



HOPE NEWS

Rescue | Restore | Empower

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Programme summary

Rescue

Regularly Daphney and Khuthala find children who are being abused, households where there is no food, no social grants and where hope has been lost. The mere fact of their engagement gives hope and enables solutions to be found or circumstances to be improved. Your financial contributions sustain this!

Mentoring takes place through the reading clubs. HCF volunteers working with our staff are able to address questions being asked by teens about sexuality, family dynamics and hope for the future. Problems avoided early in life set them up for success later on.

The junior boys soccer and netball for girls creates opportunity to speak into kids lives. The adults in their lives are silent on values and norms. The gospel gives wisdom and direction.



THE SWEETWATERS YOUNG LIONS did an outstanding job of stalking *HCF Soccer* last Monday. This action picture captures the energy and concentration. The recent coaching by Ross resulted in a tightly contested tournament. The day was a huge success with a shared meal after the energy had run out and then the gospel was shared to!

The *Young Lions* practice on an uneven field and on mowed veld grass and it is so encouraging to see the commitment and the mentoring that takes place informally. Khuthala and the local volunteer coaches are doing a very significant and rewarding job amongst the soccer players and the netball girls. Pray for this initiative! It provides healthy activity, off the streets and hope of a better future.

2 Cor 8: 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Restoration . . .

The gospel provides a solid foundation for hope. Jesus' forgiveness of sin enables a new start. The combination of hope and forgiveness makes the obstacles in life seem smaller. The encouragement of fellowship together & support for one another, enables people to keep moving forward, towards Christ and not away. Discipleship!

Empowerment . . .

Your gifts to Hope Trust enable three of our staff to facilitate and mentor over 250 people in **Savings and Credit Groups**. Hope Trust staff teach admin skills and financial literacy. Simple skills, that we take for granted, which help people to:

- * save on hire purchase interest costs,
- * to borrow against the money they have saved and pay interest which then adds to their saving,
- * start & sustain micro-enterprises.

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PARENTING SKILLS TRAINING: While much is being done for children, unless we prepare people for Biblical value-driven parenting, the next generation will be in as much social disarray as the present one. Quotes from some of the participants include: *"I have learned of the need to love my children unconditionally.. "I have realised shouting does not achieve the desired results"* *"I have learned that discipline is a way of life for a lifetime rather than the use of inconsistent punishment!* *"I learned that what I think about myself becomes such an important influence on my own choices and therefore of the choices my children will make....."* This parenting course (used with the courtesy of **Give a Child a Family in Margate**) empowers a return to Christian family life; to become aware of threats that endanger our children while learning how to manage behaviour and to understand symptoms of child abuse. As parents the safety of our children is one of our highest priorities!

Thank you for your support. It empowers us!

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