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Below is a brief outline on Door of Hope:

#### OUR VISION

We seek to help in meeting the needs of abandoned, abused and orphaned children in South Africa, by providing loving and stable Christian environments, so that they may grow up to be people that have a positive effect in South Africa and the world.

#### OBJECTIVES

To rescue and receive any abandoned, aborted, abused and orphaned babies and children from any source in cooperation with other agencies.

To provide a temporary Christian home for all our babies and children whilst seeking a forever family, suitable long term foster care or other permanent care for each one.

#### HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Berea Baptist Church is a small Mission Church established in the very heart of Johannesburg. In 1999, the Minister and deacons learned with deep distress that a high number of newly born infants were being abandoned. The Minister realized that many of those desperate women and girls may well have acted differently had there been an alternative. The church made a hole in their wall and a 'Baby Bin' was installed allowing for mothers to leave their babies any time day or night. The moment a baby is placed, care workers on duty receive an electronic signal alerting them. The baby is taken in and the anonymity of the "donor" ensured. News has spread and other babies have been brought personally by their mothers or have come through other means such as the police, community members, hospitals or clinics. By faith and reliance on God alone, and from small, humble beginnings, the ministry has grown and over 100 children's lives are being saved every year. As of April 2011, 963 babies have come through our doors.

#### OUR HOMES

The Door of Hope already operates a number of delightful baby homes – not institutions – where babies enjoy the loving care of Christian caregivers and volunteers until arrangements can be made for their adoption. We are affiliated with a Christian adoption agency (ABBA ADOPTIONS) that facilitates our adoptions both in South Africa and other parts of the world. Not all babies are adopted due to parental involvement, special needs, illness or death.

We aim at excellence in all things to bring glory to God. Consequently we have a reputation with civic and social authorities for providing a high standard of quality care and rendering superb service.

Our baby houses are ideal for the temporary purpose for which they were established. However with the present HIV crisis and the overwhelming amount of children affected and infected by AIDS we are always looking to expand and take on more homes. We currently are permitted to have 54 babies in our care at any one time.

*Saving lives, Relying on God, Impacting Eternity*

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Over the next 12 months we aim to install a 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Baby Bin' in Soweto, re-open our once Toddler House as our 3<sup>rd</sup> baby home and try and reach the mothers that are abandoning their babies, at grass roots.

We are a faith based organization and rely solely on donations and the generosity of others. Money and items donated to the Door of Hope go towards the continuation of our work, which is to take in orphaned and abandoned children. These children are over 95% black.

Should you require any further information please contact me on 011 432 2797 or at [operationsmanager@doorofhope.co.za](mailto:operationsmanager@doorofhope.co.za). You can also go to our website [www.doorofhope.co.za](http://www.doorofhope.co.za)

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