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Dear Partners,

We greet you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Our hearts are full of praise to God for all that he has done over the years. At the same time we are very grateful to you for your faithfulness in supporting the work, through prayer, finances, words of encouragement and the visits to us on the mission field.

We always thank God as we remember you in our prayers for your precious love for His people and your partnership with us in furtherance of the gospel from the first day you started supporting us until now. It is our prayer that in every aspect of your life, He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God and all glory to his name!!! House of Wells is 5 years in existence on the mission field. We came to Port Elizabeth, South Africa on 08/08/2008 by divine mandate. A great and effectual door of ministry was opened to us but accompanying the open door were great adversaries. We have experienced great victories alongside intense warfare and by the grace of God we have been triumphant. We cannot thank you enough for your continuous prayers!!





HOUSE OF WELLS - PORT ELIZABETH !

House of Wells P.E. is going from strength to strength, at some point we noticed a drop in numbers of children attending, but somehow it's on the rise again, as the children that attend the Centres themselves started to evangelise and invite others to attend. We've also been arranging extra tuition/revision lessons for Grade 7s in 1 of our Centres, as their exams into High Schools are approaching & they've approached us for assistance in certain subjects.

A 9 year old girl at our Bloomingdal Centre asked the Centre Leader & the rest of the children to pray for her father

who is a violent alcoholic and had fallen sick and is very very ill. These mighty warriors prayed from their heart for the father and a few weeks later the child came back testifying that God had not only healed her father of the sickness, but he woke up one Sunday and followed the rest of the family to Church, repented and gave his life to God. This 9 year old was giving her testimony in tears, thanking God for his intervention. We were thrilled to hear such a testimony because for this child and the rest of the children attending HOW, one thing is settled in their hearts - GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS!!!

"SOCIAL SERVICE" ASPECT

One of our roles is doubling up as "social workers" so to speak, there have been several instances where we (Richard & Kemi or House of Wells staff) have had to go and visit Kids where they live, either to cook for them or take them to Hospital for treatment or bring them to school, all because there is no responsible adult where they live to take on such roles, i.e. either they cannot be found or are constantly drunk or so hooked on drugs that the child is just not cared for.

HOUSE OF WELLS - ZIMBABWE

In Zimbabwe we are getting reports of the House of Wells is doing a great work with teenagers. Young people who had been in gangs and dabbled in drugs are being drawn into Christ and being shown Christ-like lifestyle, through the word. We run a sports academy & Bible-based lifeskills programme every Saturday for young people, football for boys and hand ball for girls.

One amazing and encouraging thing happened regarding HOW Zimbabwe, that just confirms to us that God has already had it planned long before we started the work in Zimbabwe. About 2 years ago a Pastor in England had told us that he wanted to give House of Wells some sewing machines but at the time we couldn't see how it fits into what we were doing. However a few months into setting up in Zimbabwe, the

Co-ordinators called to say they felt led to set up a place where teenage girls are trained to sew. Immediately the use of the sewing machines promised 2 years ago, way before we knew we were going into Zimbabwe became clear!!





HOUSE OF WELLS - CAPE TOWN!!

In September 2013, I went to visit House of Wells Cape Town, in Nyanga Township. We have not been there since the Centre was started in July 2013. Nyanga is apparently, according to the Premier of the Province, the murder capital of South Africa. There's a lot of violence, gangsterism among kids as young as 12, and well over half of the population are unemployed.

Poverty and hopelessness pervades the township. The main prayer points in every home I visited was deliverance from alcohol...and that is where God has opened the door to minister to children! Parents were thanking us for running HOW programmes there, according to them they know that the future of these kids would definitely be different to older ones who did not have such biblical input. Some parents wanted us to start teenage classes so that teenagers too can be reached for Christ. We went from home to home sharing the good news and people gave their hearts to Jesus. In most cases their children had prepared the ground for us, as they had gone home to share what we teach them at the Centre. To the glory of God we enjoy so much favour in the community, while other organisations are being charged to use the meeting hall, House of Wells was asked to use the Hall free of charge. Our other testimony about our Cape Town Centre is that a gentleman who had worked with us in Port Elizabeth when we first came to SA but had moved to Cape Town came to us 6 months ago to say God told him to go plant HOW in Nyanga Cape Town. Visiting the Centre 3 months after it had started was a humbling experience and as always it became more apparent to me that this work of reaching children in poorest of places is one that God wants to accomplish whether or not I am there.

TESTIMONIES!!

We thank God so much for speaking to certain individuals recently, to specifically sponsor the feeding cost of some House of Wells Centres. This has happened at those times when the numbers of children attending our Centres have surged & we needed extra funding for food. These individuals' calls and emails, offering to partner with HOW to feed the kids, couldn't have come at a better time!! We are immensely grateful to God.

