

Special Offering: Orphanage at Charity and Faith Mission

Northshore Christian Church partners with Charity and Faith Mission in Mamelodi, South Africa. Charity and Faith has many outreach programs into the community. One of these is the orphanage that houses children who have lost their parents and whose relatives are unable to provide care for them. Northshore Christian Church is the sole partner for the orphanage and has funded the building and maintenance of the orphanage. This ministry has been in the heart of Northshore since it opened.



The orphanage is a permanent placement home designed to house 18 children, 2 mothers, and a part-time helper. Northshore helped fund the building, and it opened in July 2007. The orphanage has continued to grow since then and currently has a waiting list. It has become a favorite of local social workers because of the Christian background that children receive when they come into the home.

On the weekend of March 6-7, Northshore Christian Church will be holding a special offering for the orphanage. There are many needs that we can continue to help with, from basic operational costs to special projects. The specific needs we are praying about funding are listed below:

Project	Cost in US dollars
School costs (including uniforms, fees, tuition, supplies) for a year	7,200
Salary for 2 full-time mothers and part-time helper for a year	21,400
Basic needs (groceries, medical costs, outings, water, and electricity) for a year	23,000
16-seat minivan for special outings and running errands	18,500
TOTAL	70,100



A special offering does not just support the workings of an organization or put money into an office to be distributed. It supports individual children. Ditshelo* (left) and Nthathi* (right) were removed from a bad home life by social workers. Tongai* (center) was abandoned. Before coming to the orphanage, basic needs like education, food, and medical care were neglected. Through the orphanage, these basic needs can be met, and we can help provide them. Covering these costs allows the orphanage to function as a home and allows them to continue to operate for the greatest purpose of all: the spiritual nourishment of the children.

Please pray about how you can be involved in the special offering. What is God laying on your heart to give?

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" - Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)

*Names have been changed.