

Local outreaches

There is nothing more precious in life than to see a life transformed by the power and love of Jesus Christ.

All of us have our own daily outreaches to our workplace, home and even the shopping centre. A local outreach gives you the opportunity to impact your community, change someone's life and show people love in action. As we step out of our comfort zones and into the shoes of somebody else for a day, we become the salt and light that this world so desperately needs us to be.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16 (TNIV)

At the end of the day it's all for the Lord and for the glory of His Name.

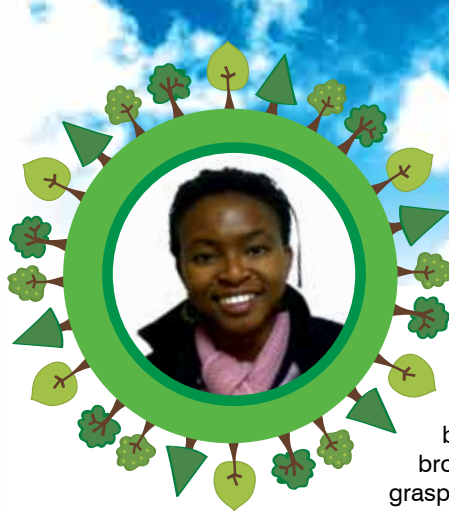
Come and join us on the following dates and become part of something bigger!

- 28 May
- 17-19 June
- 16 July
- 7 August
- 17 September (ladies outreach)



If you are an existing or new patron of the Moreleta Superspar this is your opportunity to give to community ministries, without spending an extra cent ...

Just write your name and **Hatfield Christian Church** on the back of your till slip and drop it into the allocated box. A percentage of what you spend will be given back to the church in the form of products. These will then be donated to specific community ministries.



Planting a School in the DRC an update

– Bekiwe Hlongwane

The instruction was a simple one: go to the DRC and help a church start a school. Speaking those words is easy, but the execution was a bit more difficult. I was privileged to be accompanied by Kylie Monaghan for a month. Because of the broadness of the task, Kylie and I spent the first days grasping at straws a bit. We did what we know best – teaching. We observed lessons and met with teachers in an

effort to change and influence their style of teaching. We quickly saw that this was not working.

It was then that we started meeting with the school leadership and passing onto them the ideas we thought would benefit the school. (I'm sure that if I'd picked up a leadership book in my life, I would have known that to influence people, you must first influence their leaders.) This was far more effective. We found that in these meetings we could impart, not only leadership and administrative, but also didactical ideas. Our advice and experience was well received, and we were able to bring real change to the Congolese way of teaching. With the principal in our corner as it were, we could have a positive impact on the school and with the pastor's exposure to South Africa and other countries, it was easy for him to understand the ideas we shared.

The name of the school is Complexe Scolaire Les Amis de David. This translated mean Friends of David. It is the pastor and his wife's dream to grow the school into a big primary school, and include a high school in the future. I enjoyed seeing the passion they have for seeing their country changed through raising up leaders who think differently to the mindset that currently exists in the DRC.

The success of the school is now in the hands of Willy and Gabriel Tshipamba, with some support from Hatfield Church, and of course, with heaps of grace from God.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in this venture. I am grateful for the messages, emails and Facebook posts. You were a blessing to me while I was being a blessing to others.

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LaunchPad

Elections are coming up and we encourage you to be a part of the process that determines our government leaders. But did you know that there is more than one way to vote?

Every couple of years you vote at the ballot box but when you volunteer, you can **vote every day** about the kind of community you want to live in. Don't just wait for the government or someone else to change the world you live in; **you** can make a difference in the world today!

It has been said that, 'A volunteer is a person who is a light to others, giving witness in a mixed-up age, doing well and willingly the tasks at hand – namely, being aware of another's needs and doing something about it.' LaunchPad is here to make you aware of those needs, and connect you to a ministry through which you can be a part of doing something about them. We will consider your schedule, skills and interests as we work with you to identify ways in which you can practically live out your love for God and others.

'... life is not just about me anymore, but about helping someone, listening and caring. We don't have to be perfect for God to use us. God is looking for willing hearts. He will do the rest! So go, live beyond yourself.'
– Lindie, a volunteer at SA Cares for Life

'I am grateful for the gifts the Lord had blessed me with, and using these for the extension of His Kingdom is such a blessing to me ... thank you for the opportunity to sow and I look forward to the rich harvest that will bring glory and honour to Jesus.' – Gloria, volunteer data capturer

'I am moved by the work done by the church in correctional centres and I am humbled by the experience!' – Sana, volunteer for a prison outreach



A new day for the Arab World

I am writing this in a coffee shop in Cairo and reflecting on the things I have experienced during the last week in the biggest Arab country in the world.

