

JUBILEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

# SOCIAL ministries

*Generous Justice*

We love because He first loved us.  
1 John 4v19



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## Justice and Generosity

Tim Keller has written a book called *Generous Justice*. People have asked him why he wrote it, and others have asked about the title itself. His answers to these two questions go together:

One group of people I hope will read the book is the young adults who express a passionate interest in social justice. Volunteerism is the distinguishing mark of an entire generation of current American college students and recent graduates. The *NonProfit Times* reported that teens and young adults are creating enormous spikes in applications to volunteer programs. As a Baby Boomer it is interesting to me that volunteering rates were high in the 1970s but had fallen off until the last half of the last decade when they began to rise again. Of course I consider this an excellent trend.

However, many people have imbibed not only an emotional resonance for rights and justice from our culture, but also a consumerism that undermines self-denial and delayed gratification. While they may give some of their time, they spend large amounts of money on entertainment, their appearance, electronics, and travel. For a great number, then, volunteering is part of their portfolio of life-enriching activities, but it is not a feature of a whole life shaped by a commitment to doing justice, including radical generosity with one's finances.

One of the things that struck me as I was studying the Bible's teaching on justice was how often financial generosity is considered part of doing justice. Job says, "If I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless...if I have seen...a needy man without a garment, and his heart did not bless me for warming him with the fleece from my sheep... these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high". (Job 31:13-28)

Many people believe that "justice" is strictly the punishment of wrongdoing, period. They don't think we should be indifferent to the poor, but when we help them they would call such aid charity, not justice. But Job says that if he had failed to share his food or his fleece—his assets—with the needy, that would have been a sin against God and by definition a violation of God's justice. Of course, we can call such aid mercy or charity because it should be motivated by compassion, but a failure to live a lifestyle of radical generosity is considered injustice in the Bible.

Our culture gives us a mixed message. It says: make lots of money and spend it on yourself; get an identity by the kind of clothes you wear and the places you travel to and live. But also do some volunteer work, care about social justice, because you don't want to be just a selfish pig. However, Christians' attitudes toward our time and our money should not be shaped by our society; they should be shaped by the gospel of Christ, who became poor so that we could become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The gospel of grace will turn anyone who truly believes it into a person who does justice for those in need. Doing justice includes not only the righting of wrongs, but also generosity and social concern, and a willingness to live a more modest lifestyle in order to be generous to the church and to the poor. This kind of life reflects the character of God (Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Psalm 146:7-9). We have the Biblical and spiritual resources to overcome the superficiality of our culture and become what the spiritual descendants of Abraham should be—a true blessing to our city and to the poor. (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:7).

## **Mission**

To provide the means through which we enable people to further their education; whether this is high school, college, university, or short courses. Any training that will equip individuals and open up increased opportunities for them is considered. A good education has far reaching effects, not only for employment options, but also in terms of increasing quality of life & restoring dignity to individuals and families.



## **Vision**

To provide the opportunity of a good education for South Africans from previously disadvantaged communities, in an effort to break the cycle of injustice.



## **How can you be involved?**

### **Financially**

By giving into this fund you can be playing your part in restitution by helping a previously disadvantaged South African to a better education. Many of us have benefitted from a good education and by supporting this ministry you can give something back.

### **Tutoring**

Restitution should be relational and through a new initiative we are looking to assist previously disadvantaged children through a tutoring program of learning skills.

We are looking to cover most grades of learning and include most mainline subjects. We would expect those benefitting to help with younger children.

We are also looking to help previously disadvantaged families help their children with reading, writing and arithmetic.

You do not have to be a teacher but need to be able to commit an hour or so a week.

If you want to be involved please contact Kirsten van Bever Donker on

**[mkvbd@yahoo.com](mailto:mkvbd@yahoo.com)**

## Mission

To develop and deliver unique awareness and educational programmes for primary school children. The programmes address issues around sex, relationships, HIV and child abuse and lay strong foundations from an early age. We believe that positive input in the formative years can have an enormous impact on the healthy development of children.



## Vision

To envision and empower primary school children to make responsible decisions regarding sex and relationships.



## How can you be involved?

### Our Objectives

- to instill a healthy sense of self-worth
- to instill a healthy respect for others
- to equip and empower children, and those working with them
- to understand and deal with issues surrounding HIV/AIDS, child sexual abuse and relationships



### Our Strategy

We develop Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes where children can play and have fun while learning vital life skills. Through training workshops, we train and equip educators and those who work with children to facilitate these programmes so that they can build the self-esteem of the children that they care for. They are also equipped to deal with HIV/AIDS and child sexual abuse within their own contexts. We also provide hands-on training to implement the programmes in informal crèches in under-resourced areas.

### Programmes we have developed

- Jerry Giraffe (Grade R)
- Lindiwe Ladybird (Grade 1)
- Mr Wiggly Worm (Grade 2)
- Hope the Hippo (Grade 3)

If you want to volunteer either visit our website: [www.thinktwice.org.za](http://www.thinktwice.org.za) or phone us: **021 762 2979**



## **Mission**

To provide a place for women to relax and make friends while their children play in a safe, creative and fun environment.

