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SETTELEN IN ZUID-AFRIKA

Klaas-Jan en Anneke en de kids zijn zich steeds meer aan het settelen in Zuid-Afrika. De onafgeronde zaken in Nederland zijn steeds verder afgerond en binnen nu en een maand zullen de laatste zaken afgehecht worden. Dit helpt enorm in het proces om voeten op de grond te krijgen en een thuis te gaan maken. Naast de inrichting van het guesthouse is de eigen woning aan de beurt en wordt er van het huis een thuis gemaakt.

Als **Kingdom Living** hebben we 5 weken lang het voedsel voor de kinderen in **Mamelodi** mogen verzorgen. Dit was een enorme zegen!



Misschien is het gaaf als we als **Kingdom Living** rond de kerst iets extra's kunnen verzorgen. Zodat we een kerstcadeau aan de kinderen kunnen uitreiken?

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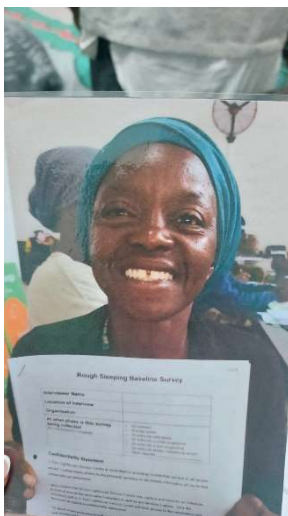
Missie en visie

Het verlenen van hulp en ondersteuning aan mensen die in armoede leven in Zuid-Afrika, in het bijzonder door het bieden van praktische hulp op het gebied van levensonderhoud zoals voedsel, kleding, onderdak, onderwijs en medische zorg, alsmede het uitdragen van het evangelie van Jezus Christus door middel van bijbelonderwijs, evangelisatieprojecten en geestelijke ondersteuning.



Afgelopen zaterdag was de recap van 'Project Exodus' bij **Lighthouse**. In deze 12 modules van dit project leren de cliënten zichzelf kennen, hun verslaving herkennen, en ze ontdekken wat er onder het topje van de ijsberg zit. Inhoudelijk een erg goede methode. Ik was onder de indruk van de degelijke inhoud. De 12 cliënten van de 2^e fase kregen aan het einde van de dag hun certificaat. Zij kunnen weer een stap verder: naar de 3^e fase of met een degelijk exitplan terug in de maatschappij. Het was een feestje!

In de afgelopen weken is Angela (een prachtige vrouw in fase 3) bezig geweest haar getuigenis op te schrijven. Dit delen we heel erg graag in de bijlage. Ze wil ook graag haar vóór en ná foto delen.



Elke woensdag avond gaan Klaas-Jan en Anneke naar de binnenstad om **Streetchurch** te doen. Het is

prachtig om te zien dat steeds meer mensen vanuit de straat-ministry in **Lighthouse** uitkomen. De getuigenissen, preken en worship zijn sterk en maken indruk. Er zijn veel mannen die wekelijks onderdeel zijn van de diensten. En hun geloof groeit. En voor de mannen vanuit Lighthouse is het een plek waar zij mogen uitdelen. Wat hun geloof en recoveryproces een enorme boost geeft.

We hopen en bidden dat **Kingdom Living** een steeds grotere bijdrage mag gaan leveren in de projecten waar we bij betrokken zijn. Hoe gaaf zou het zijn als we met elkaar nog meer kinderen zouden kunnen bedienen en meer volwassenen een oplossing zouden kunnen bieden om hun leven weer op de rit te krijgen!

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Heb jij een hart voor één van de projecten waar we nu bij betrokken zijn?

Doe gerust een **donatie** onder vermelding van de missie waar jij verbinding mee voelt:

- Loaves & love (maaltijden voor de kinderen)
- U-turn (investeren in de mannen en vrouwen die bouwen aan een toekomst met huis/werk etc)
- Streetchurch (uitdelen van warme dekens, truien, bijbels, voedsel)

Wij zorgen dat het op de juiste plek terecht komt!

Angela's Testimony

Coming to Pretoria was a very trying time for me. Only God knew I had to make a stop-over in Pretoria.

Hello, my name is Angela and I am going to give you a testimony that started as a stop-over in Pretoria. It was ment to be a brief stop-over due to my transport money running out in Pretoria. My final destination was Johannesburg and I had travelled all the way from home to get to Johannesburg.

