

Dear Friends of Morning Star Children's Centre,

Re: Urgent Assistance

By God's grace and mercy, Morning Star Children's Centre has been serving families in Welkom (Free State, South Africa), that have been infected and affected by HIV & AIDS for the past eighteen (18) years. Through this ministry outreach, many lives have been impacted positively, many lives have been saved, and all have been exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to see this work continue, but not just exist; we desire to see the work thrive, flourish, *and* be sustainable.

Over the past eighteen (18) months, the Board of Governors have been actively engaged in developing a new strategy to address current and anticipated challenges – one being that, due to the positive impact of the work by Morning Star, many of our children have survived into teenage and adult age, and thus will need assistance with the unique hurdles that these teens/adults will face. The biggest anticipated challenge, and one that is too often present in this nature of work, is a more sustainable approach to raising and securing funds to keep the work going. This approach involves securing the services of a professional fundraiser. Thankfully, we have been referred to several reputable Christian fundraising organisations that we hope will be able to assist us in achieving this objective. However, the potential impact of that venture will not be immediate.

Due to the cross-over from CAF to Stewardship/Lloyds Bank (organisations that handle our contributions in the United Kingdom), we have experienced a significant shortfall in our funds. As we write this letter we are facing great and increasing financial constraint that will result in having to reduce and/or cease some of the services we currently provide (including retrenchment of staff). We have reconciled ourselves with this possibility as hard as it will be to appropriate. At present, we require circa 20,000 Pounds-a-month to maintain all essential services at Morning Star. The problem is we are a good 5,000 pounds short of that amount monthly. **Thus, we kindly seek your urgent assistance in making-up this shortfall in our finances till December 2018.** This will create a temporary buffer for us as we seek other sources of funding.

If you require further clarification concerning the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance in anticipation.

Yours in Christ,

Joshua Bolaji
BOARD CHAIRMAN