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# "Jabulani sponsorship"

SHARE THE JOY (jabula) OF CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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Getting to know a child in South Africa where more than 5 million people are dying of AIDS is a challenging and life changing experience. By sponsoring a child you are playing a real part in the growth and development of an HIV/AIDS orphan and giving them a home and a future.

Rehoboth is a village caring for children living with HIV who have been abandoned/orphaned. It is situated in the rural area of Murchison KwaZulu – Natal, the heartland of the AIDS pandemic, which is sweeping across South Africa. At Rehoboth a full time housemother provides all the love and security a child needs in small family group homes. Rehoboth provides a child with a healthy diet, access to quality health care (with antiretroviral drugs should they become necessary), and basic education.

Your sponsorship is helping to bring real changes to a child's life. Mbongeni is one such child at Rehoboth. He is a 6-year-old orphan who was abandoned in hospital and rescued from a life of hopelessness. He is now a lively happy child on antiretroviral (ARV) drugs going to a local school. Mbongeni's life has been substantially improved by providing a safe refuge in a loving family with all the benefits that you and I take for granted.

Rehoboth is the home to a growing number of children with HIV who would otherwise languish in hospitals or live in the community with extended families who are unable to provide the specialist care they need and where they are exposed to the risk of stigmatisation and abuse. Your decision to sponsor a child means that Mbongeni and our other children benefit from a full and healthy life protected from this insidious disease, which is threatening the lives of more than 1 million orphans in South Africa.

Your monthly donation will be invested in projects including education, health care, and will provide ARV's if necessary. It will improve your sponsor child's well being and empower him/her for years to come. In return you will receive regular reports about the progress of your sponsor child.

Many people have said that child sponsorship is the most rewarding thing they have ever done. We hope that your experience will be similar.

*Giving orphans with HIV/AIDS a bright hope for tomorrow.*

*Siyabonga - thank you!*

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For further information you can contact us at: [info@rehoboth.org.za](mailto:info@rehoboth.org.za) or visit our website: [www.rehoboth.org.za](http://www.rehoboth.org.za)

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### Rehoboth Sponsorship FAQ's

**1) How was my Rehoboth child assigned to me?**

Breslau Evangelical Missionary Church has entered into a partnership with Rehoboth Children's Village in support of its Jabulani sponsorship program. Rehoboth assigns the church a specific number of children for sponsorship which are in turn randomly assigned to sponsors. Because the cost of sponsorship is considerably more than the \$20/month share collected a child may have more than one sponsor.

**2) How and when do I pay for my child sponsorship?**

Sponsorship money should be submitted directly to the BEMC church office. Cheques can be post-dated for the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, bimonthly or paid in one lump sum for the year. You will be given an opportunity to renew your sponsorship for the upcoming year at the end of March. Cheques should be made payable to Breslau Evangelical Missionary Church.

**3) Does my child sponsorship qualify for a charitable income tax receipt?**

BEMC's work with the Rehoboth Children's Village is an extension of its ministry and therefore money donated to this ministry through BEMC will be given an income tax receipt annually by the Breslau Evangelical Missionary Church. These receipts are generally available in February each year.

**4) What kind of information should I expect about my sponsored child?**

Limited background, medical and personal information are provided for each child at the outset of sponsorship. Rehoboth is committed to keeping sponsors aware of the needs and progress of the sponsored children through the year and as such will attempt to provide update cards for each child at least three times per year. They will also try to inform the sponsors of any urgent needs for prayer should they arise. Rehoboth prefers to correspond through e-mail to save postage costs in between their standard updates.

**5) Am I able to communicate with my sponsored child?**

Sponsors are encouraged to write to their sponsored child as they are able, understanding that it may be difficult/impossible for the child to write back. It is also appropriate to introduce yourself and your family through pictures and cards. To be fair to all the children gifts are not encouraged.

**6) How can I pray effectively for the Rehoboth child assigned to me?**

Pray for continued improvement in their health and a strong response to medical treatment. Pray for emotional strength and healing as many have suffered tremendous loss. Pray for their schooling and socialization as they work towards a vibrant future. Pray for their housemothers who provide support and guidance. Pray that they would come to know Jesus and to trust Him with their lives.

**7) Where can I find more information about Rehoboth?**

Information on Rehoboth is available on their website: <http://www.rehoboth.org.za/>

**8) Where can I find more information about children with HIV/AIDS and AIDS orphans?**

The following websites provide more information about the effects and treatment of HIV/AIDS with children as well some up to date information about the scope of the problem worldwide ([http://kidshealth.org/kid/health\\_problems/infection/hiv.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/infection/hiv.html) & [http://www.unicef.org/aids/index\\_bigpicture.html](http://www.unicef.org/aids/index_bigpicture.html) )

**9) What happens if I'm unable to continue my child sponsorship?**

BEMC is committed to supporting these children. If you must end your sponsorship please inform the church office so another sponsor can be found as quickly as possible. The church will cover the interim costs of child sponsorship.