



HOPE NEWS

Rescue | Restore | Empower

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The staff say

David Mokoena

I love to see people becoming financially stable (debt free). When they start to change they no longer look down upon themselves -they now have dignity. I also am happy when we have the opportunity to pray with saving club members.

Daphney Khumalo says

I am highly motivated by helping children to overcome trauma, grief and abandonment. The skills I have learned, used together with the gospel have brought such joy to me and those I help.

Amos Mutanho says

Most rewarding for me this year has been to see a deeply divided family, coming together to form a savings and credit group. This activity has provided them with a reason to choose a new united path.



Profile of a Family

Jefferey's Castle

The Bonge family were brought to the attention of our staff in mid-winter 2015. Poor, with no family connections in the community they found themselves destitute after their Child Grants had been stolen. You helped us with blankets, jackets, food, and clothing which saw them through the bitter cold. It highlighted the predicament of the poor, especially refugees. (They had fled from the Hammarsdale area.) They were renting a two room shell (roof and walls but no windows). The moment the landlord perceived an NGO were helping the family the rent was raised.! The local councillor kindly arranged a piece of land for them - rocky, and steeply sloping on all sides. The only flat land was flood-prone.

In desperation at the rising rents, Jefferey gathered rock, cut local trees and built a "two-room" for his family of seven on the hill.

Nicholas Zondi says

I have loved seeing a family, who said they could never save money, successfully saving to buy lounge furniture at the end of the year.

Sne Ngubane says

I am inspired when I see people co-operating together around a common purpose. The Savings and Credit Groups provide a focus for community action, group learning of financial literacy skills and mobilising resources that would have been squandered.

Khuthala Mkhwebula says

I am feeling inspired and motivated by the developments with the youth empowerment ministry through netball and junior soccer. Our netball *Young Tigers* have been invited to join a local netball league.

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Reading & Gospel Group

Out of the growing relationship with the family a reading club was started. Soon this grew to sixty kids



but they cannot meet when wet or exceptionally hot (there is little suitable shade for 60 active youngsters).

Your generosity has helped this family with the means to develop an additional two rooms. The large verandah to be built on two sides of

the house will facilitate the reading group being able to meet in the heat, the cold or the wet.



Some of the netball girls and boys (above)

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