In Proverbs 16:1 "The preparation of the heart belongs to men. But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD"

I was travelling with a friend and she was also going back to work in Johannesburg. Between me and her, we were thinking of going back for work. Her employer phoned and confirmed that she was waiting for her. Not so for me, the promised offer for me in terms of income and sustenance was dashed because the previous employer confirmed there was nothing for me. He had relocated and not found anything suitable for me. My friend had something to look forward to but I asked myself- Why go back to Joburg when there is nothing waiting for me? At the same time the money between me and my friend was enough for one person to go to Johannesburg. So the sacrifice was made. She would alone go back to Johannesburg and I will remain behind in Pretoria. The money available was insufficient for a taxi fare but adequate for a train fare which was cheeper.

The day we arrived in Pretoria was on the first of March 2025, on a Saturday afternoon. On arrival we made a discovery, the next train to Joburg was only in Mondaymorning. We roughed it out at the fillingstations for two nights sleeping on benches. Neither of us had friends or relatives in Pretoria.

God is good!

On Sunday afternoon, the day before my friend left, we met a brother who was attending a centre called U-turn Lighthouse. He was enthusiastic saying it was a new centre that was offering accommodation for people with no place to stay.

That seemed to me like a lifeline. I was immediately interested and told my fellow brother that since the following morning my friend was returning to Joburg I will like him to show me the centre. He agreed, and the following morning after seeing my friend off at the trainstation, I went to the centre.

That was on the third of March 2025, on a mondaymorning for me to know the centre. I quickly discovered that this was no ordinary place. They had a hospitable friendly attitude. They had a morning routine consisting of morning exercises, devotion which is treir daily routine, breakfast, lunch and supper were provided and all this depended and needed your participation.

On arrival I thought I was going to get a place to stay. Instead I had to sign a form but they explained that they were still in the process of making the centre a safe space (not only to access services for the day but also to access daily sleeping arrangements for their clients) The centre was now at that time in second month of operation.

So with that I found myself rough sleeping for approximately 5 months and 3 weeks in the street. That was in Pretoria Central near the train and bus stations. I was using a cardboard box as my mattress and only one blanket that someone had given me. Rain, wind and the cold became the elements I was exposed to. When I arrived in Pretoria it was summer going to autumn. Autumn gave way to winter. I continued in persistence going to the centre. I was diligent to go to every weekday. Even when the center was opened only for the men (safe space) at the end of March, I continued going there as a day client from 7.30 AM to 5.00 PM. The centre manager kept on stressing his commitment to open the centre later on for the women.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

The breakthrough came when the service centre manager managed to get the green light from his board to open the centre for the ladies to acces safe-space accommodation. Things were coming

to place through the hand of God, Who answers prayers. I found myself sleeping indoors away from the street on 25 August 2025 as a Phase 1 client. God had other, bigger, better plans. When the time came for Phase 2-progression of clients, I was included as the first female among 14 males. We then took our Project Exodus in Phase 2 which deals with 12 modules which has recovery skills. We were also given Phase 2 duties which include supervising, monitoring activities like voucher earning. Voucher earning is a system that deals with engaging in activities and being paid with vouchers. It is a system that enables you to access services and goods. Food, clothing, cosmetics, showers using vouchers. I took on kitchen duties which involved in assisting with meals and that was another highlight of my phase 2 duties.

March 2026 saw me progressing to the 3th Phase of the U-turn programme. The work-readiness phase. It was time for me to move into new accommodation. I was given the keys to my current place of residence on the 6th of March .

March 2026 on the 7th, we had a progression ceremony and we were awarded our Project Exodus Recovery Skills Certificates. I had to go to Joburg to sign our phase 3 contracts. Two months of this year 2026 I had the privilege to experience what it was to work at a retail environment. From May 2026 I began working on a more permanent routine at Lighthouse. Currently I am doing personal development which is provided for Phase 3 clients. I am also enjoying the skills facilitation course which is helping me a lot with group sessions. I now also have the privilege to facilitate or co-facilitate with the phase 1 group sessions. Another privilege I enjoy from time to time is to share Gods word when given a platform on morning devotions. I am also helping clients to fill in forms, access lockers and gain information about U-turn Lighthouse. I am still awaiting the skills development training which is to be implemented. I would love to complete on IT-certificate.

When I look at where I am now compared to last year March 2025 I see God's divine hand in all the details. Psalm 100:3 "Know that the LORD, He is God, it is He Who has made us, and not ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

I give all the glory to God and I am blessed with my devine walk with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. It will be remiss not to mention and acknowledge the service centre manager of Lighthhouse, Mr Herman, our committed occupational therapist Liezl, Not forgetting his dedicated and committed staff members who are often away from their homes and families and keep the centre running. They sometimes sacrifice their weekends and some holidays to be present at the centre.

May God keep on giving them grace, wisdom and perseverance and strength to keep on being loyal servants and continue advancing His Kingdom.

Eph 4:4-6

There is one body and one spirit, just as you were calles in one hope of your cqalling, one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, through all, and in you all!

