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## Our Vision:

to proclaim Good News to the poor  
to bring hope to the broken hearted  
to seek justice for the oppressed  
to proclaim God's grace for all



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## ABOUT GRACEPOINT

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### Vision

Finding Grace, Living Changed.

### Strategy

Gracepoint seek's to be a church whose culture will invite everyone to encounter the love of Christ. To establish relationships and community and to journey with people as we to proclaim Good News to the poor, to bring hope to the broken hearted, to seek and mobilise against injustice for the all as we become authentic & transformed Christ-followers.

Our deepest expression is in our connexionality – “I am because I belong” (Ubuntu).

### Structure

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8 NIV) – For such a time as this...Glenferness, Johannesburg, South Africa and the Rest of the World.

Compassion and Justice incorporates “who we are” in all our ways and dealings with each other and the world around us.

### Funding

10% of the income received at Gracepoint is set aside for Compassion and Justice but we are always needing **extra** and we spend time building relationships to be able to supplement, enhance and give expression to the mission at hand. This is more than just about funding, it is primarily about building relationships and connecting community.

### Staffing

These projects and partnerships are primarily run by people on the ground and full time on site but we rely heavily on volunteers from the congregation and community to make it a success.

### Definition of Partnership and Projects

#### Partnerships

Standalone organisations that we **endorse** – transparency in financial and leadership structures

Don't create a paradigm of dysfunctional rescue

Full community “buy in” (actual need as opposed to a perceived need)

Rigorous reflection of their needs and the community they desire to serve – why are you doing what you are doing and for who you are doing it for.

How does it fit in with our own protocols and disciplines as the Methodist church of SA while still upholding the **calling** of unity between the different denominations.

#### Projects

These give expression to our calling as Gracepoint. We endorse them and fund them for a season with the hope of enabling them to become standalone partnerships – sustainable in their own right.

We need to establish to empower a community giving them freedom and **wings**





## Definition of District and Circuit

### District

(central district, we fall under Central district)

The Central District is located within three provinces in South Africa: Gauteng, where it includes Midrand, Southrand and the Westrand; the North West, stretching from Lichtenburg to Vryburg and one town in the Northern Cape - Christiana. The North West and the Northern Cape parts of our district are rural, and the North West covers the largest area in the district. It accounts for about 48 percent of the total membership with a fewer number of circuits.

Our District serves the affluent, the poor in the cities, suburbia, rural and informal settlements. There are two Methodist schools in the district - Klerksdorp and St Stithians - as well as 7 homes for the aged. There are a number of other ministries, ranging from pre-schools, feeding schemes, prison ministries, ministries to refugees and unaccompanied minors (there is a huge influx of these children within the city of Johannesburg), literacy and skills development, to mention but a few. There are a number of informal settlements within the district where some of our societies are also serving as community centres.

### Circuit

The Districts are divided into Circuits that consist of Societies. 74 societies in the Central District are grouped into Circuits, e.g Gracepoint as a society falls under the Fourways Circuit that is consist of 7 societies and preaching places or satellite campuses.







## **SIX** CATEGORIES OF COMPASSION AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

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### **Compassion**

All Nations Ministry

Alpha Prison Ministry

Hearts of Hope

Kairos Prison Ministry

Restorative Justice

School of Discipleship (Leeuwkop)

Thusanang Bongani

### **Education**

Akani

Albert Street

Clayoven Creche

Iphutheng

Lesedi School (Refilwe)

### **Relief**

The Lazarus Ministry

Mobile Meals

### **Church Resourcing**

Church Services (Leeuwkop)

Cosmo City Methodist

Diepsloot Methodist

Vryburg Methodist

### **HIV/Aids**

Cosmo City HIV/Aids Support Group

### **Skills and Economic Development**

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Paradigm Shift





## OUR THEOLOGY

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## AKANI

### Location

Akani Diepsloot Foundation  
Bophelong Place of Life, Portion 136 of the farm  
Diepsloot, Diepsloot West Ext 4  
Johannesburg, Gp 2191  
South Africa

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### Background

The term “work in progress” befits Diepsloot Township in the far Northwest part of Johannesburg because the powers that be dubbed it a township under construction with a population of over 350 000 people

Some commentators says Diepsloot is where South Africa’s problems meet because of its mixed social challenges and joined endeavours by different stakeholders to remedy those challenges.

The Methodist Church, being one of these stakeholders, has land there and has opened it to be part of advancing the development of the community. The missions project project that has been initiated on this land is called AKANI which means “building together” or “constructing collectively”

### Purpose

AKANI is rooted in a Holistic Early Childhood Development. It is also a place of safety and growth for children in Diepsloot. The church strives to make a difference in the lives of these children, with a vision of nurturing them spiritually, mentally, physically & emotionally, enabling them to become informed, balanced & productive citizens of our country.

AKANI is a place of fellowship, learning, fun, sports, arts and crafts.

### Details

- AKANI provides a preschool and crèche facility, as well as an after-school 'home' for 650 children.
- Each day, the children are given a nutritious meal and take part in a comprehensive programme that covers their spiritual, mental, physical and social development.
- AKANI School Section has 34 staff members
- AKANI as a whole has 62 staff members

### Relationship with Gracepoint

Gracepoint is in Partnership with AKANI Diepsloot Foundation. There is a team of dedicated volunteers who give their time and service in the building of the community. These volunteers serve at different levels in the project from governance to day-to-day activities with the children.

On 2 Saturdays each month (1st and 4th) from 9:00am – 11:00am the volunteers arrange activities for the children and spend the morning with them doing crafts, sports and praise and worship.

### Volunteer requirements

- Congregants who are willing to commit to serving on the volunteer team on the 1st and 4th Saturday of every month
- Art and craft teachers
- Sports coaches





## ALBERT STREET

### Location

46 Albert Street  
Johannesburg  
South Africa  
(looking to relocate)

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### Background

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### Purpose

The Albert Street Methodist Church incepted in 1893 was one of the first Churches availed to be used in cities for Africans. The building was utilised as a school beginning of the year 1887. In 1958 the Government of that time forced the closure of the school.

The Albert Street Refugee School was reopened (at the request of Unicef) by Central Methodist Church in 2008 in response to the xenophobic attacks which left many children as unattended minors. It serves displaced and marginalised children, aiming to empower and assist refugees and poor locals through a caring and giving society that seeks to meet the children's needs and help them become skilled and educated.

It is low cost school to make it affordable to all.

### Details

[TBC]

### Relationship

Gracepoint has been involved since 2008 and was instrumental in getting the school back up and running by providing materials, equipment, finances and volunteers. Albert Street relies solely on the church to keep it running.

At present, Gracepoint is involved on a project to project bases as Albert Street is now self-sufficient in their day to day running and administration although still rely heavily on the financial support of the church. An example of one of the projects was to organise a matric dance for them.

### Volunteer requirements

Vary per project. Matric dance facilitators, organizers, MC, servers and cooks

- Any specific requirements (e.g. school teacher)





## ALL NATIONS MINISTRY

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### Location

[TBC]

### Contact

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### Background

All Nations International Ministries is a non-profit organisation operated by Mrs Eileen Benn. She saw a need to rally support and resources to support any ministry that has to do with disaster relief and helping the destitute around the Gauteng Province.

She also believes in church unity and all working together to help, therefore has umpteen partners providing different kinds of help to those in need.

### Purpose

ANIM purpose is to reach out:

- and build the Kingdom of God
- to those people in need, the poor of the poorest
- to children who are destitute, homeless and orphaned
- and support other ministries that work with the destitute (Approx. 200 pastors are recipients)

### Details

- It has develop close relationship with orphanages and also supply them with food and other basic needs. These are based in Alexandra, Soweto and Winterveld.
- It also supports and strive to make possibilities of job creation projects
- It support educational programmes and also supply them with basic needs Provides stationary and text books to impoverished schools in and beyond Gauteng.
- 5 Orphans are currently living in the Mission Home.

### Relationship

The director of the ANIM is a regular worshiper at Gracepoint

Gracepoint is in mutual partnership with it because of synergic desire to reach out and touch. We help get more suppliers and reciprocally we get what we need to distribute to the vulnerable. We have a strategic supplier bank in our storages that supports ANIM and other structures

### Volunteer requirements

The programme needs volunteers who are willing to spread the word of hope and trust to the destitute communities

- People who will collect and distribute to the needy
- Volunteers in relief programmes





## ALPHA PRISON MINISTRY

### Location

[TBC]

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### Background

Alpha is a non-profit organisation that began in 1977 in a London church, Holy Trinity Brompton, and henceforth spread through the world.

