There is a place in Durban, South Africa, in the heart of the KwaZulu Natal Kingdom. It is a place where as the sun rises you hear the laughter of children. It is a place of faith, hope, justice and love. It is a place where our lives are being changed. It is our home. LIV Village. It started in 1997 when God gave Tich Smith, founder of LIV, a vision to build a village for orphaned and vulnerable children to have a safe home, a mother to love them, food to eat, a school to educate them, and where they will come to know God as their father in heaven. Tich and his wife Joan, who we call Baba and Gogo, worked in Amaoti township for 8 years helping the community in many ways.
There are over 5,2 million orphan and vulnerable children in South Africa and 12 000 are added every month. It was time to focus on a solution to this crisis. In 2010, Baba Smith bought farmland just outside the community of Cottonlands, near Durban. He and Gogo invited 4000 guests to a big banquet at the Durban ICC to share the vision of the Village with government, businesses and churches. On the 9th of August 2011, the first mothers and children moved into their homes and our story began. From then on the building of the Village took shape. Today 96 homes are built and ready. At capacity, LIV will be home to 150 mothers and 1000 children.
LIV provides holistic residential care for vulnerable and orphan children with the core vision to RESCUE a child, RESTORE a life, RAISE a leader and RELEASE a star. We are placed into a family environment where we receive unconditional love, spiritual discipleship, care and nurturing and where all our physical needs are taken care of. If us children are equipped with essential moral values and life skills, we will grow up to be a generation that will influence positive change within South Africa, Africa and the world.
LIV FOCUSES ON THE SOLUTION

LIV offers a solution to the growing number of orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa, mainly due to HIV and AIDS. The LIV model is long term cluster foster care, where children have a sense of belonging in a homely environment, modelling an African village lifestyle. The houses are built in clusters, each with 8 eco friendly, solar powered homes surrounding a communal play area. Each home has a fully trained House Mother, who may bring two biological children with her, and will be given up to six children through the Department of Social Welfare.
Nelson Mandela said that, “The effects of HIV/AIDS demands a more sustained approach involving the community and a primary unit of care and nurturing, namely the family. A solid family environment is essential in paving the way towards the realisation of future dreams and aspirations of children.” LIV is passionate about creating a safe environment where us children can flourish. The cost to run a LIV household is R10,000 a month. LIV4Family provides an opportunity for you to financially support our families on the Village, by helping cover expenses that encompass family life. It is adoption from a distance and you can choose how much you want to be involved in our lives.
Our LIV school has top education and sporting facilities where our creativity can flourish in art and music centres. The Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre is a fun place for our little brothers and sisters to grow. The cost to educate each child at the LIV School is R2,000 a month. We are asking you to contribute whatever you are able towards this cost. LIV2Educate provides an opportunity for you to ‘adopt’ a child and follow our progress knowing that you are making a difference in our lives. At LIV school, we are encouraged to dream about what we can be when we grow up and to have a vision for our future. By investing in our lives, you are investing in our future.
We love to sing, dance and play musical instruments as we know that music and drama play an important role in our holistic development. Many of us dream of being singing stars and musicians. Our LIV The Journey global tour has been to Dubai and the UK. Watch the calendar and our social media pages for any of our LIV The Journey global tours, live performances and LIVE @ LIV recordings.
At the centre of everything is LIV Church, held in the LIV multi-purpose hall, which is also a sports centre and can seat almost 2000 people. Our Sunday services and Promise Land Kid’s church are for us and our neighbouring community. Sunday services and Monday devotions are times when we gather together to give thanks to God, learn more about who our God is, and celebrate the testimonies of His goodness and provision.
LIV provides holistic health care for each of us children in the LIV Health Care Centre including medical and dental care, psychology, speech and occupational therapy, and counselling. We love our doctors, dentists, nurses and therapists because they help us to be healthy. LIV also provides basic health care for our neighbouring Cottonlands community.
Our lives were changed the day that the horses arrived on the Village. The purpose of the horses is multi-focused - they will be used to help us children along in our journey to spiritual and emotional wholeness and also allow us the opportunity to be schooled in horse riding and horsemanship.
LIV has partnered with the International Hotel School (IHS) to form the LIV Culinary School. The purpose of this school is to provide a cooking school for both LIV children and students from our neighbouring communities. The school is run under the auspices of IHS, a registered Private Higher Education Institution and TVET College. The National Qualification programme is run for one academic year thereby providing the students with a registered culinary qualification when they graduate.
The objective of the Welding School facility is to educate and transfer knowledge to the local youth and create employment for the residents in the greater Cottonlands area. This will be accomplished by developing learners’ welding skills into a semi-formal and formal welding qualification that can be applied in the region, nationally and even internationally. South Africa has a shortage of technical skills and welding is at the top of the list of skills shortages.
We love hosting volunteers from all over the world who come and stay with us in our volunteer accommodation on the Village. Volunteers play a vital role in the life of the Village. LIV provides opportunity for volunteers to spend time on the Village, serving in the various departments. We also love hosting corporate days where we meet business people and are able to learn from them.
LIV4Change is a mission based gap year programme where students spend up to a year at the village. LIV invests in their lives, while they invest into our lives on the Village. Young people journey with Christ by revealing and restoring identity, intentional discipleship, active internship work, whilst being given the opportunity to serve the vision and community of LIV Village.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND UPLIFTMENT

