



AFRICA FOUNDATION

# *Impact* report.



## *Hillsong Africa Foundation*

Building lives that will help build the Nation and a Continent.

## *Hillsong Africa Our mission*

Our heart for people is always to Equip, Encourage and Uplift.

## *Hillsong Africa Year 2022*

A glance at the impact that we have made together in the lives of people.




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## *Building a Nation*

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What a year 2021 has been.

We've seen incredible impact across our community partners, relationships and volunteers, despite the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic has thrown at us. Not only did we launch a new iHub in Johannesburg, but we also innovated our Care Vouchers into a complete digital version, continued to provide meals across the nation and launched our Shine course in Mauritius!

Although our hearts are filled with joy to see the impact we have made together, we are very sad about losing our dear friend and colleague Keith Lawrence who passed away this year after a fierce battle with Covid. His life and legacy will be a continued reminder to live, love and lead with kindness, joy and generosity.

We pray that the following few pages of this impact report will give you a glimpse of what's possible and inspire you to continue to believe that together we can be part of the answer and build the nation we want to grow old in!

Thank you very much to donors, volunteers, prayer warriors and community partners for your continued support.

The best days are definitely still ahead.

God bless,  
**Phil and Lucinda Dooley**  
 and the Hillsong Africa Foundation team

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil &amp; Lucinda', written in a cursive style.

# We've come a long way.

## Hillsong House



## Wheelchair Deliveries

*We've come a long way. We are excited to see how far we have come as we look back. We know that the future is bright, and we can still do many things together. Let's take a glimpse at some of the projects we have had the privilege of getting involved in.*



