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About HOPE Recovered

HOPE Recovered is a registered non-profit (NPO) and public benefit organisation (PBO) in South Africa. We aim to empower underprivileged children and youth to overcome their past, see themselves full of hope, and passionately walk in their God-given purpose.

The Vision

HOPE Recovered is not eager to give food and clothes because we have seen the damage it can cause. We believe a sustainable impact comes from **education and the Gospel** of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the founders' dream is to move to the township and establish a children and youth centre. They want to be close to the people they serve to connect deeper and respond faster to urgent needs. Our goal is for the young generation to find their identity in Christ and their purpose in life and bring transformation in the community, the nation and the whole world. HOPE Recovered wants to reach that through discipleship groups, academic intervention and skills development programs.

Basic details of the Organisation

The twelve-month period this report covers: 01.03.2021 – 28.02.2022 (financial year end)

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Organisation's Office Bearers

Position	Name		
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A Word from the Founders

This year HOPE Recovered moved closer to its dream. With the establishment of the Youth Discipleship, one of the core programs of the ministry is taking shape. We trust this is only the beginning of much more for the youth.

The growth of the Library is also one of the highlights this year. The space has become too small, and a solution to expand the program needs to be found.

This growth and development of the organisation also comes with challenges. We need more committed volunteers to carry the additional workload. The board of the organisation is also lacking key members. This put extreme strain on the founders' shoulders.

HOPE Recovered was founded as a tool for our heavenly father to reach down and turn lives around. Workers are needed who are willing to lay down their lives, be used by Him, and follow him wholeheartedly in obedience.

HOPE Recovered is not a charity where you drop your old clothes and where you donate money to feel better. NO! **HOPE Recovered is an investment opportunity for you to set the underprivileged, new generation up for SUCCESS!** Become a part of it. Get involved! God needs YOU, your gifts, skills, talents, experience, and expertise. It is not by accident that you have been given all those things. Use them for His glory, and let us together build His Kingdom under His leadership.

We are grateful for all the opportunities we have been granted this year to make a difference in the lives of the people of Lethabong and its surroundings. We thank all the volunteers and visitors who served this community with us. We bless all our volunteers, helpers, supporters, donors, visitors, partners and friends for their priceless contributions. You deserve all the honour for our achievements this past year. It wouldn't have been possible without you. We still have a long way ahead of us. We still need each of you to see a lasting impact.

Raphael & Gontse Richli



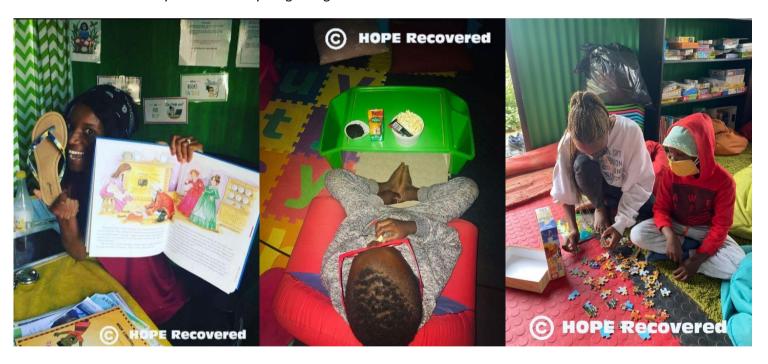
Programmes in 2021/2022

The Library for Children in Lethabong

Primary school children from Lethabong come to the Library 3 times a week after school from 14:30 to 17:00. The library's goal is for every child to read English fluently and to plant the love of books in the hearts of the children.

Every month Gontse comes up with something new to bring joy to the children at the library. For Mother's Day, each child made their own Mother's Day card. On another day, the children were given winter beanies so that their ears would stay nice and warm as winter sets in.

In April, we had a fairy tale week where the children heard different fairy tales at the library. For them to understand the stories better, Gontse spontaneously integrated local songs and dances into the stories. The children had a lot of fun. On the last day of the fairy tale week, the small library was transformed into a cinema. The children had a great cinema experience with the movie of their favourite fairy tale with everything that goes with it in a real cinema.



On 1 September, we celebrate Spring Day in South Africa as the winter is gone and it is getting hot again. It is usually celebrated with water games. But as there is no running water in the community of the Library, we didn't want to waste the precious liquid and splashed the children with colour powder instead.

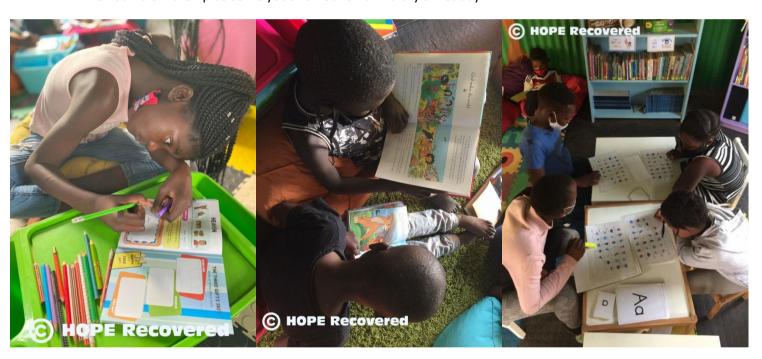


Every Wednesday, a team from EE (Evangelism Explosion) teaches our children the Gospel of Jesus through the <u>Hope for Kids</u> program. It includes songs with actions, memory verses, dramas and other fun activities.

When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:36-38

At the end of June, the third pandemic wave hit South Africa, and the country was once more locked down. The Library had to be closed for a whole month. The children couldn't wait to come back, so we had 20 children plus some youth on our small library's first day.



But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Matthew 19:14-15





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Visitors at the Library

The library welcomed visitors from all over the world. We had an international group from the <u>Missions Discipleship Training (MDT)</u> from Operation Mobilization (OM), Swiss people who visited with <u>EE South Africa</u> and Germans from <u>Ihr sollt Leben e.V</u>. We had learners from <u>Tyger Valley College</u> to volunteer in some community work. It is a great encouragement for the children to have ambitious young people spending time with them and teaching them. Good role models are scarce and needed more than ever.





We also had friends from <u>Capital City Church</u> and <u>Elastic</u> visit the Library. They invested their time, encouraged the children through their testimonies and read stories with them. The children were taught and entertained by people from all over the world. This broadened their horizons and certainly inspired one or the other.

We are building the Kingdom of God together. Thank you for building with us.



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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

Colossians 3:23-25

A big thank you to <u>Curro Hazeldean</u>, who donated 26 large boxes of books for our library. You are beyond generous. We have enough books to fill our planned expansion.

Youth Discipleship

Some young people regularly stop by the library, although the library is only for primary school children. They often help in the library or ask for help with their maths homework. Now we want to set up a program, especially for them.

We would like to accompany these young people on their journey through life. This Youth Discipleship encourages high school children to build their lives on the firm and unshakable foundation of Jesus Christ and guides them in living a life of God-given purpose. We don't want them to be carried away by their environment and circumstances but steadfastly live their faith and follow Jesus with all their hearts.

On 5 June 2021, HOPE Recovered launched its Youth Discipleship program. We discovered that we all want to be wise. Therefore, we explore together the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:24 & 30

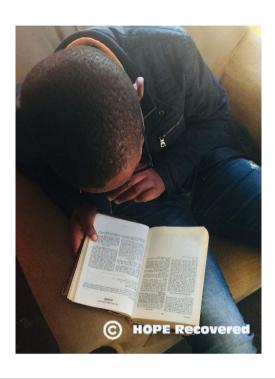
²⁴ But for those who have been chosen to follow him, both Jews and Greeks, he is God's mighty power, <u>God's true wisdom</u>, and our Messiah.

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in <u>Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom</u> <u>from God</u> – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.



Since the bible says that Jesus Christ is the true wisdom of God, we started studying the life of Jesus. We learned that God planned every one of us before we were born (Psalm 139). We grow up under the authority of our parents. We learn and are prepared for the task God created us for. So that one day, we also can be released from the authority of our parents and step into our purpose.





John 16:33

³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."





The leadership team is always surprised by the young people's hunger for the Word of God. The group is growing steadily, although we do not entertain the young people with engaging activities but rather concentrate highly on the Word of God.



Youth Baptisms

On heritage day (24 September), HOPE Recovered celebrated the baptism of 8 young people of our Youth Discipleship. Our hearts were jumping for the joy of seeing our work bear fruit. We put a lot of effort into this youth program, and God was faithful. He keeps adding to the group. It is a joy to walk a road with these hungry young men and women, feeding them the truth and wisdom of God.

