# WHO ARE WE?



Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

## **ABOUT Beautiful Gate Lesotho (BGL)**

BGL's campus features several amenities for the many children and staff we minister to. There are five children's houses, a chapel, a clinic, a preschool, a playground, administrative and maintenance buildings, and housing for both short and long term volunteers.

This campus allows us to serve up to 75 children and over 45 local staff. Our play group program is housed in Abba's Playhouse and provides learning opportunities and creative playtime for children ages 1-5.

## **OUR Vision**

We see children and families confidently embracing their futures, walking with Christ, living with hope, now and for eternity.

## **OUR Mission**

Our mission is to glorify God by providing opportunities for children and families to grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, and intellectually.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED | VOLUNTEER

## 1 Short-term Teams

Bring a group of 4-12 people from your church, school or organisation and spend a week or two serving our children, staff, and long term volunteers.

You'll have the chance to join in the care of the children as well as help out around campus where your gifts apply.

## 2 Long-term Volunteering

Come to BGL for a longer period (6 months to one year), live on campus, and become a part of the Beautiful Gate extended family. You may be assigned to a baby house where you

will assist housemothers in providing for the daily needs of the children. You could also help in the office performing administrative duties or join in the maintenance team.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED | DONATE

BGL, as a faith based organisation relies on the goodwill of interested individuals, churches, businesses, and funding organisations to help us remain sustainable. **Would you consider becoming a part of BGL's Family of support?** You could be involved in any of the following ways: see the next page

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- Once off undersigned gift
- Regular monthly contribution towards operating expenses
- Project specific donations (see the 'project' tab on our website)

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED | PRAY

As a Christian Organization, we believe in the power of prayer for the success of our work.

If you are a prayer warrior or intercessor and would like to be part of individuals and churches around the world that are committed to praying for us on a regular basis, please contact **opsdirector@ beautifulgatelesotho.org.** 



## OUR 'Why'

Lesotho is a country with a population of about 2 million people with many challenges. The impact of high rates of HIV and AIDS (20.1% of the total population - UNAIDS Lesotho, 2022) has left many children without parents. With 18% (World Bank

2022) unemployment rate, almost half of the population lives below the poverty line. As people struggle to provide for their families, children are seen as expendable and are abandoned.

## **ORIGINS | The Story Of Hope**



In 2001, Ray and Sue Haakonsen established Beautiful Gate in Maseru with 7 abandoned babies. Since then, BGL has proceeded to care for over 600 infants and young children aged 0-5. These children

have been given a place a nurturing and safe the love and support of is an oasis for these HIV and AIDS affected children.

It truly is an oasis for these orphaned, abandoned, HIV and AIDS affected and other vulnerable children. to grow and thrive in environment filled with our caring staff. It truly orphaned, abandoned, and other vulnerable

With the help of the department of Social Development, many children have been reunited with their extended families while others have been adopted into forever families who provide them with love and a place to belong.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. Beautiful Gate exists because of people like you who care. Please contact us for further information about how to volunteer, pray or donate.

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