

Getting Involved



A family lawyer from church called me earlier today about an international case she's dealing with. It's very complicated.

A man from another country married an educated woman so he could send her ahead of him to New Zealand, then follow on behind her. Without her educational status, he could not emigrate here. Before sending her to New Zealand he beat her, raped her and killed her unborn baby. She arrived here by herself and discovered she was pregnant again. Her husband then threatened to kill her and the family who were caring for her. She was terrified.

The woman returned to her country and her family with the baby based on her husband's threats. After a few months her family told her to go back to New Zealand to be safe. She left her young son with them, and successfully applied for refugee status. Time passed, and her son is now almost 5 years old. He has developed epilepsy and the family can't care for him anymore. But he's a New Zealander, so he can't go to school, has no local identity and has no passport to travel!

This sounds like a far-fetched television drama but it is, in fact, harsh reality. How will this poor woman get her child back safely? Millions of people like this are facing these kinds of issues in real time. Abused. Beaten. Raped. Pregnant. Abandoned. Homeless. Destitute. Poor. This distressed woman is living in New Zealand and her son is half a world away. And even more disturbing...they want me to help! To see what I can do.

I'm watching a TV programme about how we care for vulnerable people in New Zealand and it has concluded that government agencies cannot deliver what's required and truck-loads of money can't solve the issues. Why not? Because it's all about broken relationships, and organisations and money can't put people back together again. Cycles of abuse, violence and poverty can only be eradicated by people. A person must step up and say, "here I am, I'll get involved." No person, no solution!

Today, Bright Hope World partners in tough locations are living this out. They have stepped in, engaged with the vulnerable and become part of the answer. They've become personally involved, sometimes at great personal cost. Just like Jesus did.

Kevin Honore
Field Director

Bright Hope News

Bright Hope World is very pleased to announce two new international partnerships that enable donors to receive tax deductibility for donations made to Bright Hope World partners.

Are you in Australia?

Bright Hope World has developed a new partnership with Hands and Feet in Australia.

Hands and Feet are registered with the Australian government and donations made to them for Bright Hope World partnerships are tax deductible.

To see the Bright Hope World partnerships that we are able to offer tax deductibility on, please visit:

www.brighthopeworld.com.au

and click on the red button that says "View Priority Partnerships" in the Search Partnerships box.

Are you in the USA?

Bright Hope World has formed a new partnership with local charity Global Opportunities that we call "Global Hope Partnerships".

This relationship enables us to provide tax deductibility in the US for donations to our partnerships.

To find out more about how this collaboration works, please visit:

www.globalhopepartnerships.org

Life Change Story – MHBC, South Africa



Masoyi Home Based Care (MHBC) is Bright Hope World's only current partnership in South Africa. MHBC provides a range of services to support people with HIV/AIDS including direct care, food supplements, education, life schools and a house building programme for 'child-led' families, of which there are many as a result of AIDS.

One of the young people MHBC supports is an 11-year-old boy called Gift who lives with his grandmother. Gift is HIV positive. He contracted the virus from his mother, who has since passed away. Gift and his grandmother live in a wooden shack in the community of Mahushu. Gift's grandmother used to drink and Gift was not regularly attending school.

MHBC counselled the grandmother and she removed her Sangoma bracelets (from a traditional African healer) and said she would start giving only proper medication to Gift - previously she had failed to take care of him. A neighbour and the MHBC community caregiver are assisting Gift with his anti-retroviral medication, and he now has a uniform and is encouraged to attend school. The grandmother also now picks up food parcels from the MHBC office (see photo) as she has no income.

Another family assisted by MHBC are the Mpanganes, who live in the Mthimba area. There are seven people – including grandchildren - living in a three roomed house. One of the leaders from MHCB tells their story:

"On the first day of our visits we found the situation very bad. The client was in pain. She complained of her right hip and both feet. She tested HIV positive in December 2015. She is doing well with the treatment now even though they are facing a big challenge of not having enough food. There is no income in this family. They survive with the social grant of two grandchildren but it's not enough for this big family. The problem is she can't walk properly because of the pain...We referred her to [the African School of Mission clinic] for further observation. We thank Bright Hope World and all the people that are helping with food parcels and the money for transport to the clinic, as we do not have money for this."

Read more about Masoyi Home Based Care (SAF01) at: <http://www.brighthopeworld.com/partnerships.asp?pid=278>

Prayer and Praise

1. Pray for wisdom in regard to helping the lady in our main story get her son back to New Zealand.
2. Pray for the Masoyi community caregivers and the many HIV patients they are caring for, including Gift. Particularly that they will have opportunities to share the love of God into these desperate situations.
3. Pray for all BHW's partners who have stepped in, become involved, engaged with the vulnerable and become part of the answer in their community.
4. A number of our team will be travelling to visit partners in July so prayer for their safety and for wisdom and guidance would be appreciated.



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