



Healing & Hope

Our passion is **to be the hands and feet of Christ** in communities devastated by poverty, sickness and brokenness - bringing **HOPE** right to their doorstep



Shiselweni
Home-Based Care



When you partner with **SHBC**, you partner with people with compassion and care. You too can make a huge difference in the lives of countless people by bringing your gifts, time and energy to the **Shiselweni Home-Based Care** initiative!

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Caring & Sharing



The story of Shiselweni Home-Based Care

In 2005 God convinced the pastor and the members of the Swaziland Reformed Church (Shiselweni Congregation), situated in the poorest and most vulnerable southern part of Swaziland, to **"become the hands and feet of Christ in the communities surrounding the church"** through a home-based caring project.

After initially training 32 people in an area known as Dwaleni, the group of volunteers, all working without any salary and many of whom are HIV-positive themselves, started reaching out to members of the community in need of care and support. An NGO, Shiselweni Home-Based Care (SHBC), was registered in 2008.

After one year the group started expanding and at present more than 1100 volunteers are part of this home-based caring project in over 40 different areas - caring for more than 4500 clients.

Apart from taking care of clients in their own homes, the church is also running a number of preschools, attended mostly by orphaned and vulnerable children, as well as feeding almost 1000 children daily at eleven different Neighbourhood Care Points. Through its wheelchair ministry, more than 400 invalids have also been issued with brand new wheelchairs.

One of the most significant outcomes of the holistic caring approach of the volunteers, is the substantial decline among SHBC clients in overall mortality, from 32.2% in 2008 to 9.2% in 2013.

Plans for the immediate future include the upgrading of the preschools as well as continuing with the training of more volunteers to become part of the caregiving corps. Measures to prevent burnout among the caregivers have been put in place and remains an important issue for SHBC.

Internationally churches, corporates and academics are taking note of the impact SHBC is making in Swaziland in addressing the AIDS pandemic, and for many this organisation has become the NGO of choice to partner with to help achieve their goals. SHBC has a board of Directors which governs all activities of the organisation.



Swaziland is a small, landlocked country bordered by South Africa to the north, west and south, and by Mozambique to the east. This is currently the country with the highest HIV infection rate in the world. Recent research shows that at least 26% of people in the sexually-active age group are HIV-positive. As Swaziland's population slowly decreases, so the number of orphans is increasing at an alarming rate. More than 10% of the entire population is categorised as Orphaned or Vulnerable Children and there is no indication that this trend will be turned around in the near future. In the midst of this crisis, God calls His children to become actively involved in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Building & Blessing

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In a community devastated by poverty, sickness, broken families and death, we want to bring back true Christian hope, not only through our words but also - following the perfect example of our Lord, Jesus Christ - by reaching out in love to those in need, comforting and supporting them by all means available to us.