

# The Barnabas Group - Faith Works Team Ministry Evaluation Report

**Ministry Name:** Bridges of Hope International

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**Year Formed:** 2002

**Executive Director:** Dennis Wadley

**# Employees/Volunteers:** US- 1/25

**South Africa:** 15/105 **Annual Budget:** \$487,000

**Board of Directors: #/Chairman:** 8/Dennis Wadley

## Overview of Ministry

### Purpose

To build bridges into the lives of those who are suffering in order to create long-term, self-sustaining solutions to the deep problems of our world.

### Core Ideology

To motivate people to share from their abundance of gifts, skills and resources and to sacrificially invest their lives in taking down the Goliaths of our world that keep people in bondage and despair, using new and innovative means.

### Core Values

- **Trusting God-** for His miraculous guidance and provision.
- **Humility-** Acknowledging that this is God's work and we are privileged to partner with Him in it. This is not a result of our own cleverness, ideas or faithfulness, but God's will.
- **Compassion-** Treating the suffering as we would want to be treated if we had been born into their circumstances (and we easily could have been).
- **Empowering Nationals-** to help themselves and their communities in a sustainable and reproducible manner.
- **Connecting people and resources-** to people with need
- **Integrity-** exhibiting and expecting the highest standards with regards to financial accountability, as well as modeling behavior befitting ambassadors of Christ.

### Areas of Focus

- 1) **Orphan Care-** providing caring family-style homes where children who have been orphaned can be empowered as leaders in their communities and nation. We host weekly support group meetings for orphans and provide food parcels on a bi-weekly basis.

- 2) **Leadership Development-** raising funds and recruiting leaders to develop Bridges Academy, a model of self-sustainable leadership development serving as a boarding school for orphans, retreat center for orphans and a pastoral training center.
- 3) **After School Programs-** providing a safe and nurturing place for children to be equipped as leaders after school. Our program teaches discipleship, life skills, English literacy and computer training.
- 4) **Community Health Evangelism-** equipping community members to provide holistic (spiritual and physical) preventative and home based care for 10-30 homes each. We provide monthly food parcels and doctor visits when necessary to those who are HIV/AIDS positive. We are working to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and to alleviate the suffering among those who are already sick with the disease.

### Potential TBG Opportunities to Get Involved

1. Assist with development of business ideas that can make Bridges Academy self-sustainable.
2. Send teams to South Africa to assist in the development of micro and macro businesses and to assist in development of Bridges Academy (physical structures, camping ministry and technological infrastructure).
3. Send professors, pastors and leaders to South Africa to assist in the equipping of pastors, orphans and leaders.
4. Raising up prayer support through your churches.
5. Assistance in networking and fund-raising for BHI.

### Return on Investment

Because Bridges of Hope International is committed to sustainable, reproducible development ministry, you can know that your investment of time and resources has the potential to multiply into an unlimited number of changed lives. In the Community Health Evangelism program in the township of Philippi alone, trained volunteers are caring for over 250 homes, providing spiritual and physical ministry to over 1500 people.

Bridges of Hope is committed to utilizing 100% of your designated funds for the needs they have been designated for.

### BIG QUESTION

How do we best utilize the skills of businessmen, pastors, professors and leaders in the United States to equip and raise up leaders in the places in the world that are broken or crushed under the weight of giants such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic?