



# COMBINED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES TO THE POOR

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OK, I hope everyone has had a chance to read my last newsletter because here is the list I promised of programmes we have planned for the year and some of what is still needed to make it all happen:

**The Centre:** As most of you do know, the Ubomi Obutsha (New Life) Centre is the base from which the work done by CCMP within the community of an area called Besuthwini in Kwazakhele, with a population in the 20 000's, is carried out. The Centre is a place where people from "the outside" come and begin to touch the lives of this poor community and where volunteers come to run regular programmes for community children and adults. It is also a place where some members of this community come and work each day instead of sitting at home doing nothing. Hungry children come to the Centre for food, clothes are given to those who need, etc, etc, etc, etc . . . . . In short – it is a well used building adding immeasurable value to the lives of many, many poor people.

And it does need some attention. Following is a list of things needed for the building:

- Paint (wall & floor).
- Carpets.
- Signage.
- Ventilation for rooms without windows.
- Minor alteration – knock down a wall (2,5m) and close up a doorway.
- Tiles (Wall & floor)
- Shelving.
- Curtains.

**Soup Kitchen:**

+ - 80 regular

- Counter tops (8m in total).
- Roof insulation & ceiling board.
- Shelving.
- Deep double basin.

**Sunday School:**

(Singing & Bible stories)

+ - 60 regular

- Groups of teachers who can come out on alternate Sundays ie: only every second week during school terms. (not as difficult and more fun than you think!)
- Equipment (stationery, tables, etc).

**Kids' Club:**

(Games & lifeskills)

6-12 year olds

+ - 70 regular

- Groups of leaders who can come out on alternate Mondays - ie: only every second week during school terms. (again, not as difficult and more fun than you think!)
- Equipment (stationery, tables, etc).

**Teen Club:**

+ - 50 regular

- Financial assistance to enable some poorer teens, with potential, to attend youth and leadership training camps, etc.

**Education**

**Assistance:**

- School bags.
- Dictionaries.
- Lined paper (exam pads).
- School shoes/uniforms.
- Books & flip-files.
- Stationery.
- Colour crayons.

**Teen's Library:**

+/- 30 users.

- Built-in bench couch (3.5m x 3.5m) and table to be used for homework, meetings, etc.
- Counter tops (10m total) for study area and computers.
- Computers.
- White-board.
- Sound system.
- Stationery.
- Inspirational/educational posters.
- TV & DVD (education first – then entertainment!)
- Puzzles.
- Shade-cloth.

**Vegetable Garden:**

+/- 800m2 cultivated.

- Seed.
- Compost bins.
- Sand/stone sieve.
- Putting a gate (which we now have) in the school fence next to the Centre.
- Soil.
- Irrigation.
- Container for storage.
- Fertiliser.
- Shade-cloth.

**Edu/Daycare:**

2-6 year old Orphan & Vulnerable Children (OVC)  
Up to 30 children

- Carpeting (4m x 11m)
- Educational DVD's.
- Educational toys.
- Educational picture books.
- Educational storey books.
- Baby mattresses & blankets.
- Tables & chairs.
- Stationery.
- Cutlery.
- Toy boxes.
- Educational posters.

**Social Assistance:**

- Clothing.
- Old furniture.
- Non-perishable foods.

**Social Assistance to community schools:**

- Paint for classrooms.
- Curtains.
- Portable "bookshelf" libraries.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand photocopiers & 2<sup>nd</sup> hand faxes.
- Teambuilding/leadership training.
- Old/unused garden jungle gyms.
- Educational Posters.
- Children's books.

**Funding:**

- For everything from screws to petrol to teaching material to electricity. (Really, every bit helps.)
- **Banking Details:** First National Bank, Combined Christian Ministries to the Poor, Account number: 62000371170, Branch code: 261050.

I know there is a lot on this list and I know some of the items may seem LARGE, but I also know that many people get to read my letters and of those people some will be able to access some of the "LARGER" items and others the "smaller ones. These things are not sought to become "freebie" give-aways but will be utilised together within these programmes to affect a meaningful and long lasting change in the ability and capacity of the lives of poor people and children who live in this community.

We have so much and I'm sure that so many of the things listed here are lying in our garages, in our cupboards, on our shelves, in the factory store, in our bottom drawers, under our beds, etc, etc, etc, . . . . . doing nothing for us! Consider giving it and allowing the Lord to put it to use in the life of someone who really needs it.

Blessings.

**(Matthew 19 : 16 – 26)**

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