



CrossWords - Quarterly Newsletter

Bringing hope to the hopeless by connecting those who have with those who don't, for His name sake.

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Our Mission

Bridge To Cross is a non-denominational Christian organization founded to bring hope to the hopeless by connecting those who have with those who don't, for His name's sake. We will do this by transforming the lives of the children living in the townships of South Africa through clubs and programs, providing unique and unprecedented opportunities to learn, play and be guided in the process of becoming well-rounded citizens of the world by reaching their full potential.

Our Programs

Bridge To Cross will transform the lives of the children living in the townships by providing clubs and programs that promote, support and strengthen the quality of life for children, families and communities. We have ten core programs that provide these opportunities:

1. Boys and Girls Clubs of South Africa
2. Reading and Literacy Programs
3. Children's Soccer Program
4. Computer & English Language Program
5. Spiritual/ Counseling Programs
6. Infant Simulator Program
7. Health Clinic
8. Micro Financing
9. Micro Franchising
10. Feed the Children Program

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What a year

What a year! 2007 saw the birth of Bridge To Cross and the first steps toward making the dream of bringing Boys And Girls Clubs to South Africa a reality. 2008 promises to be even more exciting and to build on the foundation laid in 2007. As the year draws to a close we wanted to take this opportunity to inform all of you about the activities of the last year and provide a glimpse into the plans for the new year.

1st Quarter 2007

Took the vision of bringing Boys and Girls Clubs to South Africa from conception to reality.
Shared the vision with the leadership of Charity and Faith Mission of Mamelodi, South Africa.

2nd Quarter 2007

Firmed up the partnership with Charity and Faith Mission to see if we can bring the first Club to the township of Mamelodi.

Shared the vision with the "dream team" and built out the details of the programs.

Met with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to share the vision.

3rd Quarter 2007

Worked on incorporation activities to register Bridge To Cross as a Non-Profit Organization.

4th Quarter 2007

Incorporated Bridge To Cross as a Non-Profit Organization.

Announced our initial board of directors.

Designed and published our first brochure.

Emailed our first quarterly newsletter.

Launched our website.

Initiated club design competition.

Hired our first full time team member (Starting date—January 2008).

Plans for 1st Quarter 2008

Expand our network of partners and partner organizations.

Exposure of Bridge To Cross programs to our network's network.

Raising funds and resources for first Boys and Girls Club in South-Africa and operating cost of expanding team.

Expand printed and online marketing and multimedia materials. (More information will be available on our website).

Building out our website.

Create video about the lives of the children who will be directly impacted by the first Boys and Girls Club in South Africa.



How You Can Help

We have been incredibly fortunate and blessed in 2007. We live in a wonderful country full of opportunity and hope. As we prepare for the new year, we at Bridge To Cross would be honored and grateful if you would consider partnering with us by contributing your time, knowledge and resources. Your contributions will make an eternal difference in the life of the orphans and vulnerable children of South Africa's townships. Your contributions will be used to fund the completion of the first Boys and Girls Club in Mamelodi, South Africa. You can give via mail or by contacting us at the numbers listed. We plan to have our website enabled for secure online giving soon. We will also have some non-monetary giving opportunities on the website soon. Please spread the word and let's together bring hope to the hopeless children of the townships of South Africa.

God bless and may 2008 be purposeful.