Alpha offers courses in schools, churches, families, institutions and prisons – back-to-basics studies for Nation Building

Alpha for Prisons should be linked to local churches

There is Alpha South Africa that replicates down in all spheres of the our communities and institutions and there is an Alpha Session run at Gracepoint Methodist Church that runs sessions for Alpha for Prisons

### Purpose

Offer an outcome based evangelisation to inmates and former inmates

Present an opportunity of knowing Christ through Alpha Courses

It is to prepare inmates for proper integration into their respective societies after the completion of their sentences in the correctional facilities

It also help the former inmates as well to get integrated to communities

It serves to teach and rehabilitate the inmates utilizing the spirituality component as a vehicle to support them in teaching about the Word of God that bring about change in every life when given a chance..

### Details

- Alpha for Prisons must be linked with the local church programmes
- There are Alpha courses run at Leeuwkop Prison
- There are Alpha Saturday Mornings group sessions run from 9:00 – 11:00
- Alpha Sessions also involve working with families and communities where offenders come from.
- It is said that Alpha Courses had helped to reduce the re-offending of former inmates by 77% in South Africa and 3567 inmates attended the Alpha Courses
- Alpha says if anyone is in Christ they are a new creation

### Relationship

Gracepoint host Alpha for Prison and has a close partnership with the Leeuwkop Prison session

Methodism is an Evangelical Movement in its nature and Alpha for Prisons is for Evangelisation of inmates and former inmates

There are Alpha courses and recovery courses that are run at Gracepoint and are linked with Leeuwkop Prision

Gracepoint also allow other Alpha Session from other Denominations and Communities to come and meet in church premises





## Volunteer requirements

Our volunteers work one-on-one with prison inmates who often become Bible study leaders themselves, they develop life skills and spiritual disciplines necessary to succeed and nurture Christian character.

Saturday Mornings at 9:00 – 11:00 to lead an Alpha group in prison

- Gracepoint has trained Alpha volunteers who work one-on-one with prison inmates
- The volunteers must be able to impart facilitation skills and confidence to inmates who often become Bible study leaders themselves
- They develop life skills and spiritual disciplines necessary to succeed and nurture Christian character.
- Alpha needs all kinds of volunteers with different expertise i.e. teachers, chaplains and professionals who will have recreational effect beyond Alpha to the inmates, their families and communities; like health practitioners and debt counsellors





## CLAYOVEN CRECHE

### Location

iPhuteng  
Corner Main road and Witkopp road  
Lonehill

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### Background

Clayoven is a commercial plot or stand situated at the corner of Main Street and Witkopp Street at the beginning of Lonehill. Ironically, there is viable and flourishing business taking place at that corner, while behind it there is abject poverty.

Homeless and job seeking people erected shacks and established an informal settlement for themselves next to former staff quarters some years ago. The settlement consists of South African and Basotho (People from Lesotho) communities. The population is around 350.

As goes with any poor environment there are also social ills prevailing which spills over to the surrounding areas directly or indirectly. It was not safe for the community members including the children. There were police raids and attempts at forceful removal of this community. The community then approached the Methodist Church for help. The church sent the Reverend Dr Paul Verryn.

The church pleaded on behalf of the community with the police and the powers that be. In the processes there were meetings between the church and the community discussing issues of Moral Regeneration, Social Justice and Community Development.

The place became a Preaching Station of the Methodist Church under Gracepoint. Among other things that were discussed was the wellbeing and safety of the children in the community. The talks about planning for the crèche started in 2013.

The Seven Day Adventist Church was also a regular visitor to the community and they became part in the discussions about the establishment of the crèche. The Sabathas or Seven Day Adventist Church donated a Wendy House that was used to start the crèche. Other materials and equipment were donated by Grace Point.

Mama Nomsa Ntuli volunteered to lead and run the crèche. It started operating in 2014.

### Purpose

To offer vulnerable children in the community a place of safety and education during the day and to provide a church for the community on a Sunday.

### Details

- The Creche is run by Mama Nomsa Ntuli
- She does not receive any salary
- The children attends free of charge since the parents are indigent
- The crèche is having 13 children from the age of 3 to 5 years old
- The crèche starts at 07h00 till 14h00
- Gracepoint provides them with running material
- On Sunday, 22 March 2015, the Seven Day Adventist came to work with some of the community members to establish food gardening programme that will specifically help the crèche







## Relationship

Since Clayoven is a Preaching Campus of Gracepoint, most of the community needs are being attended to by Gracepoint.

When there are police raids and surrounding community challenges, Gracepoint is the first port of call for the community to ask for intervention on their behalf.

The Seven Day Adventist Church donated the Crèche's Wendy House and Gracepoint erected it for the Community and took on the initiative by identifying a volunteer to run it.

