

The journey ...

Community Projects ...

are where we invite the Mosaïek community into something bigger than ourselves by offering opportunities to give together as a community within the rhythm of our Mosaïek calendar year ...

People / Poverty Project during the season of Lent and Easter.

Planet Project during spring in September.

Peace Project during the Advent and Christmas season.



Missional Dialogue Groups ...

is a place to explore, learn and struggle through the issues of the 21st century by open conversations. How do we live out our missional calling in the worlds we find ourselves?

Each Dialogue Group session will contain a different relevant topic of missional. As different topics are discussed, it is our hope that organic groups will arise and take on these various issues as their missional calling.



Missional Pilgrimages ...

are spiritual journeys, an inward and outward journey where pilgrims leave their known worlds to experience God in places outside their comfort zone and where God is already working. Often these places are where there is much pain and suffering. It is an opportunity to listen, love and learn from others. Transformation can happen when we experience life outside our own world and then couple it with heartfelt reflection and desire for God to change us. Pilgrimages are an ancient practice of repentance and healing which is relevant for Christ-followers today.



To Jeanetta *Missional Expressions* is truly a spiritual journey where one can connect with God's world ...

'On one of our pilgrimages, we went to a home for the handicapped in Bronkhorstspuit. I kept praying and taking deep breaths unsure of what to expect. I just kept asking that God will show me a soul I could connect with and express God's love.'

Room after room Jeanetta saw the severely handicapped and kept praying until an unlikely fourteen year old named Wilson gripped not only her hand but also her heart.

'This disabled boy looked like he only had feet growing out of his torso and spent all his days in a bean bag. He held my hand with the strongest grip and as we began talking I felt the connection. He is an amazing person and ministered to me deeply. God was there with us in the moment.'



Jeanetta McCurdy Basson

Jeanetta felt tears filling her eyes and could only thank God for meeting Wilson.



missional expressions



Oasis SA

The vision of Oasis is for community – a place where everyone is included, making a contribution and reaching their God-given potential. We want to see this happen by working towards local communities that have increasing capacity to address its own issues. We do this through identifying and equipping local people as 'Change Agents' – people passionate about being transformed themselves and transforming their community.



As part of a global family of organizations, Oasis in South Africa focuses on disadvantaged communities surrounding Cosmo City in the North West of Johannesburg. Arnie and Chantel Swiegers lead Oasis SA and are privileged to be missional partners of Mosaïek.

Brenda Baloyi a 25 year old, single mother of two beautiful girls always wanted to change her community into a place where disease and poverty no longer stole innocent lives, a community where her children could reach their full potential, a place that they could be proud of.

For years she tried to do this on her own but lost hope and inspiration. Brenda is a perfect example of the type of person Oasis seeks to work with ... she has passion, commitment and a desire to let God's Kingdom come!

Brenda became an Oasis community health worker and later took on many coordinating roles; with the further support of Oasis she started a support group for abused and vulnerable women as she knew what support these women really needed. After a few years of working with Oasis, Brenda was inspired to launch several community initiatives and also decided to pursue a career as a social worker. She recently was granted a bursary to study social work!

Things just started to fall in place, but a few weeks ago Brenda's and her surrounding neighbours' shacks they live in burnt down. Oasis was fortunate enough to be able to assist through a kind donation that Mosaïek gave for community grocery vouchers.

Brenda, a true change agent continues the hard work of rebuilding her home, her life, and her community – Oasis is honoured to have her as our partner.



Projects ...

Educational

- * Computer Training Centre
- * Medupe ('The Rain that Fortifies our Bright Future')
- * Johannesburg Bible School
- * Golang Outreach Ministry

Job Creation

- * Sewing
- * Baking

Medical

- * Ante-Natal Clinic

Sports and Recreational

- * Soccer
- * Volleyball

Skills Development Training

- * Grass Roots
- * Dependable strengths



Vic Maritz

Emthonjeni, or 'fountain', have been enriching the lives of disadvantaged communities for years. Vic has committed himself to this cause since the beginning ...

'In the past, people had this fear of going into an informal settlement. Today still, it's much easier to donate money than rolling up ones sleeves and working side by side with the less fortunate.'

