

Introduction

First of all, thank you for taking the time to consider becoming a Rehoboth sponsor. Rehoboth Children's Village is located in the heart of the world's HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa, where over 7 million people are affected, including children. All children at this village are affected by HIV/AIDS somehow. Some children have it themselves and some have lost their parents to it. Rehoboth provides a safe place for children to grow but, much more than that, it provides all that is needed for children to flourish (Genesis 26:22). Truly, at Rehoboth children are given the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong with a future to look forward to.

About Rehoboth

Rehoboth believes in a holistic approach to caring for the children. ALL needs must be met. Children are put into a house with 3 or 4 "brother's or sister's" and a house mom who lives with them and cares for them. They learn to be a part of a family. There is a school on site for education, a nurse on site cares for medical needs, a sports field and basketball court allow for physical activity, and a chapel provides a place for church services.

Breslau and Rehoboth in the Past

Breslau EMC made the decision to partner with Rehoboth back in 2008 and many people in the church and community have been sponsoring individual children since then. Historically, a person would decide to sponsor a child at Rehoboth, they would fill out a Commitment Card and submit it to the office. This card would tell the church how much money they are willing to donate to Rehoboth and how the payments will be made. Commitments were done by "shares" and one share was \$300. The sponsor would then be paired up with a child at Rehoboth and, over the year, would send and receive letters and information from their sponsored child.

Breslau and Rehoboth Moving Forward

We, at Breslau EMC, are excited about moving forward with what God is doing at Rehoboth. But things have changed a little. If you were to go there, you would not really notice any difference in day-to-day operations. But recently, the South African Government made some changes to the rules for places like Rehoboth. The government is trying to help reunite children with their families faster. Now, any new children that come to Rehoboth must be reunited with their families after 1 to 2 years, if possible. For many children it is not possible for a variety of reasons (health, no family, etc.). But because of these changes, Rehoboth is now encouraging people to sponsor a house instead of a single child. Sponsors are still able to send and receive letters from children in the house but they primarily receive house updates on a regular basis. This still allows sponsors to develop relationships with children and house mothers while providing something more stable to sponsor.

We realize everyone is at different places with their finances. We think everyone should have a chance to invest in the children at Rehoboth. We would ask you to prayerfully consider what to give to Rehoboth. Wherever you are at in your journey with God, He will honour your step of faith regardless of whether it is small or big. And Rehoboth will be very thankful.

Gift Money

Another way sponsors sometimes support the children at Rehoboth is by donating gift money for Christmas. Gift money is a special type of donation that Breslau wires directly to Rehoboth through the bank. Therefore, it cannot be considered a Canadian charitable donation and cannot be issued an income tax receipt. If a sponsor wishes to give Christmas gift money, it must be sent to the church by the end of September using a separate cheque or e-transfer that is clearly marked with who it is from and who it is for.

Ways of Paying

Breslau EMC has several ways that you can donate money to Rehoboth. The newest and most convenient way is through e-transfer. Login to your bank website and set up the email breslauemc.treasurer@gmail.com for e-transfers. This email does not require any password so you do not need to worry about that. When you make an e-transfer, please specify what it's for in the notes section. The other ways of donating are by cheque or cash. In both cases, please include details about what the donation is for. For example, some people like to give one monthly cheque for both their regular church tithe and their Rehoboth donation. This is fine as long as, on the cheque or envelope, they include how much is for each.

Becoming or Continuing as a Sponsor

Thank you for your consideration to support Rehoboth Children's Village. To be a sponsor, or to continue with your current sponsorship, click on the link below to be directed to our website. There you will find the Commitment Form for 2021. Please complete this so we know your intentions for this coming year.

www.bemc.ca/rehoboth/