Gracepoint runs a Mobile Meal Project with the Community and has given the community the independence of taking charge during the administering of the programme on Thursdays and some Sundays after the service.

.Nomsa was trained in a Children Guarding course by the Methodist Church

## Volunteer requirements

- The Wendy House needs painting inside and outside.
- They crèche needs constant supply of running materials like nappies, toilet papers, food stuff
- Nomsa would like to be trained further in Early Childhood Development competency
- Since Nomsa does not get a stipend, Compassion and Justice has given her R350.00 to buy some personal grocery when going to visit her family during Easter Holidays.
- The crèche relies on the community toilets and they wish to have a portable toilet not far away to the crèche and a running tap.





## COSMO CITY METHODIST

### Location

Cosmo City Methodist Church  
African Republic Street.  
Cosmo City

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### Background

The Northern Suburbs around Johannesburg had quite a number of informal settlements consisting of communities from different nationalities. In 2005 the Gauteng Department of Housing came with fully and partially subsidised housing project of a Cosmopolitan City in order to address the question of housing problem. The Methodist Church bought the land in that developing area in order to plant a preaching place that will cater for spiritual and other needs for the community.

### Purpose

The Cosmo City Methodist Church exists to pursue the extension of the Kingdom of God when as the community they strive to know Christ more in understanding the life without Christ, under their vision of 'Know Christ Know Peace, No Christ No Peace'

### Details

- Cosmo City Methodist Church is composed of about 300 members and is a vernacular Church that caters for African people who speak vernacular languages.
- It is a society under the umbrella of the Fourways Circuit in the Central District part of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa
- It also runs preschool and after care facility for the community

### Relationship

- Cosmo City Methodist Church is in the same Circuit with Gracepoint
- Gracepoint has cross subsidised in the buying of Cosmo Methodist Church land and in the building of the church structure

### Volunteer requirements

- Help of any kind - e.g. furniture and material that might make the structure looked developed
- Goodies for the preschool and after care facilities are also welcomed
- Stationery for both the church office and the preschool





## COSMO CITY HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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### Location

Cosmo City Methodist Church  
African Republic Street.  
Cosmo City

### Contact

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011 702 4600  
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### Background

Health is one of the prime challenges of newly establishing communities and Cosmo City was not immune from the formation challenges too. The church is one of the first sites to receive walk in requests from people who are affected by this. Despite meagre resources, Cosmo City managed to established an HIV/AIDS support group

### Purpose

Many families are affected with the scourge HIV/AIDS and the church opened its doors and opened a support group mission work to the community

### Details

- An HIV/AIDS support group of more than 56 families has been established
- The families are provided with nutritious foods every Friday that is sourced from Woolworths Supermarket.

### Relationship

- Gracepoint encourages congregants to volunteer and witness working in mixed demographical communities that will in turn bring spiritual healing and church growth in those communities
- Gracepoint does support the programme generously and in kind

### Volunteer requirements

Package and Deliver food to Cosmo City on every Friday at 18:00

- Non-perishable food stuff is requested to top up the perishables donated by the outlets





## HEARTS OF HOPE

### Location

16 Green St  
Wendywood  
Johannesburg  
2021

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### Background

Hearts of Hope was started in 2001 by seven brethren who had the same concern and compassionate heart about the plight of infants and children who are abandoned or orphaned and affected by HIV/AIDS, around Sandton, surrounding suburbs and Alexandra Township

In 2003, Hearts of Hope got registered as Section 21 Company: 2003/005003/8; got an NPO Registration Number: 033-126-NPO and also as Public Benefit Organisation. They then bought their first house and started accommodating six children

Hearts of Hope has established and run other satellite projects dealing with out-rooted children namely Ithemba Children's Home, Alexandra Food Support and Drakensberg Schools Project

### Purpose

Hearts of Hope exists to support and care for vulnerable and orphaned children, affected by HIV/AIDS.

It also strive to enhanced and changed for the better, the children's lives by giving them an opportunity to develop into community-orientated adults.

### Details

- Since December 2007, Hearts of Hope has a base home in Wendywood.
- It currently cares for 34 orphaned and vulnerable children, aged between birth and 18 years old.
- 511 children are educated in Drakensberg schools through our support in the form of teacher training, resources and daily meals.
- 175 Children in Alexandra Township at St Martin's Creche are assisted by our school renovations and maintenance
- Hearts of Hope also runs a family project, 14 Families including 40 children in disadvantaged communities, receive food parcels, support, advice, counselling and help with schooling requirements from Hearts of Hope

### Relationship

Gracepoint Methodist Church is in Partnership with the Hearts of Hope through referring and then supporting abandoned babies by helping supply food and clothing.

