

Barcelona Church: Guguletu, Cape Town: Contact Persons: Pastor Julius and Irene Bonani

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To show the love and tender care of Jesus Christ in a desperate squatter settlement.

Location: Guguletu - a squatter settlement in the Cape Town area.

- This is an area where squalor, suffering, violence and death are common. It is in an area of the Cape where there is significant beauty but yet this part is inundated with hardship.



Squalor and hardship are common in Guguletu



Approximate location of Barcelona Church

- This church is an oasis in a place where HIV/AIDS claims lives on a daily basis. Orphans are left without hope and cannot survive unless protected. Most of these orphans are HIV positive.



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Little ones would not survive without special care

- The church encourages others in the community to help care for the neglected children.



Children are most at risk in squatter settlements



Orphans everywhere!!

- Many grandmothers, who do not have HIV, take care of vast numbers of children of relatives and neighbors who have died of HIV/AIDS.

Issues facing the community:

- The community is a hostile place – high crime rates and abuse of neglected children.
- Continual influx of refugees from other areas including Zimbabwe.
- Extreme poverty – even the church has little material to offer those in dire need.

Challenges the church is facing:

- Extreme poverty – even the church has little material to offer those in dire need.
- Trying to support parents who need day care for their children while they seek employment.