme is now pushing up to 10 kilometres further into the Sweetwaters area.
(Savings from 30 groups last year totalled R460 000!) →
- ◆ Nomkosi Ndaba, 35years old, arrived at Khuthala's home, asking for help as she was unemployed, and living with her mentally disabled mother. After a prayer visit to her home, she now has a 5 day/ week job and went with her mother to apply for an ID. She saw how Jesus had answered prayers!
- ◆ David Mokoena has confirmed how sharing the gospel with members of Savings groups led to 8 conversions last year!



Sne Ngubane (staff) helping a group of ladies with their savings activities by recording proceedings in each members record book.

Recent events:

- ◆ In November last year we hosted New Day United—Lynn Swart (known to many in HCF) and Annamarie Barnard are excited to partner with Hope Trust in what we are doing, exchanging funding support for skills as may be appropriate. They are engaged in similar activities in the Cape Flats and seek to draw funding from the UK.
- ◆ A successful Supporters evening was held on 20th January 2017.
- ◆ A workshop was hosted for local NGOs interested in using the internet (Givengain.com) as a fund raising platform. Colin Habberton gave us insightful & challenging input for all wanting to fund raise using web-based media. Hope Trust has just launched our first 'campaign' on Givengain.com aimed at soliciting funds for transport so as to enable our work to extend its horizons.
- ◆ We have just been introduced to a small crèche in the Mbuntshana area. We have supplied "passed on" toys and suitable equipment. Their real need, however, is to develop a crèche building on a piece of land that they have acquired.



Some faces you will recognise, at a Holiday Club in 2015

You can partner with us in the following:

- Help staff run Reading Clubs for kids of all ages. Participate with staff in home visits where prayer is needed and bible study opportunities may arise.
- Help prepare for & run the Holiday Club on 6th April. (Assist with set-up day before; help manage the programme on the day in Sweetwaters in a safe environment; provide food/goodies.)
- Help support Sweetwaters Christian Church (run by the Malevus) in establishing a viable children's ministry. (Speak to Jean about this—0828580443)
- Clothing needs for 12yr old Mbambo boy: A navy tracksuit; 2 pale blue school shirts; size 4 black school shoes.
- Sorting and packing jumble on Wednesday mornings. Selling jumble on the **first Saturday** of each month from 7am to 9.30am.
- Sign up for Hope 100, committing to giving R100/mth or more to Hope Trust on a regular basis; - get your friends signed up too. One hundred more committed givers will make the R10 000 a mth needed to make our income equal our current expenditure.
- Sign up to bake for Sunday mornings muffin sales at church in aid of HT funds. (60 muffins sold at R5 brings in R300 a week making R1200 a month)

We are so appreciative to the Lord and to you for the growing support base in Hope Trust. It is so amazing that helping the poor honours God! **Much love Dave, Jean and the Staff.**

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