Gracepoint also sponsored tables during the HEARTS OF HOPE LADIES BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER held on the 9 May 2015

### Volunteer requirements

Gracepoint invites its congregants to be part of the Hearts of Hope to come and give and share love with them in ways that would display the love of Jesus

- Volunteers to visit the children one Saturday each month to help bring them some love and joy.





## IPHUTHENG

### Location

Cnr. London Rd & Eighteenth Ave,  
Alexandra,  
Sandton,  
2090

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compassion&justice@gracepoint.co.za

### Background

Gracepoint Methodist Church opened a preaching and service campus in Melrose in 2011. It identified Iphutheng Primary School as one of the places it could contribute to as part of the journey to bridging the divide between the privileged and under-privileged.

### Purpose

Supporting the education of youngsters in Maths and English literacy is the primary objective of Gracepoint Melrose's involvement in the school. Through consultation with the Headmaster, it was highlighted that a lack of learning support mechanisms contributes significantly to learners becoming disengaged and increasing the risk of them dropping out of school all together.

By involving volunteers from the Gracepoint Melrose Community in initiatives to encourage and support learning Maths and English, this ministry provides an opportunity for volunteers to make a lasting, sustainable difference to the children at Iphutheng Primary School.

### Details

Once a month, Gracepoint volunteers go to the school on a Saturday morning from 7am – 11am. The volunteers choose to assist in either an English, Maths or Life Orientation lesson. The learners also receive a tea time snack which is provided and prepared by Gracepoint Melrose.

It is important to note that Iphutheng teachers facilitate the English and Maths lessons and are supported and assisted by Gracepoint Melrose volunteers. Currently the Life Orientation lesson is facilitated by Gracepoint Melrose volunteers.

Learners also receive a letter each Saturday from a volunteer. This initiative was started to encourage learners to read and write in English whilst also offering volunteers who can't be present at the Saturday school sessions, involvement in some way.

- BrainBoosters:

BrainBoosters is a South African developed programme that focuses on teaching children foundational Maths and English concepts. [www.brainboosters.co.za](http://www.brainboosters.co.za)

- Beeing My Best:

This programme was developed by one of the Gracepoint volunteers in an independent capacity and it focuses on the emotional wellness and development of grade 6 learners. The programme has been adapted specifically for English second language learners and includes Bible related stories and lessons. The Life Orientation lesson is designed to be less formal and allow the learners the opportunity to express themselves in fun and active ways, whilst being encouraged to speak in English and learn about God.

### Relationship

Gracepoint provides a volunteer service and the school has agreed to make learners and their premises available for this empowering relationship.





## Volunteer requirements

We need warm, friendly, approachable, volunteers who enjoy working with children. We need volunteers who can help with the following:

- Assisting learners in English and Maths literacy lessons;
- Facilitating and assisting in Life Orientation type lessons;
- Assisting with catering for Saturday School;
- Musicians who can assist with welcoming sessions which involve singing and action based activities;
- Writing letters to learners to encourage them to read and write in English.





## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

### Location

[TBC]

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### Background

Kairos ministry is run by the clergy and laity. It was initiated in 1976 as Cursillo in Prison from the Cursillo Movement and renamed to Kairos Prison Ministry in 1979.

It must be noted that the Cursillo Movement is a "Three Day Movement = Awakening Movement = "Jesus said you can destroy this temple and I will raise it after three days" and was, itself, founded in 1944 in Spain and of now it has different modifications or adaptations and names throughout the world by different denominations.

Kairos South Africa started in 1998 and it operates in 19 Correctional Facilities in South Africa. Kairos was strongly supported by volunteers from The Upper Room's Walk To Emmaus and now many local churches close to Correctional Facilities do support and partake in the Programme

The Kairos Prison Ministry has been assessed and approved by the authoritative body the Department of Correctional Service National Quality Assurance Committee.

The Kairos South Africa is thus accredited to provide trainings in Correctional Facilities

The Kairos branch at Leeuwkoop started in October 2012 and the local churches around the Fourways Circuit support it. Gracepoint Methodist Church is one of them, just a stones throw away.

### Purpose

Kairos Prison Ministry is an International Christian Ministry that provides the Christian value centred road to restoration/recovery of inmates inside Correctional Facilities and Communities irrespective of gender and age through short courses in the retreat sessions.

It addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, their families and to those who work in the prison environment.

The purpose of the course is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition to becoming a productive citizen

### Details

- Kairos Prison Ministry is designed to for inmates in maximum, medium or juvenile facilities and affected families.
- The Kairos Leeuwkop Advisory Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the three bodies at Leeuwkop Prison namely Chaplaincy, Head of the Facility and the Area Commissioner
- A full year program of planned sessions were agreed upon with the authorities from Department of Correctional Services (DCS)
- The sessions for Maximum and medium facilities are for inmates from 3 years remaining to the completion of their sentences, for Juvenile facilities is Kairos Torch and then
- On the Sunday afternoon of each outreach weekend, DCS allows up to 150 members of the local Christian community to attend the 2-hour closing ceremony to witness the testimonies of the participants and see what God is doing inside South African prisons.





- There is a Semester Kairos Leeuwkop Newsletter that gives a progress report on the work of Christ in the Facility

## Relationship

- Gracepoint relationship with Kairos Leeuwkop goes back to October 2012
- Kairos enables congregations to participate in taking God's Love to the roots of crime in our communities.
- With God all things are possible! (Matthew 19:26).
- In the DCS 'White Paper' that transformed 'punishment' into correction, DCS call for the participation of society in rehabilitating offenders, because they both come from society and will be released back into society.

## Volunteer requirements

- Christian action DOES make a difference, with God; our small efforts are magnified into amazing beauty
- Volunteers' Home groups young and old are required
- The foundation of Kairos is 30-minute prayer slots that cover the entire weekend in supportive prayer. This can be done from the comfort of your own home or office.
- Baking home-made 'prayer-filled' biscuits for a weekend. This activity can include every one from the old and the young, home groups or any other community group. The biscuits represent God's love. The impact on the participants, when they realise that someone has spent time baking especially for them, is immense and they even get to taste God's Love.
- Home cooked meals are prepared by the support team and donations towards this in the form of groceries or money are ways in which you can participate.







## LESEDI SCHOOL (REFILWE)

### Location

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### Background

Refilwe is a settlement surrounded by farms in Lanceria, far North of Johannesburg. The school came into being through the merger of two preschools in 2008 - Twananani Preschool locally based in Refilwe and Kwena Molapa Preschool that was incubated under Kwena Molapo High School outside Refilwe Rettlement. The new name was Lesedi.

The project was established consequent to the dire needs of creating the early childhood development centre in the local community as the children would travel long distances to reach ECD centres or resort to no schooling. This was creating an unsafe environment and vulnerability for children of Refilwe. Without early childhood development centres parents could not work as they had to look after the children for safety and security purposes. The Church sort volunteers from the community and trained them to be Early Childhood Development Teachers and provided the land for the school to be established.

The school is now recognised by the Department of Education and the Department of Social Development.

### Purpose

This school was founded provide safe, aftercare, environment for pre-school children. It seeks to stimulate and educate them at an early age by creating a culture of learning in their disadvantage community. It also seeks to educate parents the importance of pre-learning, the need to be involved in the pre-school and the role they play in their children's education. Refilwe aims to ensure teacher training so that they can have high quality teachers.

### Details

- The preschool can take up to 100 children and currently has 84 children enrolled between three months and 6 years of age.
- There is a principal, Ms Matilda Mathaba, an administrator, Mr Robert Molopa, six teachers, one cook, one gardener and two security guards.
- There are four classes
- The normal school times are from 07h00 – 16h00.  
Aftercare is available 06h00 – 07h00 and 16h00 – 17h30
- There's only one educational trip per year due to resource challenges
- Two churches do support the school so far and these are Rhema and the Methodist Churches
- The Methodist (Grace Point) pays salaries for four teachers and rest are paid by the department

### Relationship with Gracepoint

Gracepoint has been involved since 2008. They helped facilitate Refilwe's registration and recognition by relevant government departments (Department of Education and Department of Social Service).

As part of the Fourways Circuit, Gracepoint has since continued the Circuit work within the Community of Refilwe and has taken the preschool as one of its major project. From within the Circuit, the church, along with the community, support the school by running the aftercare programme during the week and again on Saturdays.





Gracepoint pays the salaries of 4 staff teachers at Lesedi. They also provide all the teaching materials and stationery on a yearly basis.

Gracepoint has employed another teacher to run the afternoon aftercare program Monday – Saturday; this program is a teaching and feeding scheme.

