

# ***Dreams Are Born in Heaven***

***“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother.” Deuteronomy 15:7 (ESV)***

With its sprawling expanse of sand, Namibia is the third-least densely populated country in the world after Greenland and Mongolia. It is a place where the ocean and desert collide among a vast hot and barren landscape. Within this magnificent landscape, dotted with towns, the coordinates -26.58343560325687 longitude and 18.1664550986033 latitude hold an incredibly special significance. It is ground zero for an incredible ministry being conducted in the Town of Keetmanshoop’s trash dump, near the neighborhood of Kronlein, to reach the very people the Lord has commanded us to reach out to. Approximately 50 homeless people – many with families - comb and foray for food and shelter in a smoke-filled land littered with the waste of daily living.



Alida Beukes laying hands and preaching the Gospel.

The people who live and foray in the dump are among the most impoverished and destitute people. They hail from multiple places like Bersea, Bethanie, Tses, and even as far as Karasburg. Some were chased away from home due to their addictions because they cannot contribute at home financially, some relocated to Keetmanshoop with the hope of finding work but end up empty-handed. While some of them look for food, most are looking for usable items to sell and elk a living from. They will foray for copper wire, tin cans, or any metal that can be sold. Occasionally there will be a mother with small children looking for wood for cooking at home. The word “hope” has been foreign to them until Kurt and Alida

Beukes have started their ministry in the dump to bring the promise of faith and salvation to God's downtrodden children.



Makeshift home in dump.



Praying for young men.

Kurt and Alida Beukes live in Keetmanshoop, Namibia with their 6 children. Kurt is a talented carpenter seeking to re-build a burned-out structure to transform into a school and church/community center.



Kurt Beukes sharing about carpentry and encouraging men to have vision.



Providing food and nourishment.

By profession Alida is a special education teacher who loves to reach out to people and is passionate about ministering to the lost and bringing them to the Lord to expand the Kingdom of God. Kurt and Alida have a burning desire to be used by God and to do the little they can so **He** can do the impossible. On the



weekends they travel to the town dump, set up makeshift pop-up tents, have a church service and provide some nourishment. Their approach is to change one life at a time and allow that life impact another life.



A time of prayer.



Handing out food parcels.



Alida preaching the Gospel.



Children lining up for food after service.

The fund that has been established has four main goals:

- First and foremost, it is to create an oasis, where Christians can come to gather. To trust God to be able to purchase and re-build a fire-damaged building in the middle of town and create a Christian school for special education needs children, a workshop where we can train young men & women, a Christian coffeeshop, and a place of worship. Although the building has been damaged in a fire, Kurt is confident that it can be re-built and plans to hire some of the same men in the dump who ended up lost emotionally, mentally, and spiritually and to re-build their self-esteem. Kurt plans to impart construction skills to these men and make them a part of a success story.



Fire-damaged property – future church and school.

- Secondly, they are seeking a plot of land – between 10 and 20 acres where a gardening and farming center can be established. The plan is to train and employ people with no educational background to become self-sufficient and provide for the needs of the needy in Namibia and to sell crops at a market. At the same plot, it is their vision to set up a training and/ conference facility where we can have a campground, youth camp, marriage seminars, sports grounds, playgrounds, and a pool.
- Thirdly, in addition to gardening & farming, Kurt and Alida intend to set up a recycling center for waste products since their primary ministry is reaching the people living on the dumpsites with the gospel. From this endeavor, they can use the very dump as a means of job creation such as recycling materials as raw materials. So that the people can work there and make a decent living. The dump will be transformed into a safer, cleaner place with recyclables sorted, shredded, and packaged to be sold. It will be the first of its kind to set up a large Waste Management project in the south as the southern part of Namibia is regarded as a region with very few opportunities. But with the Lord's guiding hand, this will change with the school, church, recycling center, and farming plot. Multiple jobs

will be created and get many people off the dump to change their life for the better. We want to change their mindset from thinking that they are worthless and that is why they have ended at the dump or that they think there is no more hope for them, or they have no destiny to live for. Our goal is to get people off the dump, infuse them with a life skill and lead them to the Lord. Dreams are born in heaven and will manifest on earth only if we believe and take the first steps of faith.

- And finally, Kurt and Alida Beukes desire to set up a fund helping parents who cannot afford to keep children at school due to financial constraints – to keep their children in school.

Kurt and Alida believe God will send in the destiny helpers, experts, and laborers. This project will change our communities and the whole southern region of Namibia - one household at a time.

### **About Kurt and Alida Beukes**

Kurt and Alida gave their lives to Christ in their teens and have served the Lord ever since and have a passion to see the Kingdom of God expand.

They met at Youth for Christ in 2003, where they attended Youth camps and served as volunteers and Youth leaders in different capacities. It is at Youth for Christ that it became apparent God has set them out for each other and in the summer of Dec 2007 Kurt and Alida were married.

They are blessed with 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys and 6 dogs.

Their desire has always been to be used by God and to do the little they can, so He can do the impossible. Our life motto is to change one life at a time and let that life impact another life.