



Center of Hope Center of Hope

AGM 2006 ▪ 26 November 2006

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1. Chairperson's Report

I take great pleasure in presenting a report on the activities for 2006.

It is both encouraging and exciting to acknowledge the continued growth and development which has taken place within the activities throughout the past year.

The gradual, yet stable growth of related activities is impacting our community on an increasing scale and will have to continue in this vein in order to keep track with the escalating demands.

The progress is largely due to the passion and persistence of volunteer leaders and workers supported by a committed management team, who believe in a noble cause, namely, the holistic (spiritual, social, emotional, and physical) upliftment of our communities.

I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable support and participation of other role-players with whom our various ministries network.

This year witnessed the recent introduction of an additional ministry; the Counselling Desk, which is intended to be a core component for the proposed Counseling Centre planned for construction adjacent to the Logos Assembly of God Belhar's facility from where the following existing services operate:

- Harmony Seniors Club
- Care-Link Aids action Group (Formerly: Hope and Care)
- Prison Ministry
- Counseling Desk

I am also pleased to announce that the Centre of Hope obtained tax exemption status this year following last year's registration as a non-profit organization.

I do believe that the dedicated army of workers representing the different ministries will rise to the future challenges facing us and earnestly endeavor to serve the needs of our community to the best of their ability with the able support of our management team and cooperation of others with whom we network.

2007 Forecast:

- Submission of the amended building plans to Council.
- Preparation and submission of business proposal.

ALBERT WIGGINS
Chairperson

2. Harmony Senior Citizen's Club Report

We want to give God all the glory for adding another year to the lives of our precious seniors. We also want to express our appreciation for the 5 years brother James Cornelissen could be part of the club. He left during October 2006 due to ill health.

Another vote of thanks must go to Sister Katura Bell who ran the club very successfully for six consecutive years. The committee and members are indeed grateful for her dedication and faithfulness. Lots of activities formed part of the 2006 programme which included arts and culture, flower arrangements, health seminar, hairdressing and outings.

The fundraisers which were held consisted of a gospel evening, a karaoke and a high tea.

A grave concern which still exists is the serious need for transportation. Letters to various support organizations were sent out for assistance.

The club also received financial contributions from Oostenberg Municipality and other two private entities. These funds made an enormous impact on the budget of the club. We, the Committee want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the Harmony Senior Citizens club.

Yours in the Master's service.

GERALDINE DANIELS

Ministry Leader

3. Care-Link AIDS Action Group Report

First of all I want to thank God for carrying us through the past year. It was challenging but God was faithful towards us. Many thanks to Eric Arendse and Marius Jacobs who assisted us with transportation. I would also like to thank the Care-Link team and community members for their hard work during the year.

During the month of March the "Life Skills for Learners" program was started at the Matroosbergweg Primary School. Presentations are done every Friday for two sessions. Many thanks to Roseline Botman, Sarah Scholtz, Winifred Le Fleur and Daryl Spanneberg for their hard work in teaching the learners. During the June winter school holiday we had a successful programme over a period of three weeks for the children of the Belhar Community. Positive feedback was received from teachers regarding the change in the behaviour of the learners who attended the program. We had difficulty getting the HIV/AIDS clients to freely join the support group for various reasons.

We started a community support group at which life skills and HIV/AIDS awareness programmes are presented. We held two successful workshops at

the church for FBO leaders, group members and the community. The workshops were presented by AIDS Response. Forty-five disadvantaged families were fed every Wednesday in our community with vegetables, fruit, rolls and bread received from Grace Feeding Scheme. We receive goods from Woolworths for which we thank Carol Henson. We fed 250 learners at Matroosbergweg Primary School every Wednesday morning. The ministry was previously sponsored by Logos Assembly of God and by the donations from volunteers. During 2006 we received a financial donation from the Department of Community Safety for HIV/AIDS outreach.

Our first report-back meeting was held with our donors during the month of July this year. We have been allocated an office within the facility of Logos Assembly of God and are responsible for our own rental and telephone expenses. We started to purchase and hand out food parcels for the HIV/AIDS clients and orphans. Equipment was purchased to assist with the HIV/AIDS awareness programmes. Due to practical problems we could not maintain the Peace Garden and the ground was returned to the clinic. We are currently experiencing a challenge in retaining volunteers as some moved into other areas of ministry, whilst others took up permanent employment.