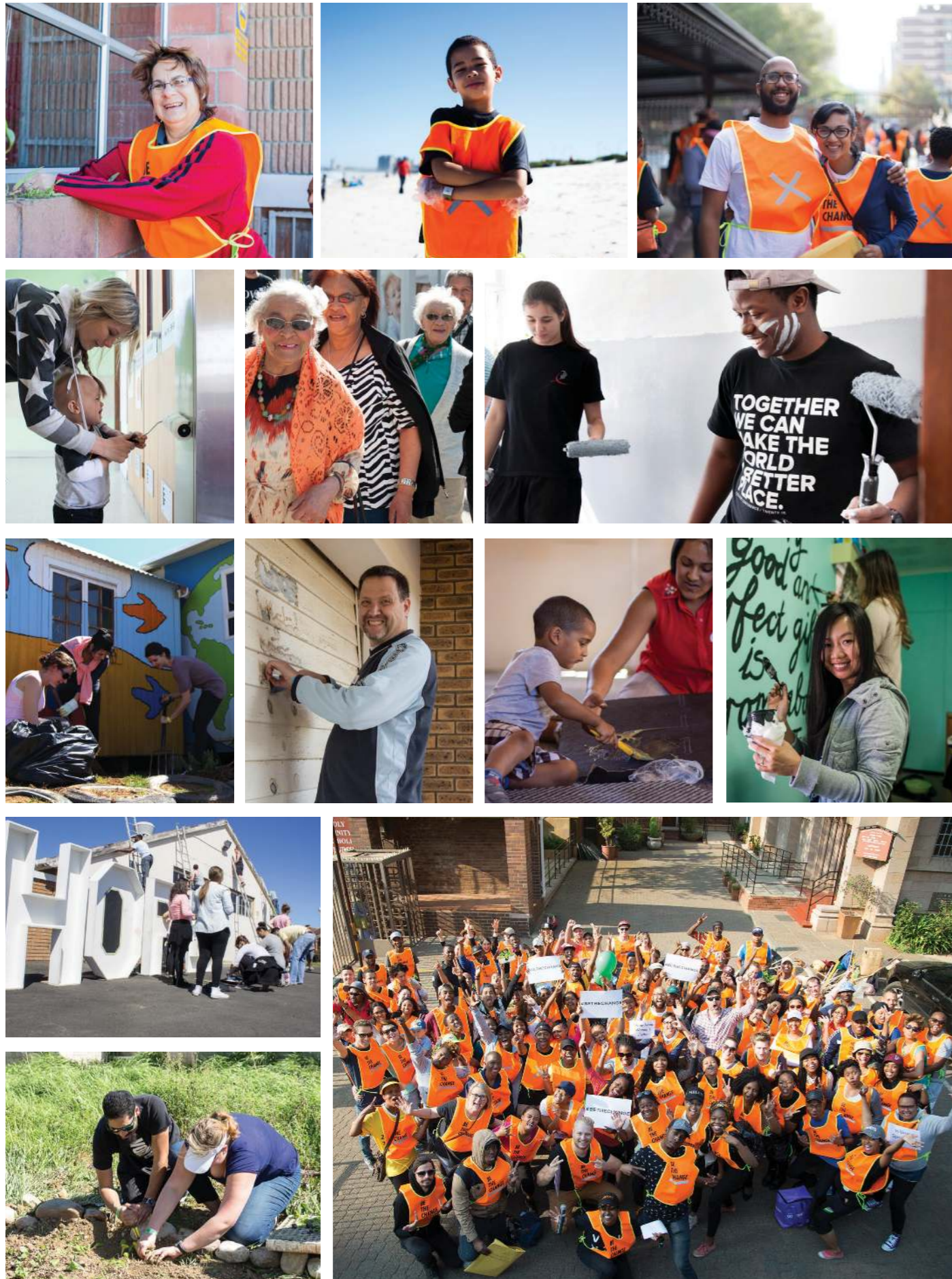
## Tembaletu School Hall



## Nike Partnership



*Be the Change Day*



*Family +1*



*Tafelsig Soccer Teams*



# Standing together.

*Families are still being affected by the ripple-effect of Covid-19. Our message stays the same: "Love has no lockdown"*

The Love On The Line, Covid Food Relief program was birthed out of an urgent need to provide food for families in vulnerable communities. Since the start of the Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020, we have been privileged to support families and equip community kitchens with huge food supplies to make over 6 million meals. In 2021 we continued building and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders through our distribution network. These relationships have been mutually beneficial, providing an opportunity to learn from each other.

Due to the health of these relationships, we were able to transition our support to providing Digital Care Vouchers equipping community kitchens to purchase specific supplies and ingredients needed to maximise their support to the families they serve.

*"HAF has been supporting us since the beginning of the pandemic when we stepped in together to make sure that the communities had something to eat. At the moment, we supply 11 soup kitchens within the Elsies River community. HAF has been a part of that journey. People should support Hillsong Africa Foundation because look at the impact they have had in our communities. Food Security is one of the most pressing issues in South Africa, so it's important that we all do something." - Jeronimo - Cofounder Feed the Future for Life, Elsies River*



Elizabeth

Masiphumelele, Cape Town

In our street, we could not get any work, and we were running out of food. Then we spoke as ladies, what can we do? So we decided to start a soup kitchen. We could then feed ourselves from the soup kitchen and help feed our community. The Hillsong Africa Foundation has supported us since the beginning of the 2020 lockdown and it has really impacted our lives.



We saved our Care Vouchers for Black Friday, and it help us with both our Summer Camp and New Years Eve feeding scheme where we fed 2000 Homeless People. - Ashley Rix

We have 12 students and 13 adults (between 18-26) who we give supper to. The care vouchers help create 150 meals for the young people living at the centre every day. - Thompson Charlie

Thanks to these Care Vouchers we were able to buy food for our soup kitchens as well as make food parcels for 6 families who lost their homes in a fire. - Auriel September

Thank you for the Care Vouchers. They have given us the freedom to choose what we need to buy for the feeding scheme. This is such blessing to our community. - Mama Gloria

Care Vouchers have allowed us to purchase much needed supplies to feed the communities of CAFDA, Parkwood, Mitchells Plain and Khayalitsha. We have the flexibility to purchase breakfast supplies to ensure they have at least one meal per day. - Ian Miller

The help Hillsong Africa Foundation has provided us, always came at just the right moment when needed most. With the running of a feeding program where no contribution is guaranteed, the vouchers made it able for us to continue the work we do. - Latifah Jacobs



**over 6 million** meals given  
**over 500** impact partners  
**over 190 000 km** driven

# We can all do something.



*“We are excited about the impact and the potential reach of digital Care Vouchers across South Africa for people to help and serve the vulnerable in our neighbourhoods and communities.”*

[Click here to visit our online store at carevouchers.co.za](https://carevouchers.co.za)

During Covid-19, we saw the need to equip individuals with tools to practically, safely and responsibly care for others in need. We launched the Online Impact Store in March, intending to mobilise individuals to ‘Purchase with a Purpose’ and impact the lives of others.

