

Our mission as a non-profit organization is to provide funding for Christ-centered care and hope to orphaned and vulnerable children.



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:40*

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## A NEW SEASON

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*

Many of you know and appreciate that Mabopane Foundation has always operated 100% through volunteers. This was God breathed into the ministry since the beginning. My family has always given to missions and actively participated in raising funds. When my daughters were teenagers I discovered an alarming pattern with some non-profits. Only a few cents of each dollar donated went directly to the actual help needed; rather the vast majority went towards outrageously high salaries and lavish buildings.

Before we even thought about a foundation, our family held yard sales and a circle of people helped financially with the needs of the precious children I met while on my first trip to South Africa. We sought out well known and respected Christian organizations to help us get funding directly to the shelters where the children lived. This worked well for about a year, but then we were asked to direct our funding to their broad category of "international" missions. The non-profit would actually determine where the funding was most needed. We decided we could no longer contribute this way and remain obedient according to how God was calling us.

Through miraculous events God orchestrated the formation of the Mabopane Foundation in 2003. Providing amazing people with servant hearts to do this big job with no one ever receiving a salary. Through the years Ministry Partners have contributed specifically towards Mission House expenses and even donated the ministry location. This permits 100% of donations and mission sale funding to go directly to the very children in need at Ya Bana. We praise God for his faithfulness and for the blessings we have seen by trusting Him.

Many times through the years people encouraged the Foundation to pay me a salary. However, early in this ministry my prayer was "God if you intend for me to have a salary, touch someone's heart to provide; otherwise all gifts will go directly to meet the needs of the children." I have seen miracles beyond belief. He has provided abundantly for the kids in South Africa and my own family. I will always be grateful. I want you to know I love what God has called me to do and these 20 years have added so much joy to my life. I cannot fully express in words what it has been like working beside our faithful Mission House Volunteers or how rewarding this time has been. We have seen miracles beyond belief. However, our ministry has grown to the point that I can no longer fulfill the roles of Mabopane Foundation Manager and Executive Director. I recognized how heavy this task had become even before I went on sabbatical in 2015; but I was convinced God would "raise up" a volunteer to fill the role of manager so that I could focus on the Executive Director responsibilities. Time has not brought a volunteer willing to serve as a full time manager; but through a series of amazing events, Ministry Partners unexpectedly sent me a text message saying that her and her husband wanted to pay to hire a Mabopane Foundation Manager. To be honest I was upset at first, until I remembered my prayer and then I was able to proclaim: I trust God who is able! I trust God who is faithful! I trust God whose timing is perfect. He has ALWAYS directed us to the place we should be.

I trust Him now and ask that you do the same. Would you pray for us as we spread the word and begin the search and hiring process for the MF Manager-Outreach Director? We pray for God to raise up the very person He intends to manage the ministry and who one day may be called to serve as the Executive Director.

Thank you for continuing to pray for wisdom and discernment for the Board of Directors; as we continue to follow God's direction and trust Him in all things. We also ask that He continue to provide volunteers and Ministry Partners so that 100% of our assistance goes directly to our children in need.

Please share the profile link to the Mabopane Foundation Manager-Outreach Director with your churches, civic groups, family, and friends. This link can be can posted directly on their websites or other social media outlets: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1z0E2eTyOfqA0xGm3U9wUsnYe3Faw2NKV> Please call me if you have any questions.

With a grateful heart, Becky

### **WELCOME YA BANA MANAGER!!**

Please join us in welcoming Lovey, the new Ya Bana Manager. God fulfilled this long standing need through the 2017 Matching Gift. Becky participated in the interviews and hiring of Lovey. God intersected the paths of Becky and Lovey during her first South African mission trip in 1998. Lovey and his sisters were Good Hope kids. Ya Bana Executive Director says "Lovey is sleeping, eating, and drinking Ya Bana...committed with all his heart." Praise God for his provision.



### **FOUNDATION ACCEPTS MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE**

*Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Since the inception of our fund-raising efforts on behalf of the orphaned and vulnerable children of Mabopane, South Africa, 100% of yard sale proceeds and cash donations have been directed towards meeting the daily physical, emotional, and educational needs of these children. Our vision has long been to reach beyond meeting the basic needs of the Ya Bana Village children and provide resources that give them hope for the future and provide skills they need to become Christ-like, contributing members of society.

Becky asked for your prayers in March concerning specific needs beyond the normal Ya Bana operational expenses. Praise God!!! Just a few weeks after Becky and Stanley returned from South Africa she opened her email to learn of a NEW 2018 Matching Gift opportunity from long time Ministry Partners.

Every dollar donated to this campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$29,500. This matching gift will enable Ya Bana Village to meet some tremendous needs; including a second passenger van for the growing village of 50+ children, reliable internet for the Ya Bana staff, school, and youth for studies, skill improvement, and employment, plus scholarships for continued education or skills training to the young men and women of the Youth Living Center, and/or a swimming pool for exercise and relaxation.

Please pray the entire \$29,500 is matched! We realize these donations are above and beyond your normal gifts and truly appreciate your generosity. Whether you are retired or employed, check to see if the company makes matching gift donations. Companies such as Duke and Pfizer could triple your donation. Your gift + company gift + matching gift. For example, Duke matches up to \$2,000; including \$100 for every 10 hours of volunteer work. What a glorious way God demonstrates His ability to multiple like the loaves and fishes.

Every gift matters and no gift is too small, just be part of this amazing blessing. We are accepting one-time and short-term recurring donations for the 2018 Matching Gift Project through the end of November. Our new Online Giving allows donors to give securely through ACH withdrawal or credit card.

You may also mail checks payable to: Mabopane Foundation 3913 US Hwy 64W, Apex, NC 27523

Please designate for Matching Gift. THANK YOU!!!!