LIV represents a true reflection of Mandela’s dream of a rainbow nation living in harmony. Part of our mandate at LIV has always been to support and uplift our surrounding communities. We have numerous initiatives in place that we believe will have a lasting impact in the lives of those in our communities. These initiatives include the LIV Owethu Community Clinic, Bambisanani Business Forum, renovations of the Cottonlands Community Centre and our partnership with JAM Foods that help feed nearly 2000 local school children every day.
LIV Business was established to provide for the future where the Village would become self-sustainable, and ultimately support many villages across Southern Africa, as well as providing skills development and job opportunities for rural communities surrounding the villages. The LIV model is about doing everything with excellence, offering companies the opportunity to do business with us, and in so doing, you partner with us to
LIV Business is 100% owned by LIV Village making LIV Business a Level 1 B-BBEE contributor, able to assist businesses who are intentional about BEE and operating in South Africa to achieve maximum points on the new scorecard. Companies in South Africa will be evaluated around 5 elements on the B-BBEE scorecard, with particular focus on Ownership, Enterprise Development, Preferential Procurement, Skills Devel-
LIV Flowers is one of South Africa’s leading cut flower producers. Anthuriums, Gerbera, Ruscus and Dendrobium pot plants are grown hydroponically, supplying premium grade cut flowers to major wholesale and retail markets. LIV Flowers is 75% owned by LIV. Due to the premium quality of the flowers, the potential for this business is huge. It is now imperative that we expand in order to unlock future growth.
Agriculture is another area with enormous potential at LIV. The vision is to continue to expand farming at LIV, to pack and distribute LIV fresh produce, and empower and train local community farmers to grow vegetables which we will distribute through the pack house. The mission of LIV Agriculture is to generate profit for the Village, create jobs for rural communities, expose us children to farming practices as well as to eventually sustain our Village.
LIV Creative collaborates, designs and manufactures LIV branded and unbranded products to generate funds for the sustainability of LIV Village, whilst initiating training and job opportunities for the community through the LIV factory training centre. Our drive is to grow & develop the LIV factory into a high demand local factory for brands & retailers within the country, with future expansion internationally. You can shop online at www.livcreateshop.co.za or visit our LIV Shop facebook page @livcreateshop and purchase with purpose.
In 2013, LIV Business (Pty) Ltd purchased 20% of an existing cleaning company, renaming the company LIV Clean (Pty) Ltd. LIV Clean was formed to create a stronger, more efficient competitor which was able to meet the growing challenges of a changing industry, and at the same time, contribute towards the sustainability of LIV Village into the future. GCR Cleaning Management Services (incorporating Gemcare Hygiene KZN) joined forces with the fast growing LIV Clean in March 2014.
LIV Labels is a manufacturer of self-adhesive labels. Using flexographic printing, LIV Labels is able to ensure the highest quality labels to suit your business needs. LIV owns 100% of LIV Labels, giving it a Level 1 B-BBEE rating. The head office is based on the LIV Village property in a 250 m2 factory. The vision of LIV Labels is not only to become the leader in self-adhesive labels, but also to create employment for the surrounding community and generate the much needed funds to support us children of LIV.
LIV Moringa is made from the leaves of the Moringa tree, known as “the miracle tree”. The potential is huge, not only due to its incredible health benefits, but as a cash crop to generate income for LIV towards self sustainability. Moringa is known as a health supplement worldwide. LIV has established a Moringa farm on the Village as well as built a processing plant to produce Moringa leaf powder to be used in LIV Moringa products including Moringa capsules, powder packs, cereals and tea.
In the words of Dr. Zweli Mkhize, during his tenure as Premier of KwaZulu Natal, “We see LIV Village as a partnership with Government, business and the church that is aimed at offering a solution to the major problem that we all face in South Africa today, the growing number of orphan and vulnerable children.” We have seen many people partner with LIV from business, to churches, to government and also sports stars, musicians, schools, mission groups and individuals from all over the world. We need many more partners to journey with us to reach young lives across South Africa. Together we can leave a legacy of hope. South Africa needs many villages and this is just the beginning.
LIV DEBIT ORDER/EFT FORM

SPECIFIC MONTHLY DONATIONS Find your fit /tick your box.

☐ LIV2Educate: (support a child’s education) @ R2 000 pm
☐ LIV4Family: (support a village family) @ R10 000 pm
☐ Support a child: (incl. food, clothing & medical) pm @
  □ R1 000  □ R500  □ R250  □ R100  □ R50
☐ Support a salary R.........................

ONCE OFF DONATIONS
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PERSONAL DETAILS (PLEASE PRINT)
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PAYMENT OPTION 1: DEBIT ORDER
I hereby instruct and authorise LIV to draw the sum of R....................
one-off or R............................... monthly by debiting my account below
commencing on the first day of ........................./................. (mm/yyyy)
and if monthly, I agree for the instruction to run monthly until further
notice (30 days notice to be given to cancel debit order).

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BANK..............................................................................................
BRANCH CODE/NAME................................................................
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Signature ...........................................................................
Date ..............................................................................(dd/mm/yyyy)

PAYMENT OPTION 2: EFT DONATION
Account name  Lungisisa Indlela Village
Bank     First National Bank
Branch code  220629
Account number  6242 0878 946

(please use your name as reference)

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