But to Vic it's still important to make that shift into the *'unknown'* even if it's just to talk about or only listen to an individual's needs.

'Giving your time as a woman or a man is much more precious than money when trying to change the profile of a community.'

Emthonjeni hopes to give the community self confidence and human dignity through teaching them life skills.

'The most important thing any father really wants is a descent job that generates enough money to feed his family. And even if Emthonjeni achieves nothing else, being able to help someone generate an income would be enough.'

But turning these wonderful ideas for a community into a reality is often a difficult process.

'Getting people to buy into these projects and really committing themselves to these communities are quite a challenge.'

Still, Vic believes it's an honour to stand in God's service when someone else could easily have been chosen.

'In the end it's not ego, feeling guilty or a social responsibility. It's a passion.'

Our Mission ...

... our care based, relationship orientated projects are extended to ...

- Abandoned babies – Florida Baby House
- Sexually abused children – Roodepoort Children's Court
- Physically impaired adults – Forest Farm
- Senior citizens – Jordan House & Huis Hoëveld
- Nutritional support – West Rand Feeding Scheme
- Food Kitchens – Esperanza & Dowling Primary Schools
- 'Children of the Winter' – West Rand Christian Centre
- Expo Arts & Crafts – Annual fundraiser
- Hospice – Family Worship Centre



Embarck Foundation runs on loads of energy and compassion. Luckily for *Mosaïek* Louise thrives on it ...

While visiting Forest Farm a home for cerebral palsy I met a young lady of twenty one who wasn't only handicapped but also very aggressive. She actually attacked me the first time I met her. So I held her hands and asked, *'Why do you want to hurt me?'*

Louise began much more than a conversation with the young woman – it was a lasting friendship. Now when Louise visits she's greeted with a broad smile and beaming face.

'I love touching people and I'm not scared of what's happening out there. God gave me this wonderful gift not to be put off by the look or smell, I see the soul.'

Passionate about vulnerable people like the elderly and children Louise only feels an incredible love and compassion for them.

'It's a great honour that God chose me to represent Embarck Foundation. I live and breathe the welfare of people. That's who I am.'

With *Embarck Foundation* Louise hopes that people will learn not to be afraid of any kind of handicap or the *'unknown'*.

'Recognize every individual. They're not only handicapped and you need to treasure that moment in their space. No matter how disfigured someone is everyone should be treated with dignity and have the right to food, love and self respect.'

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Louise Rivett



Gert Basson

Our dream is to have a missional impact in other communities through planting new and facilitating existing churches that will address the needs in their communities in a holistic way. We identify and focus especially on areas that are challenging in 'faith-poverty'. We believe the process of establishing a faith-presence has to reflect works of faith and deeds of love. Therefore, the church needs to engage with the real issues and challenges in the community.

Four things that are important to us ...

1. Respect, trust and empowerment of indigenous leaders.
2. Guidance towards self-leadership and ongoing personal development.
3. Facilitating the development of context-specific leadership skills
4. Missional impact through partnering with other churches and organizations.

We explore, discover, identify and co-create together with all the various partners involved to maximize Kingdom impact.

In the last eighteen months we have been privileged to explore possibilities in three new areas. During this period we planted ten new churches in these areas. One of our younger leaders has initiated three of these new church plants in the past twelve months.

As a 'missional impact team' it is our hope and intention to listen, discern and join where God is already at work.



Mozaic Upliftment Trust

Mozaic Upliftment Trust is an international network of churches and organizations that assists Mozambican leaders to disciple their communities, and equips congregations to raise their standard of living.



Gerhard ERASMUS



In 2006 we started with church planting in very isolated areas in rural Gaza. At the same time leadership training was the core focus as more leaders are needed.

Mozaic financed seminars for different church dominations in rural Mozambique to teach chronological Bible teachings, personal leadership skills and more. Seminars were held under trees or basic church structures. Often seminars were interrupted and postponed.

Working in rural settings is not easy. God answered our prayers by providing funds to build a training centre and facilities to accommodate students.

From next year we have scheduled regular training weeks to educate church leaders and communities on church growth and ways to raise the standard of living.