With the growing socioeconomic challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the financial needs of people have increased, with many in our own families and neighbourhoods in need of love and support.

Care Vouchers have been a popular tool for responsible and safe giving. However, with ongoing restrictions

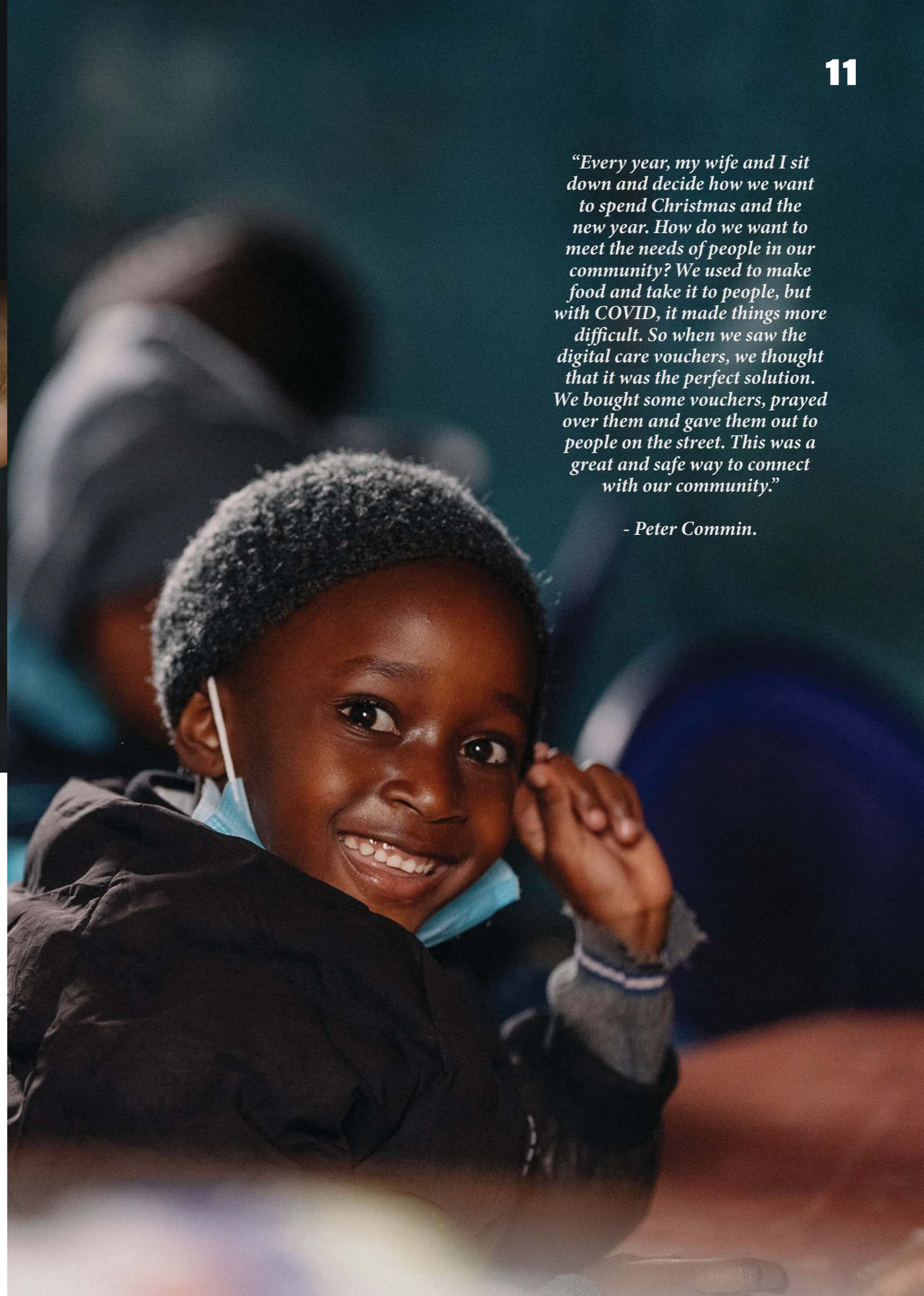
caused by Covid-19, their impact was limited. Through a partnership with the Broccoli Project, we launched digital Care Vouchers before Christmas 2021 and ensured accessibility to anyone across South Africa.

We are excited about the impact and the potential reach of digital Care Vouchers across South Africa for people to help and serve the vulnerable in our neighbourhoods and communities.

The digital system has reduced the high demand for food deliveries and equipped partners to purchase their supplies.

*“Every year, my wife and I sit down and decide how we want to spend Christmas and the new year. How do we want to meet the needs of people in our community? We used to make food and take it to people, but with COVID, it made things more difficult. So when we saw the digital care vouchers, we thought that it was the perfect solution. We bought some vouchers, prayed over them and gave them out to people on the street. This was a great and safe way to connect with our community.”*

*- Peter Commin.*



# iHub Africa.

*iHub Africa was birthed out of a heart for people and to equip and empower them as they build towards their dreams and passions.*

iHub Africa is a digital skills training program with a vision for providing innovative access to opportunities that will unlock the potential of the next generation, ultimately connecting them to the local & global digital economy.

Together with our partners, we can help create new pathways for young people, especially those who, without the iHub, would not have the opportunity to acquire the hard and soft skills that employers are looking for – today and in the future.

We launched the program in August 2019 as a proof-of-concept initiative at the Philippi Village hub in the Western

Cape, with an initial intake of 18 students. In early 2020 we augmented this cohort with an additional 12 students, only to head into a national lockdown due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. After navigating multiple challenges of remote learning and a severe economic recession, we graduated 24 students. Of these graduates, seven were selected to train in specialised digital marketing tools and client projects with our training partner, CoMarketers.

Since iHub Africa opened its doors in 2019, we have had 42 graduates. Each has left with the necessary skills and experience to work in the local & global digital economy.





