

Church comes to the rescue

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The pain of losing their belongings was partially salved when congregants from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa

and Andrew Losaha Society donated clothes and toiletries to Taiwan informal settlement victims of an inferno that raged through their area, ravaging shacks in its wake, on Sunday 27 October, leaving many destitute.

The church members reached out on Saturday 2 November and donated more than 30 plastic bags of clothes and four boxes of pads. The congregants believe the clothes will play a huge role in restoring dignity to the victims.

Resident Busisiwe Koko described the donation as divine providence in the wake of disaster. She said most victims are unemployed.

"I'm so grateful for what the church did. I lost everything in the fire. I managed to take the music system, stove, washing machine, microwave and a bag with clothes out. My mistake was in thinking that by keeping them in a nearby shack the flames would not reach them. But alas, in a blink of an eye the flames spread to other shacks, including the one with my stuff. All of them caught fire."

However, she stated that ever since the incident occurred many people and organisations came in numbers to donate.

Koko, who lives with her three children, managed to rebuild her shack although she does not have furniture.

Speaking on behalf of the church, evangelist Nosipho Magoeba said it always reach out to the needy. She urged the victims to stay strong and believe in God.

"We want to show them they are not alone at this difficult time. As a church we decided to donate these clothes and sanitary to webs to show our support," she said, "because we believe it will make a difference to some of them."

Magoeba described the initiative as part of her church's outreach programme.

"We have clothes for men, women, and children and on top of that we have pads as well. We are trying our best to assist where we can. This is part of giving back to the community. As church members we believe we are also part of the community. What is happening in the community also affects us."

Community leader Nomsa Gamca thanked the congregation, saying their contribution meant a lot to the shack fire victims.

She urged other organisations to come forward as there are many more people who are struggling.

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UMHLA: ngoLwesine 21 kweyeNkanga (Novemba) 2024
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Learners from Taiwan in Site C appeal to the public for help

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A group of learners whose school uniforms were destroyed in an inferno that swept through Taiwan informal settlement in Site C on Sunday 27 October is appealing for public support.

The learners were left destitute when at least 20 shacks burnt down, leaving more than 30 people homeless. The cause of the incident is still unknown.

A Grade 8 learner from Intlanganiso Secondary School at A section in Site C, Inga Mpanshukelwa (14), said life had been tough since the incident occurred. She said she lost all her belongings, including books and school uniform.

Inga said she received a uniform from one of her friends who completed matric last year, but she still has no school shoes.

"I wear sandals at school. I informed my teachers of my plight," she said, adding that

the school had given her textbooks to prepare for the coming exams.

"We started the final examination on Wednesday 30 October. Everything is going well so far. I am coping even though it is tough."

A Grade 11 learner from Qhayiya Secondary School, Anathi Qondiso, said she lost almost everything. "Only my school uniform was left because it was on the washing line when the shack fire started. I managed to take my school bag out, but other books, including text books, burnt. The shirt I wear at school was from my elder brother. He wore it last year."

She appealed to the community to assist in whatever way possible.

Inga's mother, Liziwe Mpanshukelwa, said she didn't know where to start as she was unemployed. She said she was concerned about her daughter's plight, especially that it may affect her studies.



Some of the affected learners with their parents. From left: Inga Mpanshukelwa (Grade 8 learner at Intlanganiso Secondary School), Liziwe Mpanshukelwa, Anathi Qondiso (Grade 11 at Qhayiya Secondary School), Busisiwe Koko, Oyama Koko (Grade 10 at Langa High), Ayabulela Nxikwe (Grade 8 at Sivuyile High School) and Nokuthula Nxikwe.

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