To offer a place of shelter from the harsh storms of life for a few hours each week. There have been many answers to prayer for very immediate needs, like healing, jobs, housing, etc .

## **Vision**

'To be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.'



## **How can you be involved?**

On a Tuesday morning you can come along from 9.30 to 12.00 noon and be involved by helping set up, joining in with the activities, chatting and relaxing with the ladies. Come and check us out one Tuesday morning.

### **Do you have a skill to share?**

What are your skills? We are always interested in looking at new skills, crafts or interests. Share with us your expertise. We could be interested.

### **Prayer**

Many of our ladies live in extremely difficult situations that only God can resolve. If you wish to pray for these situations we can email you prayer requests.

If any of these interest you please contact: Jo Loizides on **0844292552**

## Mission

To provide accessible

- Health Care
- Crisis Pregnancy Counselling
- HIV Testing and Counselling

in an environment where everyone feels loved and cared for discreetly and professionally, while also offering opportunities for the church community to serve.

## Vision

To see lives transformed through holistic healing and compassionate care, where God's heart is demonstrated to the poor and needy within Jubilee Community Church's sphere of influence.



## How can you be involved?

There are many ways to volunteer in the health centre:

Administrator: if you have admin skills and have time to volunteer on Tuesdays and/or Fridays we would love to hear from you.

A translator for various African languages: many patients are seen at the health centre whose first language is not English.

Professional volunteers: medical and health science professionals.

Prayer support.

Volunteer: speaking and praying with patients.

If God is encouraging you to serve in the Health Centre

please speak to Caryn or Rachel on **070 214 473 630**

## ***Mission***

To offer training in various artisan skills such as carpentry, welding and engineering.  
To create a number of micro businesses.  
To provide a life skills programme .



## ***Vision***

To offer a practical solution to the unemployed in our sphere of influence through the creation of employment by empowering people through the provision of skills training programmes.



## ***How can you be involved?***

This is a new initiative in its early stages, with the aim of creating employment for unemployed people,through:

### ***A Skills Training programme***

Our aim is to teach a number of different manual skills either on or off site equipping people to be employable.

### ***Micro Business enterprises***

To establish a number of different businesses enabling the unemployed to earn a living.

If you have a skill, business ideas or a heart for any of these, please contact Jeremy on [jeremyc@jubilee.org.za](mailto:jeremyc@jubilee.org.za) or **0784140636**

# Beauty for Ashes



## Mission

To facilitate the restoration of dignity and purpose in each woman's life through evangelism, counselling and biblical discipleship. To equip each woman with the necessary life skills to reintegrate into society and to live a productive life. To develop halfway-houses in the Western Cape that provide reintegration facilities for ex-offenders in conjunction with the Department of Correctional Services, several Church organizations and NGOs.

## Vision

To assist women prisoners and ex-prisoners realize their true potential and dignity and return to their community through the discipline of caring relationships and programmes of renewal.



## How can you be involved?

You can take women on outings. Those living at the Beauty for Ashes Halfway House do not have much opportunity to get out. Some come from backgrounds where they have had little exposure to the city of Cape Town's magnificent beauty.

Taking them on a walk, a hike, to the beach, a picnic or even to a museum would really benefit them in more ways than one.

Contact Stephanie van Wyk on **021 689 2090**

# Level Ground



## Mission

Level Ground is a Christian organisation that promotes restitution and the restoration of dignity by assisting previously disadvantaged people in its sphere of influence to acquire formal housing.

## Vision

To facilitate restitution and the restoration of dignity by assisting previously disadvantaged people, within Jubilee's sphere of influence to acquire brick built formal housing.



## How can you be involved?

Most South Africans are aware of the plight of the majority of the population living in our country but most do not know what to do to make a difference. Here are some ways you can make a difference. You can contribute towards the cost of purchasing houses or land, the development of vacant land, or the construction / renovation of houses.

Clearly without financial help we cannot function!

Having said that, we need help in other areas too:

- Donating land or houses
- Donating fittings and fixtures
- Donating furniture
- Donating other household goods and appliances
- Donating plants and other garden supplies
- Architectural design
- Project management
- Building/construction skills
- Landscaping skills
- Decorating
- Electricians, plumbers, etc.
- General volunteering

If you want to be involved or learn more, please contact Jeremy on

**021 447 36 30** or **[info@levelground.org.za](mailto:info@levelground.org.za)**

# ***Jubilee Social Ministries***

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“.....it’s not about money, but have you ever tried to do something without money!” Louie Giglio

If you feel that you wish to support any of these ministries financially, over and above your tithes, we have a vehicle that can provide you with a tax certificate, issued by Trinity Trust.

You can deposit funds into the following bank account:

<b>Beneficiary name:</b>	<b>JUBILEE SOCIAL MINISTRIES</b>
<b>Bank name:</b>	<b>Standard Bank</b>
<b>Beneficiary account number:</b>	<b>240429672</b>
<b>Beneficiary branch number:</b>	<b>051 001</b>

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