### **Volunteer requirements**

- The kitchen needs major upgrade - including tiles, cupboards roofing and a new ceiling
- The toilets need tiling. The school is trying to collect material that might help in fixing the toilets
- Teachers need more training to keep up with the latest in ECD
- The administrator needs training in basic book keeping
- The cook needs training





## MOBILE MEALS

### Location

iPhuteng  
Corner Main road and Witkoppen road  
Lonehill

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### Background

Abject poverty in rural areas and townships around South Africa led to the influx of people to cities. Problems in neighbouring countries also led to political and economic migration and most people became destined to seek safe haven in the cities.

The lack of preparedness of such influx in cities leads to urban poverty and people settling in groups anywhere they found space or were given space by compassionate beings.

Poverty is sometimes an eyesore to the cities and there is constant harassment of the homeless community by officials and they in turn migrate further to surrounding suburbs and this time referring to the City of Johannesburg.

There is now an informal settlement at the corner of Witkoppen and Main Road (Clay Oven) in Lonehill consisting of the community where the majority of the people are from South Africa, Lesotho and Zimbabwe.

Gracepoint (originally Lonehill Methodist Church) launched the Mobile Meals project in 2004.

### Purpose

One African Proverb (Zulu Proverb) says "Hunger or starvation causes hysterical temper or unguided anger" hence this must be one of the sources of crime in all classes of society

Mobile Meals project then relieves hunger and addresses the issues of food security in a time like this

### Details

- Mobile Meals offers a weekly meal and spiritual encouragement to the homeless in our community
- Every Thursday evenings there is a Mobile Meal programme at Clayoven
- Gracepoint and the community has adopted the name of Phelang ka Mohao wa Modimo meaning Living by the Grace of God and in short Phelang Community.
- In summer, they receive bread and juice and in Winter they receive soup and bread
- The population is over 450 living in that community
- Gracepoint provides the community with 300 loaves of bread every Thursday

### Relationship

- Gracepoint has been in relationship with poor communities around Lonehill since 2004.
- Gracepoint has establish a good relationship with the community of Phelang and the community is at liberty to feed themselves.
- The church provides them with bread and relish in a form of soup or juice and they have dedicated community members who serve them.
- The church has also helped to place some community members to different job opportunities and some are now employed by Gracepoint.





## Volunteer requirements

- Volunteers are required to assist in cooking soup for the Mobile Meals
- Volunteers can form or organise teams of friends that collect food that can be utilised in the programme
- The team meets every Thursday evening at 17:30 at the Clayoven Community (corner of Main and Witkoppen Roads). Volunteers are welcome to join.





## PARADIGM SHIFT

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### Background

"The idea of Paradigm Shift began, as most great ideas do, by God stirring up a "holy discontent" in our hearts. On many short-term missions trips around the world, we had witnessed too many heart-breaking stories. We could not reconcile how the Gospel message was often presented to the poor.

Many well-meaning ministries we encountered presented the Gospel message, but without tangible "here-and-now" solutions to address physical needs. The message communicated to the poor was: "God loves you! And sorry about your poverty. I don't have any answers for that."

Others presented economic solutions but were devoid of the life-changing power of the Gospel. The message communicated to the poor was: "Here's a few things to help make your life more comfortable. We do this in Jesus' name, and through our giving, hopefully you will see a glimpse of Him."

To us, it didn't make sense either way. The poor needed BOTH solutions. There had to be an answer that addressed BOTH physical and spiritual needs. And this need was evident in every developing world country across the world

As we prayed about this, we felt like God gave us a divinely inspired idea--the concept of what we began to call Paradigm Shift.

We wanted to create a church-based economic development program that would be run by well-educated, business-savvy, local volunteers and offer a way to serve the entrepreneurial poor (those who were already doing something to provide for themselves). It would include: business training (which is crucial to successfully running a small business), micro-finance (to invest in the business to help it grow), discipleship (for what hope could be offered without Christ?), and mentoring (which would help to accelerate the economic and spiritual growth of the entrepreneurs being served).

We believed that the local church is the world's largest NGO with the greatest means for making the biggest impact if it could be leveraged. And we knew that we could make the most impact if we could leverage the church to be on the forefront of this vision. We wanted to create a locally rooted, replicable "turn-key" outreach model that could eventually be tweaked for virtually any developing country that needed it.

With goals this big, we needed to think about how to develop the best possible model, test it, change it, prove it, change it again, and finally, scale it. If we wanted to achieve big goals and solve big problems, we needed to launch slowly, so that, at the right time, we could scale quickly.