We are networking with the clinic in St. Vincent Drive Belhar, who offered to support us with our World AIDS day program which will be held on the 30 November 2006. Members of the community are welcome to enjoy the day with us.

With the help of God and the Care-Link team we aim to bring back Christian values into the lives of our children.

God bless.

BEULAH DE VOS

Ministry Leader

4. Prison Ministry Report

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

During the past year we had very good spiritual interaction with the inmates at Polls moor. We had well prepared brethren who ministered spirit filled messages to the inmates. Many lives were changed and many accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

We also had three celebration services at:

1. Logos Assembly of God Belhar
2. Shekinah Mitchell's Plain
3. Sharon Assembly of God Portlands

At the Shekinah and Sharon we were blessed by the presence of the Pollsmoor Choir, inmates and wardens.

On Saturday 11 November 2006 a Thanksgiving Service was held at Pollsmoor where participating groups were acknowledged for their ministry at Pollsmoor.

Objectives 2007

1. Ministry of God's Word
2. Workshops (HIV/AIDS and financial)
3. After Care Programmes
 - a. Create opportunities for change
 - b. Family re-unions.

I take this opportunity to thank the Management Board and all members of Logos Assembly of God. Remembering Matthew 25vs 36, 39-40 "I needed clothes and

you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Yours in the Master's Service.

R. BOTMAN

Ministry Leader

5. Counselling Ministry Report

Greetings in Jesus Name.

It is indeed a great pleasure to report on the activities of the Counselling Ministry over the past two months. The official opening date of this ministry was on the 3 October 2006. The purpose of this ministry is to cater for the need of both the church and the community. It is to be the ear to those in need of various forms of counselling and also to give constructive counsel where needed.

Although we resort under the umbrella of the Centre of Hope, we operate currently from the premises of the Logos Assembly of God Church. The Counselling Desk offers walking-in-counselling as well as telephonic counselling. Our operating hours are as follows: on Tuesdays 09h00 – 13h00 and 19h00 – 21h00 and on Thursdays from 15h00 – 16h30 and 19h00 – 21h00. The team consists of 19 volunteer counsellors who faithfully give of themselves, to help those in need.

Thank you so much for your labour of love. Although the ministry is only a month old, the lives of seven people have already been touched by this ministry.

The counselling ministry is not something new to our church and community, but its current format promises to be more effective and I am eagerly looking at both the church and community to grow into it. We must familiarise ourselves with this

form of help available to us. Currently we are focussing on all types of counselling, as most of our volunteers had either previous counselling experience or studied at different institutions or do so in their daily professions. We conducted a workshop on 11 November 2006, to introduce a model where from which we can work and to put all on an equal footing.

Our big challenge next year is to make the ministry more visible and to create a warmer and people friendly environment from which counselling can be conducted.

Yours in Christ.

WINIFRED LE FLEUR
Counselling Coordinator

6. Treasurer's Report

The past 2005/2006 financial year has seen a growth in the financial activities of the Centre of Hope. Regular monthly accounting is done and reported to the Management Board as well as the various ministries namely; Harmony Senior Citizens Club, Care-Link, Prison Team, Counselling Desk and the Centre of Hope facility.

We also forwarded our financial reports to the donors as per the agreements signed. One of the donors also visited our facility to discuss and investigate the projects on which funds are spent.

The **Total Income** of the Centre of Hope was **R62,700-76**. The **Income Budget Forecast** for 2006/2007 is **R87 830-00**. The details of income will be explained at the annual general meeting.

The **Total Expenditure** of the Centre of Hope was **R47,104-90**. The **Expenditure Budget Forecast** for 2006/2007 is **R87 830-00**. The details of expenditure will be explained at the annual general meeting.

The balance amount on hand as on 31 October 2006 was **R19,210-07**.

We are still awaiting the previous financial year's audit report on the 2004-2005 financial operations of the Centre of Hope and will also submit this fiscal year's statements to the auditor. We are the process of requesting donations from various institutions. The donation of a 16 or 25-seater vehicle is much needed and we trust that this need will be met during the next financial year.

My thanks to all the Management Board members and the Committees of the ministries for their assistance with the accounting and bookkeeping of all the financial transactions. I will endeavour to give some financial training to all the relevant persons in the ministries.

ERIC ARENDSE

Treasurer