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Hotel Hope Magazine

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A 1ST CLASS ORPHANAGE

Hotel Hope opening soon

It is with great pleasure, enthusiasm and gratitude that we put together this first newsletter for Hotel Hope, a charity dedicated to rescuing orphaned and abandoned children, infected or affected by HIV / Aids.

The first 'Hotel' will open its doors in Melville, a trendy, multi-cultural and multi-racial part of Johannesburg, South Africa in early 2009.

The philosophy of Hotel Hope is to create family style homes, complete

with God-parents and Aunties, Uncles and Grannies who will love and role-model values to the children in our care.

The founders of Hotel Hope believe that the times of institutions, where children are clothed and fed but not loved, cherished and encouraged are over and that the time has come for small homes, where children can grow up as part of a family to become successful players in their respective communities.

We want to create

homes where LOVE flows in abundance and where excellence is experienced on all levels: Spiritually, Physically, Mentally, Emotionally, Educationally and Financially.

We work with an adoption agency who will find 'forever' families for those children that can be adopted and we will love those long term who cannot be fostered or adopted.

Charity Shop now open

We are very excited about our dedicated Charity shop that we have opened in 2nd Avenue Melville on the corner of Main Str. The purpose of this shop is two-fold. One, to provide an income for Hotel Hope through the sale of donations,

clothes, books, furniture and bric-a-brac etc. The second purpose is to create employment for a shop manager and two assistants to run the shop. Employment in SA is so important to the current situation this country finds itself in.



Any donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the shop.



Donations Rolling in

We haven't opened our home yet, we are not yet fully registered as a Non-Profit-Organisation, but that does not affect the generosity of friends of the organisation, churches and corporates. We have already received 4 cots, brand-new bedding, car-seats, towels & bed linen, very gently worn toddler clothes, baby blankets and much more. Praise be to God for His faithfulness in supplying our every need.

While putting together the paragraph on God supplying our every need we received a totally unexpected call from a friend who decided to donate a generator to the organisation that she had won at a corporate function. Anyone familiar with the energy crisis in South Africa will understand how important and even life-saving such a generator can be. We are faced with power cuts often lasting many

hours and this generator will help us to keep infant formula at the right temperature and also keep up oxygen supply to children with respiratory illnesses, often caused by HIV. More praise be to Him.

"Please continue to pray for Hotel Hope that we may provide a place of love and safely for the children we take in"

Breaking News

The Netherlands has opened inter-country adoptions to HIV+ children

This is a brand new development and is fantastic news for South Africa as it will open many doors for us with regards adoption of HIV positive children.

Men's Prayer Breakfasts

Hotel Hope has seen the first two monthly Men's Prayer Breakfasts. Hosted on Saturday mornings, a group of men come together at the home for food, fellowship and intense prayer. If you are a man reading this and would like to participate, please email us on hotelhope@gmail.com

Poverty in South Africa

Poverty, even more than HIV & AIDS is the foremost reason for the high numbers of abandonment in South Africa. Current estimates state 1500 illegal immigrants arrive in South Africa daily from neighbouring Zimbabwe alone, to escape even bigger poverty. They immediately head for the big city in the hope of employment. On their own, living in informal shacks or on the street, without any support network, mothers have nearly no chance of raising a child.



A Baptism Pool



The home has a small outdoor pool. The initial plan was to transform it into a large sand pit even so the positive effects of swimming and water activities on small children are well documented.

The decision for it to remain a pool and not a sand pit was made when 2 visiting pastors from Churches in Johannesburg asked whether we would allow them to perform full immersion baptisms in the pool. Our founder Oliver Quambusch was so inspired by the idea that he suggested he might become one of the

first people to be baptised... Can you imagine growing up witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit at work in different people's lives in your own backyard? We believe that this experience will be priceless for the children in our care.

"We want this to be a home filled with love, NOT an institution"

HIV & Orphan statistics in South Africa



UNAIDS/WHO in July 2008 published an estimate of 18.1% HIV prevalence in those aged 15-49 years old at the end of 2007. This implies that around 5.7 million South Africans were living with HIV at the end of 2007, including 280,000 children under 15 years old.

Source: www.AVERT.org
By 2010, it is estimated that orphans will constitute between 9 and 12% of the SA population and there will be a vast increase in child-headed families. 61% of South Africa's children live in poverty and 1.6 million children of school-going age are out of school. The HIV/ AIDS pandemic is changing communities and has a major impact on the

nature of families. When parents die of AIDS, it is normally the grandparents who are left to care for the orphaned children. Very often these grandparents are surviving on state pensions, which are barely enough to sustain themselves, let alone the addition of one or more young children. Where there are no grandparents, families are often headed by the older surviving child, who have no access to resources or skills to raise their young siblings.

These scenarios often result in affected children facing malnourishment, stunting, abuse, exploitation and loss of inheri-

tance.

They also face social stigma, discrimination and a feeling of abandonment. On account of reduced household incomes, children can often no longer attend school, which impedes their social and intellectual development. This may in turn cause them to turn to crime or prostitution as a means of survival.

Source: SOS Children's Villages



WISH LIST and ONGOING NEEDS

PRAYER

This is our biggest need by far. We are looking to create a network of intercessors who will actively pray for Hotel Hope. Please email us now on pray4hotelhope@gmail.com if you would like to act as an intercessor for us. We will email you our prayer requests regularly.

House and Garden

All furniture needed to furnish the home
Couches, Armchairs
Rocking chairs
Carpets
Television
Dustbins
Table and chair sets
Cupboards etc
Extension cords
Patio Furniture
Plants, Shrubs, Trees
Grass
Vegetable seedlings
Sand for sandpit

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have immediate needs for a Lawyer, a Builder, a handyman, a book keeper, an electrician, a driver and shop volunteers

Bedrooms

Cots
Beds
linen, blankets, towels etc
Carpets/ mats
Rocking chairs
Curtains
Cushions/ Pillows
Toys



Kitchen

All equipment (kettle, toaster, oven, microwave, fridge, utensils, cutlery, crockery)
Iron & Ironing Board
Cleaning Materials
Non-perishable food

Children specific

All children's clothing and bedroom accessories for kids from newborn to 7 yrs
Formula
NAN or Infacare

Nappies (disposable S,M,L,XL)
Bottles (ideally Avent)
Shampoo (Elizabeth Anne's or other baby specific or children)
Soaps and Creams
Toothbrushes & toothpaste



Transport

Bakkie
Combi/ any other vehicle to transport children to clinics, on outings etc

Other Donations

Anything at all (clothes, odds and ends, furniture, toys, pictures, appliances, what ever you are getting rid of!!) can be dropped off at Hotel Hope – 94 3rd Ave, Melville. Anything that cannot be used by the organisation will be passed on to other deserving causes. We are also in the process of opening a charity shop with all net proceeds benefiting Hotel Hope. NOTHING will ever go to waste.

Cartridges & Plastic Shopping Bags

Drop off your used printer cartridges for recycling as this is a form of income for us. Your used plastic shopping bags will help us in the Charity Shop as well as in the home when disposing of soiled nappies etc.

Financial Partnership

Please consider this prayerfully as financial contributions are most needed and appreciated. Hotel Hope is under registration for Section 18A which gives the donor tax back benefits

Bank Account Details are as follows:

Hotel Hope

First National Bank

Account Number 62194003382

Branch Number 256505

Swift for International Deposits FIRNZAJJ

Reference: Your Name/ Specific Reason