One partner also bought 2 guitars for our Music Academy, where teenagers are taught to play musical instruments. At the moment we have keyboard, drums and guitars.

In August someone replaced one of our ageing vehicles with a more reliable and newer VW Jetta TDI. This will enable us to travel easily to the various outpost of the ministry. This is so amazing, to have come at a time when one of our cars had broken down several times and we were told it's not really worth spending the amount it will take to fix it. All Glory to God!!

VISITORS FROM THE UK

(1) Tokunbo Ifaturoti (UN Global Poverty Ambassador) came on a 7-week visit to South Africa, from England. She served at all our 7 Enrichment Centres in Port Elizabeth. Her activities included:-

- Facilitating after-school classes & coordinating different workshops for young children & Teenagers - e.g. Music workshop, drama, dance, imaginative plays, Art & Craft and photography skills sessions.
- Cultural programmes, with the children embracing their rich culture through fashion and dance show.
- A production day where the different items the children had produced were showcased - a gallery of various cultural Arts and Craft & still pictures of objects.
- Various creative opportunities that gave the children an alternative form of education by using their cultural & local resources.

(2) Also in September, two young Ladies from England - Katie Prizeman (from West Sussex) & Charlotte (a 3rd year Criminal Justice student from Kent), came to P.E. and stayed with us for 3 weeks. They worked in the Townships with us at all the Centres, with younger children during the week and with Teenagers at the weekend. They just really made a difference in the children's lives, teaching them songs, dance, giving encouraging words, serving meals and teaching the children different interactive and educational games.

(3) Ms Kemi Onakoya, one of our UK Trustees visited House of Wells Port Elizabeth in October, for 10 days. She had a good experience of all the House of Wells activities, visited all 7 HOW Centres, and 3 Saturday Teenagers Clubs. At each Centre, she prayed for the children and/or shared a message, and helped to serve the meals. She said one thing that stood out for her was that "Despite their circumstances, these children worship God with so much passion and joy". She visited 3 homes with us, an opportunity for her to appreciate the circumstances under which these children live. She also attended our Weekly staff prayer meeting and a meeting with the HOW SA Trustees.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

Every year since 2008, we have Christmas celebration for the children. One of the reasons that the H.O.W was birthed is to raise/restore hope in the lives of the children that we reach out to, inspiring them to greater heights, imparting in them that they can achieve anything they aspire, that they are children of The KING of kings and therefore deserve the best in life. One of the many ways we do this is by giving them a Christmas banquet that is fit for little princes and princesses of the Most High God!! We hire Coaches to take the children from each township where we have Enrichment Centres, to the Amphitheater in Boardwalk, which we have been kindly given to use at no cost every Christmas time, since 2010. At the party, the children have scrumptious meals, drinks, there are party entertainers to make them "laugh out loud", *music* *dance* and we give each child a party pack with gifts, food stuff, groceries, toys etc; to take home, worth about £5 or R70/R80 per party pack. We are determined again this Christmas, to bring a smile to every H.O.W. child's face!

In **2008, 70 kids** were at our party, **2009 - 200 kids**, **2010 - around 350 kids**, **2011 - we had a party for 500 kids**. Last year **2012**, over **550** children received Christmas Party packs! This year, **2013**, we are preparing for over **700 children in PE, 50 in Cape Town & around 100 in Zimbabwe**....more & more children are attending our Enrichment Centres, learning about hope & empowerment, through programmes that offer practical help, extra tuition and skills necessary for independent and productive life, and they are affecting their communities for good!

We are currently planning our 2013 Christmas Party and would be eternally grateful if you can offer your utmost support by sponsoring one or more party packs at £5 (or R80) per pack per child.

Lastly, please pray for us that we will continue to know **what** God's will is for the ministry, plus **when** and **how** to accomplish it to the glory of His name. As you do, may you too know and experience the joy of being in the centre of God's will for your life, in Jesus' mighty name.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

Thank you partners, through you God has enabled us to further His will and Kingdom. It is our prayer that HE who never forgets our labour of love will continually reward you tremendously in Jesus' mighty name AMEN!

Our eternal gratitude goes to every individual, organisation, business or church that has ever been of help to House of Wells as a ministry or personally to us as a family, in the course of this journey of Faith. Not only financially, but contribution through their contacts, time, skills, prayer etc.

We pray that God will richly bless you and pleasantly surprise you in multiple ways. May the Lord continue to multiply the seed you are sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness. May God grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfil all of your purpose.

Shalom

Richard and Kemi Oyin-Adeniji
House of Wells South Africa



HOUSE OF WELLS - WALMER CENTRE



HOUSE OF WELLS - BLOOMINGDAL



FUN DAY OUT - TO PARKS, MUSEUM ETC.



HOUSE OF WELLS - KWAZAKHELE