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Homecare Board

Hello Pieter

On behalf the Deaf Family Church (DFC) in Worcester, I want to thank the Homecare team for developing the important software required to help fund our projects towards Deaf persons, Sensory impaired as well as DeafBlind persons.

I know that the Homecare Board is taking on a daunting task to help numerous social projects. I hope that the companies you approach for this project will buy into the software structure. We are all excited about your strategy to develop software that can provide important services to companies in our country. This approach is totally different from our current strategy to fund the ministers servicing the deaf community.

I don't think people understand the huge challenges we face. Our congregation consist of people who are all earning comprising small salaries. People with disability cannot work and earn as much as members of other congregations can. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines:

“Disabling hearing loss refers to hearing loss greater than 40dB in the better hearing ear in adults and a hearing loss greater than 30dB in the better hearing ear in children.”

The Disability Rights Charter of South Africa (1992) and the Constitutional Court (1996) said the following:

“Human dignity cannot be fully valued or respected unless individuals are able to develop their ‘humanness’ to the full extent of its potential. Each human being is uniquely talented. Part of the dignity of every human being is the fact and awareness of this uniqueness. An individual’s human dignity cannot be fully respected or valued unless the individual is permitted to develop his or her talents optimally.”

United Nation’s Convention of the Right of Persons with Disabilities (2007)

DeafBlindness, on the other hand, is a combination of visual and hearing loss – dual sensory loss, impairment of multi-sensory impairment. The visual and hearing loss can vary in degrees from mild to severe or total visual loss and mild to severe or total hearing loss. These losses cause difficulties with communication, mobility, access to information and services.

We furthermore work with smaller groups, and often one on one when we minister to the Deaf community. It is costlier to support the Deaf community and we are in a position that our contributions from the congregation is not enough to cover costs. We do our best with our own fundraising drives and bazaars to raise funds. We will absolutely appreciate it if the Homecare Board can support us financially out of the software structure you work on.

We wish your team all the best with this important project.

May God Bless you from His richness of His blessings.

Warm regards

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"The tragedy of modern man is not that he knows less and less about the meaning of his own life, but that it bothers him less and less."

Václav Havel, writer and former President of Czech Republic