

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ABOUNDING HOPE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT 2018 AGM.**

As we journey through life we come across some amazing & special people who just add so much dimension, depth, and reason for living to our lives. Shirley Oosthuizen is one of those “amazingly special” people who lives out the Biblical Truth that “it is better to give than receive”. Her commitment and passion to love and care for the poor and needy in our community by going into Masenenge without fear or favor, is truly heartwarming and inspiring. To me she is like an angel going where others fear to go, carrying with her the fragrance of heaven, to bring new hope to the poorest of the poor who are really needy men, women and children who have to survive informal settlement life. Shirley we are thankful for the role you play in making our communities a more humane society, a better place to live, and for not only caring for the poor and vulnerable but for giving others who are better off an opportunity to give and make a difference in the lives of some of the most needy people in our community.

Thank you also to the amazing Team of helpers that support Shirley and who have followed her example and who themselves are carrying that same fragrance from heaven bringing hope as well to the needy in Masenenge. How true the saying goes that “It’s the Teamwork that makes the Dream work”. To Philiswa Lwana, Dieter Oehme, Gerhard Oosthuizen, Amy Gae, Miriam Lulike, Steven Wetton, Davin Guest and all our volunteers, our sincere thanks for dreaming with Shirley and helping to make the dream a reality.

It has been truly wonderful to see how God has blessed Abounding Hope Community Development with individual and corporate funding that has made it possible for the organization to vitally improve the Creche for the Children, to feed consistently through our premises in Masenenge those that are identified as critically ill and in need of good meals and to grow lovely vegetables within Masenenge to improve the health of the vulnerable.

I would also like to thank Give a Child a Family (GCF), the Network Action Group (NAG), South Coast Recovery Centre, and Two Tunics for their ongoing support and help which has been of great benefit in reaching our objectives.

Special thanks must go to all our individual donors both in SA and particularly from Sweden, and to all Funders such as NPC, Ramsgate Lions and other companies, who have donated both finances and goods in kind, without your kindness and generosity we would not be able to have done what we have in Masenenge.

We thank God for His blessings, provisions and protection of the Team as they go from shack to shack bringing new hope to the vulnerable.

Last but not least I would like to thank my fellow Board members who have sacrificed their time and effort to provide the legal structure for AHCD to function with integrity. I am happy to report that not only has AHCD been properly constituted and registered as an NPO with government, but that we have also applied to SARS for a Section 18A tax exemption. A big thankyou to Chantell Elliot for all her help and contribution towards this process and for auditing our books. Thank you fellow Board members for the hours you've spent thinking strategically and planning into the future of AHCD.

Abounding Hope Community Development has dreams not only to provide healthy meals to the critically ill, a well organized creche for the children, but we would love to provide skills development to those who are really wanting to be empowered to a better life.

Thank you for being here and showing your support of this worthy cause. Your help in whatever way is much appreciated so that we can help those who are the most vulnerable in our community.

God Bless you All

Basil Woodhouse
Chairman