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Dear Hope and Light Family, Dear Members, Supporters and Friends,

A very special year is coming to an end, a year struck by the Covid-19 pandemic around the world.

Each of us, and obviously Hope and Light, has been affected by the pandemic. We have taken on this huge challenge in South Africa and Germany, as well as at our offices in the UK and Switzerland. I would like to give a big compliment to all those involved and, at the same time, express my sincere gratitude for their commitment. In the face of adversity, this support and commitment has helped us a lot to survive this year.

You may all rightly ask, how is the situation in South Africa? How are the more than 500 children doing?

First of all, the numbers of cases in South Africa look much better than in Germany and Europe, but just last week the South African Prime Minister called for increased caution and discipline because of the rising number of cases, as the country would not be able to cope economically with a second lockdown.

Our **Primary and High School** were temporarily closed by the supervisory authority, as all other schools. But school operations are now almost back to normal and thankfully we only had one case of COVID-19. For the New Year, we expect 360 children at the school which for the first time will include an 11th grade. That required an installation of two new teachers. Furthermore, there will be 60 students in the 2 integrated preschool classes.

In reference to the annual school tests in the Cape region, we maintained our very good level for all grades and in turn met the requirements reaching 95 out of 100 points. The Department of Education spoke in explicitly high terms of our teachers for their dedication, success and loyalty. We fully support this praise and are very thankful to all teachers and the administration.

The **kindergarten** had to be closed at short notice for a few days, because of a suspected case of COVID-19, but reopened on 2nd December 2020 as all hygiene measures required by the authorities have been met. Many parents kept their children at home during the year, but now we are back to our old level and reckon with about 100 children.

The operation of the orphanage with 25 children in care continues working around the clock, all year round, without any special occurrences. All the children find a new and safe home here and our goal is to give these children a place in our school. The children have been enjoying their own vegetable garden with their own water supply which allows them to maintain and care for it very well and contributes to their self-sustainment.

Due to the economic situation, there has been one issue which is the **supply of food**, in one word 'hunger'.

Therefore, we have supported the initiative from a teachers' association in South Africa to provide children, their families and teachers with food and hygiene products and launched the initiative "Hope and Light Cares". Thanks to your support and a generous support commitment from "Bild hilft e.V. – Ein Herz für Kinder" we have managed to help with this and thus the support programme will continue in 2021. Thanks to this support, our public image was positively influenced by this.

New projects to improve existing infrastructure

Like the school, the orphanage will receive its own **deep well** for self-sustainment in quality drinking water. We also installed a **photovoltaic** system for supplying hot water. Both projects are sustainable (carbon foot print) and ultimately save costs.

Our existing **Computer Learning Center** will be upgraded to bring digitalization forward and to teach our students even more IT know-how.

The **Kitchen Rooms** in the new building will be equipped with new and used appliances to expand the self-sustainment with healthy self-prepared food.

Our **Sports Facilities** will be expanded and supported with missing infrastructure (combination of schoolyard and sports field).

Small construction work on the existing buildings which have been delayed by Corona will be completed in 2021.

A refurbishment programme will be prepared for the **kindergarten** (buildings and sanitary facilities), with Hope and Light Switzerland wanting to make a special contribution.

Our finance onsite department is also trying to get **support from local businesses and sponsors**, and we think we are on the right track here.

Our public image is to be improved by implementing a new charity identity (logo, etc.).

It is very important to us to welcome **our new board member** responsible for "Finance", **Mr. Hilton Davids**. Hilton is a very experienced banker who started his new position on 1st December 2020 and thus complements very well the management team with Edgar Lennitch and Dr. Christian Kugelmeier. Hilton has our full confidence because he was a dedicated supporter on the advisory board, and we wish him all the best.

We are also pleased to announce that our "**Sponsorship**" activities will now be led by Judith Hill, who is originally from Germany and speaks fluent English and on top of that even Afrikaans! Good luck to you!

Sponsorships are fortunately developing well in 2020, so the tasks taken over by Judith are extremely important. In many board meetings we have dealt with all these issues, unfortunately our **general meeting in 2019** has fallen victim to the pandemic twice, but we will make up for it. Our figures have already been checked and certified by our auditor.

Dear Hope and Light Family, the entire Board of Directors would like to **thank you all for your great commitment in the past year. No one turned their backs on us, which is fortunately not normal** especially in such complicated times. Because of that, we are still able to do good things in South Africa.

For 2021 we will again plan and conduct golf tournaments, the dates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

We wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season! Stay healthy and keep us in mind! THANK

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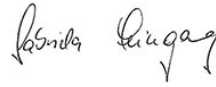
Kind regards



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Golf Tournaments to support Hope and Light 2021

16.07.2021 GC Zürichsee

18.07.2021 GC St.Leon-Rot

24.07.2021 GC Bad Liebenzell

18.09.2021 GC Pfalz

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