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:3-4



The baptism caused unrest among some pastors in the township. A pastor approached us about the baptism of our youth, and so we enthusiastically reported how proud we are of the baptised youth who took this groundbreaking decision. But contrary to our expectations, some pastors did not share our enthusiasm. The young people affected were very insecure. Some were kept at their churches and could not attend the discipleship program for several weeks.



Although the group has been decimated a bit, the work among the young people continues.







Unfortunately, some participants did not return in the new year (2022) as they faced different challenges. Some need to focus more on their academics; others moved away. But we also have new people joining us. One of the girls who attended the Library last year is now in high school and joined the Youth Discipleship program.

We put a lot of effort into the youth program last year with the curriculum development. We are overwhelmed when we look back on how beautifully the curriculum came together. Only the Holy Spirit could have brought it together like that. The first 7 sessions were titled "The Wisdom of God", where we covered the life of Jesus.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, ...

1 Corinthians 1:24

But for those who have been chosen to follow him, both Jews and Greeks, he is God's mighty power, God's true wisdom, and our Messiah.



The following 5 sessions are titled "The Mystery of God", which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Here we looked at topics like Identity in Christ, Communion with God, the Church, Spiritual Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit. If we want to grow spiritually, all we need to do is get to know Jesus, the Wisdom of God.

Spelling Bee Competition

HOPE Recovered invited two organisations with their children to participate in a spelling competition.

Spelling has to be practised, especially under the pressure of the audience and friends. So many failed in the first few rounds who performed excellently while practising.

32 participants fought for victory. The three best spellers all came from the same organisation.



Team Meetings

At our weekly team meetings, we plan the youth program and share the Word of God. The leaders also need to be equipped and put their gifts into practice.



We would like to sit around this campfire in our future HOPE Recovered Center with our team, move closer to God, and hear from HIM personally how HE would like to use HOPE Recovered in this community.

Christmas Party 2021

The Christmas Party for the children at the HOPE Recovered Library in Lethabong took place at Kutumela-Molefi Primary School.



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The children had a blast at the Carnival Christmas. They received Happy Meals, party packs, water and juice, bottomless popcorn, and the most delicious cake. But the party had even more in store. Arrows directed the children to the different activities and stations.





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To release all the excess sugar, there was a jumping castle. There was a face paint station for the more patient ones, and for the ones with good aiming skills, there was a tin toss station.

Besides the performance of the practised songs of the Library children, there was also a professional dance group from Mamelodi with exceptional performances.



Thanks to all our different donors, every Child received a big Christmas present with toiletries, stationery, books and LEGOs.

Youth Farewell



On 11 December, we sent our youth in the Christmas/summer holidays with a farewell party. We are very proud of all of them for their commitment. It is always a joy to see them and teach them about the Word of God and His truth. We pray they will make Jesus Christ the foundation of their lives and keep seeking Him wholeheartedly. May they find their purpose in Him and live their lives to the full, lacking nothing.

They enjoyed themselves in the pool, with games and having fun together.



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There is no party without food. After all the activities and teachings, our stomachs were hungry, and we enjoyed sharing a meal together.

Everyone received a Christmas present containing books, stationery and toiletries. We are grateful for all the donations we received for these gifts. Also our faithful volunteers received a gift to lighten up their Christmas.





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Book Covering Initiative



With the beginning of the new school year in January 2022, HOPE Recovered took the initiative and offered to help the community cover their schoolbooks. Thanks to many kind donors, we received more than enough covers and nametags for all the books. To our surprise, even some community members joined us and helped cover the books or brought extra book covers. It blessed our hearts to see parents contributing and joining hands with us.



Achievements in 2021/2022

Library

Since the launch of the Library in October 2020, we have had over 2500 visits. At the end of February 2022, we had 39 registered children, not including the 16 who left the program as they moved away, transitioned to youth or had other commitments. The average number of children at the library per day in 2021 was 17.6. In 2022 it increased to 21.6. Unfortunately, the space in the library does not allow such a large number of children. The registration at the Library had to be closed. Social distancing has long been ignored. On Valentine's Day 2022, the Library was tested to the max. The previous record of 29 children was beaten by far. It was good we planned some games outside as the Library is not laid out for 36 children plus volunteers. HOPE Recovered hopes to be able to expand the Library soon.

Youth Discipleship Established

The Youth Discipleship was launched in June 2021. During the first 3 months of the program, we had to close one month due to COVID, and the participants tripled from 4 to 12. Since then, the number of participants has varied between those two numbers, with an average attendance of 8 per meeting. At the end of this financial year, HOPE Recovered had a total of 27 Youth Discipleship meetings and a total of 23 registered youth.

Youth Farewell

As the children from the Library get their Christmas party in December, so does the youth get their Farewell. All the registered youth of the discipleship program were invited for the Farewell before we closed the program for the long summer holidays. At our very first Youth Farewell Party, we had 11 participants.

Spelling Bee Competition

HOPE Recovered's first Spelling Bee Competition took place at the MLC Church in Lethabong. This event does not only expand the vocabulary and spelling skills of the children. Since children are required to spell words while on stage, kids also develop self-confidence, communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to thrive under pressure. This year the children of 3 different organisations in Mamelodi were competing against each other.

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Further Impact

Girl Empowerment

Together with <u>Kids Laughter Matters</u>, HOPE Recovered could bless 50 young girls as they were showered with toiletries and sanitary towels. Not everyone is aware that young girls in the townships go as far as being involved in prostitution just to be able to afford sanitary towels. What started as providing for their basic needs might end up with an unwanted pregnancy followed by a desperate abortion.

We are glad to be empowered to bridge those gaps when needed.

The German Chamber in Lethabong

The German Chamber of commerce and industry organised a big surprise for all our beneficiaries of 2021. HOPE Recovered has been in contact with the <u>German Chamber</u> for a long time. Now at the right time, just before the 3rd wave lockdown, God came through for the people we serve. Thanks to <u>Mercedes Benz</u>, each family received blankets to keep them warm during the cold winter nights, sanitiser to protect them from the threat of the virus and food to keep their stomachs full even through the next lockdown period.







Mandela Day

Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that everyone has the power to transform the world and the ability to make an impact. Nelson Mandela fought for social justice for 67 years. On his birthday (18 July), people all around the world are encouraged to serve for 67 minutes to make an impact.



The organisation <u>"The Eye of Hope"</u> offered to serve the beneficiaries of <u>HOPE Recovered</u>. We could even invite the children of an aftercare in Lethabong as there were enough goodies to share. Each child received a bag with a toy and treats. Even the youth was spoiled with a bag, flashlight, umbrella



and much more ... "The Eye of Hope" came with a bunch of energetic young people from "Teens with a vision" who helped organise the children and shoot pictures. We love it when different organisations work together to make a difference. We are very grateful to "The Eye of Hope" for organising this event and blessing our children in Lethabong.

That was not all. HOPE Recovered received another massive donation of food that we could give to day-care centres in Lethabong. We thank our Lord Jesus for his abundant provision for his children.



Viewing of the Property

With some supporters, partners and friends, HOPE Recovered went to view the property they identified for a children and youth centre. Everyone agreed that the property would be ideal for the ministry. It can accommodate the current programs and has a vast potential for growth and additional programs. Furthermore, it can generate income to sustain and maintain the centre. About R9mil (600 000 USD) need to be raised to purchase the property. Pray and look out for the necessary investors.



At the end of the property viewing, we prayed together, and God gave us the following scripture:

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Worship Night

Before the worship night in May, God had repeatedly put the word worship on our hearts. So we organised a night of prayer and worship to bring HOPE Recovered before the throne of God and to



praise and worship our Lord. Our God is alive and still speaks to us today when we give ourselves entirely to him and take time for him.

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Together with the church of our board member and volunteer Brian, we held another prayer and worship night in September. We prayed for the church and its members, HOPE Recovered, its vision of a children and youth centre, its programs and beneficiaries. Again we received scriptures concerning the property.

I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

Isaiah 45:2-3

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

We are confident that God will keep his promises and praise him for his gift.

Camp for Leaders

At the beginning of the month, Gontse and one of our volunteers participated in a camp for leaders. They learned to be guided by the Holy Spirit, to seek his presence and to work together as a team, each contributing their individual gifts. They experienced the Holy Spirit in a very practical way through various activities.