That in mind, we decided to spend 18 months in Research & Development before ever putting the concept into the market. We travelled and researched best practices in the developing world throughout South America, Africa, Asia and Southeast Asia, as we developed the concept, recruited our initial staff, raised the capital needed and chose a country in which to pilot the program.

We picked South Africa to start with. For two years, we tested the model with seven initial churches, changing and adjusting things according to the results of careful monitoring and evaluation along the way. Then we moved into the national (South African) expansion and replication phase, having created the goal of seeing 100 program locations offering the Paradigm Shift outreach within the first 7 years.





We now are privileged to serve 37 outreach locations and 30 church partners, and Paradigm Shift has seen over 2500 microentrepreneurs impacted by the program. In addition, hundreds of South African volunteers' lives have been transformed through the rich friendships formed with the microentrepreneurs they mentor, disciple and train.

At the same time, we are also testing the program in other countries and working on cultural and local adaptations of the Paradigm Shift model, creating the processes needed for global replication.

## Purpose

To assist entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs (in disadvantaged communities) build sustainable businesses, by providing structured learning and support, mentoring and finance (later for us)> Helping entrepreneurs does not only to help them but help society at large by creating jobs through SME's. The program presents both business concepts and personal faith development.

## Details

Regan berry and myself, with a core group of 5 other volunteers. While the volunteers are generally worship at Gracepoint, we kept the project independent (funded by the Agape trust).

## Relationship

A partner project. No funding or other support is required from Gracepoint.

## Volunteer requirements

- We need people (trainers) who can offer themselves for 9 to 10 weeks per module.
- We also need mentors and possible evaluators of funding requests (later).
- Business experience is preferred but not critical.
- We see our lpuheng group as our 'guinea pigs'.
- We plan (as Agape) to work with other churches (e.g. to share the load) and plant new PS sites over time.
- Our goal is to create jobs and reduce dependency on the state.





## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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### Background

Violent crime is one of the social scourges in our country and most offenders are out rooted individuals who really needs the Creator's re-creation basic foundation and that is religion

The church came with the Restorative Justice programme to mend the broken souls and show the Love of Christ to the offenders

Offenders need good integration process when they go back to communities

The restorative justice programme curb the reoffending mentality that might be planted from correctional facilities

### Purpose

The main purpose is to share the love of Christ with those who appear to have no hope

It is to foster forgiveness between the affected parties from within the correctional facilities and victims outside the facilities

### Details

- The programme provides counselling, teaching and support to the offenders
- The session provides needs based rehabilitation programme
- Promotion of restorative justice principles
- Preventing re-offending of prisoners to integrate back to community

### Relationship

- Gracepoint Restorative Justice Leeuwkop Programme is headed by a former Christian who had been affected by the act of a violent crime done to her family.
- Gracepoint believes in sustainable and productive integration programmes that will curb re-offending chances of prisoners.
- Gracepoint has counselling and recovery course sessions that are run in the church

### Volunteer requirements

- Volunteers are required to help leaders of the programme who will work in prisons towards a place of healing of offenders
- Many prisinors are never visited and have lost contact to the outside world, pen pals are needed to write letters
- Donations of material like writing paper and pens are needed





## SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP (LEEUWKOP)

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PROJECT

### Background

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### Purpose

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### Details

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### Relationship

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### Volunteer requirements

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### Background

Methodist Witness Service is found in all walks of life; rural and informal settlements, townships, towns, cities and metropolitan cities

Vryburg is a large rural, agricultural town situated in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati district of the North West Province of South Africa. Its population is over 48,200.

Most rural churches have a challenge when it comes to resources required to do mission work and church growth while still trying to sustain the church.

### Purpose

The Central District has in the past and present encouraged the twinning or partnering of Circuits and local churches with remote churches in order to bare one another's witnesses in the work of Christ.

The Gospel must not wither away because of the lack of resources hence the programme of partnering with such churches in order to pave a way to self-reliance and sustainable development.

### Details

- Vryburg Methodist Church is categorised as one of the Rural churches
- The Congregation consists of low income community
- The church also has community development programmes such as providing safety to children
- The church gathers much support to assist vulnerable children

### Relationship

- Gracepoint supports the Vryburg Methodist Church generously
- The minister's expenses are catered by the Gracepoint
- Gracepoint also supports all community development initiatives done by Vryburg
- The Gracepoint BOB youth will be visting Vryburg on an exchange programme this year

### Volunteer requirements

- The church needs sustanable resources that will equip it to run smoothly
- Furniture and stationery for schools that they support

