

## 'Hope Centre Children's Home' in South Africa

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It is our pleasure to collaborate with the South African Evangelistic Mission (SAEM) and Giving Hope Network (GHN) to support the Hope Centre Children's Home near Durban, South Africa. This orphanage rescues and cares for vulnerable and abandoned children. Our good friend, South African pastor, Tyrone Paul, tells how this remarkable ministry began.

### Rescuing Abandoned Children

by Pastor Tyrone Paul (SAEM Director)

The Hope Centre was started by Pastor Lucky and Fikile Langa. She had a handicapped child from a previous relationship. The man deserted her leaving her alone with her child; she was not a Christian at the time. When she tried to find a place for her child, nobody was willing to consider her, and the places for accommodating such children were not available.

Fikile met other mothers who were also seeking a place for their children. These mothers could not find jobs because there was nobody to care for their disabled children. When Fikile met Pastor Lucky, he was indeed a godsend. He had a heart of compassion and willingly sold his preaching tent to buy an old, run down, school building. They converted it into a centre to house handicapped children.

*"Because of thirst the infant's tongue sticks to the roof of its mouth; the children beg for bread, but no one gives it to them."  
Lamentations 4:4*

The number grew from one to five children, and now thirty-three children live there; most of the children are orphans. The Hope Centre is now called upon by hospitals to pick up children who are dumped in trash bins or found in toilets. Many of them come to the centre bleeding, abused, or raped. The oldest is thirty-three and has been raped multiple times. Almost all of them cannot speak and use diapers.

Lucky and Fikile love these kids so much. They do not have any steady income and run their ministry by faith. God has been good to them these three years and has sustained them.



Pastor Lucky and Fikile

### New Kitchen

In February, Eleos International Ministries, SAEM, and GHN collaborated to build a new kitchen onto the Hope Centre



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### The Most Vulnerable

The Hope Centre cares for abandoned children and those with AIDS, mental illness and handicaps