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Important meetings

Type of meeting	Indicate by ticking		No of meetings	Comments
	Yes	No		
Annual general meeting (AGM)	х		1	07.08.2021
Special general meeting		х		
Board meeting	х		4	12.06.2021, 18.09.2021, 27.11.2021, 19.02.2022
Others (specify)		х		

Type of meeting	date	Presence of board members
Board meeting	12.06.2021	83%
AGM	07.08.2021	83%
Board meeting	18.09.2021	100%
Board meeting	27.11.2021	75%
Board meeting	19.02.2022	75%

Appreciation of Board Members

Unfortunately, two board members will leave us this year. We would like to thank them for their generous and valuable support during the first 3 years of the organisation. We wish the treasurer Stacey Kretzschmar and the secretary Rose Chirwa all the best for their future.

Join Hands

We trust our Lord Jesus Christ that HE will provide for the vision He gave us. Maybe he wants you to be His hands and feet and get involved.

Prospective Property

HOPE Recovered's dream of a children and youth centre is burning in our hearts more than ever. A possible property for a children and youth centre is within walking distance from the primary school we are working with and between the informal settlement and the main road. It offers lots of accommodation for volunteers (from all over the world) as well as a big hall and kitchen for all our events and future aftercare needs. There is ample space to develop skills development and gardening projects. It is equipped with groundwater and a generator for cases of power cuts. Security is provided with either wall or fence, topped with electric fencing and security beams. The property is listed for R9 million (about USD 600 000).



Partners

A special thanks to all the individuals, organisations and companies that support the work of HOPE Recovered and make all these programs and events possible:

- Break-Free
- GAP Connect
- 100% Foundation
- Kindness like confetti
- Assemblies of God Eersterust
- Jumping4Kids
- Valkyr Management in Meyerspark
- Le'Porsh Sweet Creations
- Kutumela-Molefi Primary School
- Lebo M Events
- Angels of Dance
- 3Ci church
- The Eye of Hope
- Siyakha Youth Foundation
- The German Chamber of commerce and industry
- the Missions Discipleship Training (MDT) from Operation Mobilization (OM),
- EE South Africa
- Ihr sollt Leben e.V
- Curro Hazeldean.
- Teens with a vision
- Kids laughter matters
- Mercedes Benz
- all other individual donors and supporters
- and all the volunteers who facilitated, organised and managed these events and programs.

We are most grateful to our Father in Heaven for bringing all these individuals, organisations and companies together to bless the less fortunate.

Become a partner of *HOPE Recovered*, get involved or help us get the necessary funds to establish this centre and bring back HOPE to the young generation in Mamelodi. Don't hesitate to contact us.

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Get Involved

We need YOU!

Would you like to build the Kingdom of God with us and lead HOPE Recovered into the future? The organisation is looking for:

- active members for their board with a love for God and a zeal to become like Jesus.
 We urgently need a treasurer and a secretary.
- Ambassadors for HOPE Recovered
- Hands-on volunteers to help teach children at the Library, impart the Word of God to the youth or tutor the youth in math or English.

Please <u>contact</u> HOPE Recovered if you are interested in building the Kingdom of God with us - for His glory, for His honour and His praise.

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

Ephesians 6:14-15

You Can Make a Difference!

HOPE Recovered is an investment opportunity for YOU to set up the underprivileged, new generation for VICTORY! Become a part of it. Get involved! We need your skills, talents and expertise because we can achieve more and do it better together!

There are very simple ways how you can help:

- 1. **Pray** for the necessary finances for the children and youth centre.
- 2. **Like, share and subscribe** to HOPE Recovered's posts on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u> and don't forget to leave a comment or your opinion about HOPE Recovered.
- 3. Your positive **feedback** on social media and the website is compelling and worth as much as many financial contributions.
- Encourage others to subscribe to this newsletter by sending them the link: <u>www.hoperecovered.org.za/contact</u> or use the icons below to share it with your friends.
- 5. **Share** the <u>fundraising projects</u> of HOPE Recovered and encourage others to donate and share them too.





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Together we can make a difference, reach much more people and accomplish our mission.

Thank you for being part of the HOPE Recovered family.

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Chilli for HOPE Recovered

What a great initiative! One of our volunteers sells chilli sauce. With every jar of "Kingdom Chili Salsa" sold, R5 go to HOPE Recovered.

INGREDIENTS

Chilli, Onion, Green Pepper, Tomato. Habanero, Salt, White Vinegar, Sunflower Seed Oil, Olive Oil



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