

During the FIRST CRISIS - "From A Shack to a Tent for Tent"

When the Xenophobic crisis emerged, the shock was not only traumatic and quite scary but our first thoughts were about the number of little ones involved, imagine their fear, when seeing their daddy dying tragically, in front of them, in their shack called "Home". As a team we immediately offered our assistance to the local Police Station where we began to feed soup and bread to the children and then to Mothers and Fathers. The first child I held was only 8 hours old, clothed only in a vest and nappy, the balance of her clothing was burnt. That first night we separated mothers and children from the men and housed them in a church hall where they were given baby formula, nappies and a blanket.

The expression on those little faces can never be described. Thereafter, with the help of Corporate, Private Sector, Schools and Churches we continued to clothe and feed up to 7000 people for 16 days. That is not the end. These folk, especially mothers and children, are cold, hungry and in need of medication. During this time we were interviewed by National and International Press, Media and Television and appeared on many channels where our plea for assistance for the children was quite desperate. Chubby Chums was appointed as the distribution Centre for a number of the camps for the displaced families on the East Rand.

Due to the crisis, we were in a total frenzy about these displaced Mothers and Children and arranged for 5 Mothers and Babies to be placed at our Shelter in Bertram's and a further 100 mothers and babies to our shelter in Yeoville for which we are awaiting the official registration papers presently. How can you help? In any way, being it clothing, food blankets, and nappies... the list is endless. Whether your contribution be it monetary or in product remember:

"A Child is just a Child" – each and every one needs your care and assistance right now. We are still assisting the Xenophobias, by referrals, as well as placing them into shelters. The crisis in Johannesburg city regarding the Xenophobias has resulted in us liaising with Government departments to obtain a building of which they can be sheltered. This is an on-going process that will be a long-term assistance.

Recent Crisis Time in April 2015 **"From A Shack to a Tent for Tent"**

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The Department of Social Development was all call in to assist in the camp everybody came to the assist from all over. The expression on those little faces can never be described. Thereafter, with the help of Corporate, Private Sector, Schools and Churches we continued to work with the communities that were involved. During this time we were interviewed by National and International Press, Media and Television and appeared on many channels where our plea for assistance for the children was quite desperate.

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OUR CHILDREN ARE VALUABLE NATIONAL ASSESTS.

Let us protect our Children, because they are the ones who are going to be scientists of tomorrow. Thousands of children are caught up in the ruthless mercy of been vulnerable.

One in three girls and one in five boys will have been abused by the age 18 many children do not report abuse because they are sworn to secrecy, or they are threatened, bribed or blamed and they live in a state of fear, shame and anxiety.