



Net Vir Pret - "Just For Fun Youth Project"

Berrydale, South Africa

"GO MAD" - Go Make A Difference

Project Type: Children's Home

Monthly Financial Need: \$1000

"GO MAD" is a ministry which partners Barnabas Charities, Inc. with ATAIM ministry of South Africa. The goal is to find and document projects which are in a survival mode and look for a group who can sponsor/adopt that project which would elevate them to a thriving mode. We believe for a project to be healthy, they need:

1. Clean Water
2. Clothes
3. Food
4. Education
5. Hope (Jesus)

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History & Background

Net Vir Pret which means "Just For Fun" was established in 2003 as an after school program. The #1 goal is to raise the level of self esteem for the kids. They have approximately 150 children who come to their main campus after school. This project also does work in 6 Farm Schools located in the surrounding area. The town of Berrydale is located in the Karoo in South Africa. Two of the biggest problems in this town are alcoholism and abuse to the children. This program is unique in that the goal is to give the children fun, make them laugh, and show them love through God and their actions. You can see below that one of the activities that they do is music and dance. They have many musical instruments (mostly drums) and I would say that this is not only a release for them, but they truly look forward to anytime where they can put on a show. With 15 volunteers



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and 3 who have a minimum salary, they are making a difference in this town. They currently use a school as their headquarters but have their eye on a building where they can have activities, after school classes, and possibly house children from time to time. You could call this a safe house where the children can go when their homes are not safe. During the day, this program goes to one of the schools and works at that school. Each day, they rotate to a different school. After school, they are back in the headquarters which is in the center of the city. They operated a toy library on site. This is where children can check out a toy for one week and if they bring it back in the same or better condition one week later, they can check out another. These toys are old and need replacing. It was interesting to note that they have a toy library but do not have any books or do not have a book library. It is a very poor area but this program is truly amazing in that they stress being happy and having fun. You will not see many frowns here but will see a lot of smiles. They do daily devotions and one nice element is that they do community projects. One that was happening during our visit was collecting trash in the city. They must have collected well over 100 full trash bags. An amazing project with amazing workers and kids!!!

Current Needs

They have many needs which are detailed below:

Youth Center—One time gift of \$10,000

Vehicle for transportation to farms—One time gift of \$3,000

Work teams to paint, build playgrounds, and provide maintenance on building

Teams to work with children

They have gaps in clothing, need a ton of toys and books

Bibles are needed in native Africa language.



Doni Aropa the lady who runs the project.

***A group to sponsor this project at a minimum of \$500/month to \$1000/month