The first thing that struck me was the hundreds of Egyptians arriving with me at the airport as they flee the violence in Libya. Driving through downtown Cairo, the burnt down headquarters of the ruling party was a stark reminder of the end of an era. At every major intersection there are soldiers and military tanks keeping the peace.

I live in another Arabic country that has also seen unprecedented demonstrations and compromises by the president that would have been unheard of a few months ago. In the few weeks following the successful overthrow of Tunisia's repressive and corrupt government, fourteen more Arab countries across North Africa and the Middle East have seen protesters take to the streets. One TV commentator said, 'It's like a giant hand is moving in the area!'

Despite the unrest and destruction I felt the **hope of a new day**. Young and old, Egyptians of all ages show the victory sign and Egyptian flags are everywhere. I was praying with a group of Christian leaders and God reminded us of Hebrews 12:26-29 (NIV):

'At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more"



indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

In recent years millions of God's people have poured countless hours of prayer into the Arab World. We believe that God is shaking the region in response to our prayers. Many of the countries that are experiencing upheaval have severely restricted the gospel and Christians have been strongly persecuted.

Yesterday a group of young people gathered in Tahriir Square – the epicentre of the Egyptian revolution and joined together in praise and worship. Many of the protesters joined in! Another group went out two by two to share the gospel and pray with people. **This is a new day in Egypt!**

A group of zealous young people are planning on taking a huge truck full of food and Bibles into Libya in the next few days. It is really dangerous – but there are no border guards due to the fighting. What an opportunity to take the work of God into a closed country! **This is a new day in Libya!**

Will these changes continue to come violently? Will they bring real freedom, dignity and justice to the people of the Arab World? Will the gospel continue to be repressed or become freely available for all people? These are the questions that hang in the balance, and this is why we need to continue in prayer.



For more information about how to pray for, or get involved in, the Middle East contact Hany (hnes@mailbolt.org).

Ministry Profile: The Viva Foundation

Vision
Be instrumental in the transformation of informal settlements and high priority poverty areas into stable and economically viable communities that provide young and old with opportunities for education, employment, business and recreation.

Mission
Alleviate poverty and promote Christian family values in vulnerable, high priority poverty areas, such as informal settlements, slums, rural areas and inner-cities.

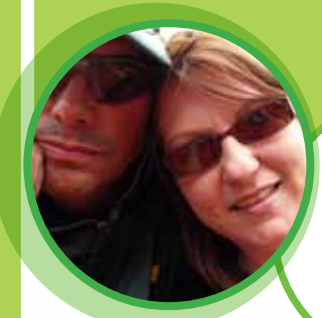
- The goals of the organisation include:**
- Strengthen the capacity of families to provide for orphans and children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS through a home-based care programme and housing for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in crisis.
 - Provide early childhood development and after school care through the Viva Kids Day Care, Pre-School and After School Care programmes.
 - Provide skills and business development training as well as income generation opportunities.
 - Provide sport and recreation, for example the Viva Kickers Football Initiative.
 - Provide upliftment through the arts, for example the Viva Township Art Programme.
 - Develop victim support programmes and activism against abuse.

The Viva Village Mamelodi East, services the Lusaka and Alaska informal settlements with OVC families spread over most of the sections between the Nelson Mandela Squatter Camp, Stanza Bopape, the RDP settlements to the edge of Mamelodi (far) East. Viva was launched in the Western Cape in Oct 2010.

150 child- and granny-headed households, representing 1300 individuals, form the bulk of the OVC home-based care programme. A number of families are displaying crisis criteria, such as having one parent alive but dying of AIDS with the burden of care on under-aged children.

The Viva Kids in Alaska Informal Settlement services 110 children in Day Care and Pre-School. The programmes presented at the Village reach approximately 2000 families.

Viva is headed by Leon and Melaney Kriel, ordained ministers with 28 years of experience in charity, relief and missionary work. They have served in southern and central Africa as well as in Europe (particularly in Germany) and the USA. Leon is qualified in IT, construction and project management and Melaney in administration and financial management. Melaney is responsible for the executive management of the Viva support services and Leon, the Chief Executive Officer, takes responsibility for the operational management of the primary activities.



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