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**CHURCH PROFILE**

1. **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

* Life Changing Ministry is operating under the leadership of Apostle TG Nala who is the founder and the senior Pastor.
* The ministry was established in 2005. The ministry particularly deals with the transformation of the lives of the people spiritually, socially and mentally into God’s intended destiny.
* This ministry also focuses on health and wellness related matters, where people are advised in all dimensions of wellness i.e. emotional, spiritual, social, physical, mental, environmental, intellectual, and financial, to ensure a healthy and a long lasting life.
* This ministry is the umbrella body of many projects like Life Changing Christian Academy, Simbonile Creche, Thandanani Creche, and Mandilive Crisis Centre.

**2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

**A. SPIRITUALLY**

* By spiritually, we mean developing people in such a way that they are empowered and encouraged to pass it on and develop others.
* This also means helping people to connect with their destinies spiritually, before it comes to the natural.
* Teaching people not to lean in their own understanding but to God, Proverbs 3 verse 5.
* Teaching people to love their God with all their hearts, souls, minds and strength, Mark 12 verse 30.

**B. SOCIALLY**

* By socially, here people are taught how to organize themselves in terms of interacting with other people.
* They are also taught how to handle the situations or tests they come across in life.
* They are made to understand that failing does not mean end of the road, but it means that you are having an opportunity to start all over again.
* This also means learning from your mistakes and other people’s mistakes.
* Socially, we also involve people in skills development projects in order to capacitate them so that they can make things on their own and sell for poverty alleviation purposes e.g. bid work, hides and skin, sewing, candle making etc.
* Socially, this is also where we link people with the appropriate resources for further help.
* Socially, this also focuses on families as well as empowering women, men, teenagers and youth in different events and activities that are taking place.
* The ministry also has a caring ministry where people are given food parcels as well as clothes which the members give to the ministry.
* This ministry also changes lives through education as it owns an Independent school.

**C. MENTALLY**

* Mentally, we help people so that they may be able to help themselves, especially when it comes to the mind setting e.g. focusing on what they are doing and believing in themselves.
* To teach them to forget the past, especially if it was not pleasing to them and focus on the future.
* We remind them about the responsibility of the mind which is to think. As the man thinks so is he Proverbs 23 verse 7.
* To remind them also that God has given them the dominion or will to distinguish between right and wrong.

**D. HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

* On Health and Wellness, people receive professional counselling and guidance, trauma debriefing and Training and Development as we have social workers within the ministry.
* People also receive medical treatments as we also have medical doctors.
* Those who need legal advice they also find it within as we have legal people.
* The ministry is blessed with many different help professionals who provide the necessary help whenever there is a need.
* The ministry also has a very few people who are in business.
* The School children are assisted with study skills as well and are motivated on positive attitude towards learning.
* People also receive professional assessments.

**3. EXISTING PROJECTS**

**A. LIFE CHANGING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

* Life Changing Christian Academy was established in 2011 after seeing a need for such an institution within the community of Nqutu.
* The school is the first Independent school within UMzinyathi district.
* The school starts from Grade R to Grade 12.
* The school is registered with department of Education with Emis NO 500497983.
* The school is also registered with Social Development as NPO with NPO NO 105-848.
* The school has a total number of 38 staff members and 211 enrolled children.
* The school has a boarding facility with an Agricultural Site.
* The boarding facility only accommodates high school children.
* The school is not funded; hence the application for funding was forwarded to the Department of Education.

**B. SIMBONILE CRECHE**

* Simbonile Creche is operating under the leadership of Life Changing Christian Academy.
* The crèche provides education services as well as the spiritual services to children.
* The crèche admits children from the age of 3-4 years old.
* The crèche is registered under the Department of social Development as place of care.
* The crèche registration No is 10/1/8/1-MR 16-01/14
* Simbonile crèche is also registered a NPO with NPO NO 148-628

**B. MANDILIVE CRISIS CENTRE**

* The crisis centre was established in 2016 after seeing the need that there is no place to take care of the victims of neglect, abandonment and abuse for a short period of time while seeking for assistance to place the victims in safe and secure places on a temporal or permanent basis.
* This crisis centre is registered with the Department of Social Development as NPO with NPO NO 181-192
* This centre is currently not functional due to lack of funds. The application for funding was forwarded to Department of Social Development in 2017.

**C. THANDANANI CRECHE**

* This is a newly established crèche in Vidriet area in Dannhauser.
* The crèche was established in January 2020 after seeing the need in this community as there is no crèche. The crèche currently has a total number of 15 enrolled children.
* The ministry has church members within this community and the ministry also has now extended itself to have a branch in the same land that is used for crèche.
* The land belongs to the ministry and it was donated by one of the church members in this community.

**4. SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

So far the school has a partnership with AMAJUBA TVET COLLEGE, ACAT, and MOUNTAIN

1. **AMAJUBA TVET COLLEGE**

* Amajuba provides skills development outreach programme to Life Changing Christian Academy learners and the community at large.
* In September 2019, the College trained people on sewing, bead work, hides and skin, candle making and agricultural work.
* About 100 people who were trained.
* The college also enrolled the youth of Nquthu community for various courses within the college.
* The college also did an orientation to our learners on Agriculture.
* The college is also involved with our Agricultural Site in teaching learners about agricultural work.

1. **ACAT**

* This is a Christian organization which assists the ministry with leadership training.
* The organization also assists the ministry with bibles to give to new convents particularly.

1. **MOUNTAIN**

* This is a Christian organization which assists the ministry with spiritual services like preaching, counselling and prayer and intercessions.

**5. DONORS AND SPONSORSHIP**

The following company and the Department have so far sponsored the ministry specifically for the school project.

* Nudawn- Water Tanks
* The Department of Agriculture- Fencing, seedlings and ploughing the field.
* Pep Store- Voucher