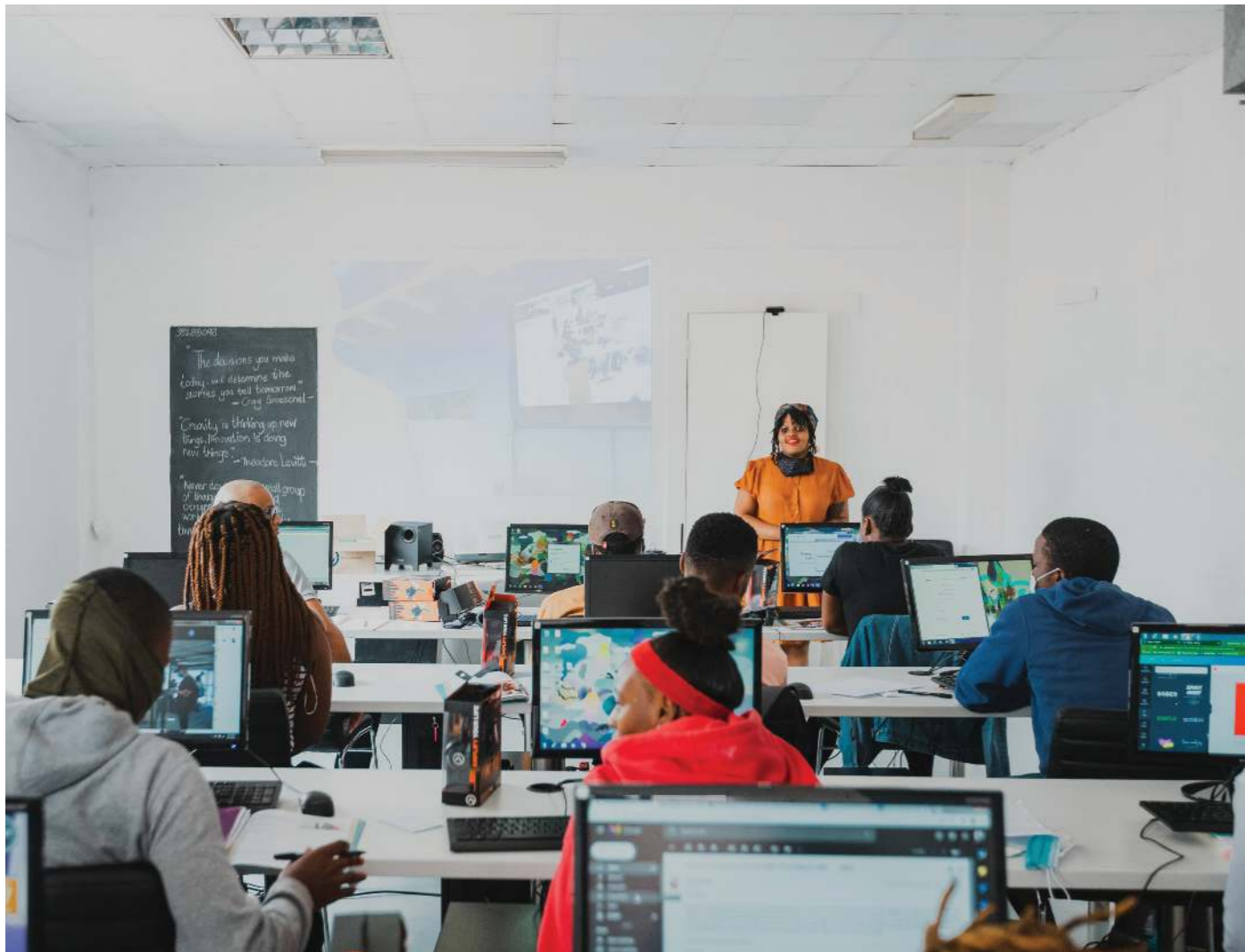
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In 2021 we launched our second iHub campus in Johannesburg, and fifty students were selected to participate in our Digital Marketing and Pilot Business Ideation programs. As a result of the ongoing global pandemic, we have used an innovative hybrid teaching model connecting our students and content partners.

Partnering with industry leaders Shift ONE Digital and Comarketers to create and facilitate our training program has meant that we have increased our quality & standard of training.

These partnerships ensure that potential graduates have the best opportunities to succeed in the local and global digital economy.

The future is bright for iHub Graduates. Through our partnership with Comarketers, three alumni have received job placements, and nine 2021 graduates have successfully received job placements. With growing interest and continued relationship building, we believe that more of our 2022 class will find job placements using the skills and experience gained in our training programs.



*Camilla Moyo.*

I came to iHub at the most challenging time of my life, and I am grateful that the iHub team believed and encouraged me into pushing forward. Most free schools would have never taken a chance on someone eight months pregnant looking to start a challenging journey. iHub allowed me to grow and learn without worry. Through iHub, I got an opportunity to meet incredible people that have become role models.



*Immaculate Moyo*

iHub gave me hope for a brighter future when I felt like my chances of ever making it in life were non-existent. I am becoming a phenomenal woman because iHub gave me a chance, a second chance to make better choices, love better and grow.



*Loyiso Cube.*

iHub Africa is the most effective and efficient institution when it comes to teaching students the theory around "being a good leader, and a teachable student" at the same time. The skills, abilities or attributes I have gained from this program have enabled me to improve my business practices and earn a source of income by offering the services I have been taught to give to a consumer in this ever-changing world of digital.

# Shine.



**199 Shine graduates**  
*in 2021*

*“Shine has been a puzzle piece in my life; now I get to be a puzzle piece in the life of Shine!”*

With the world still adjusting to restrictions on gatherings in 2021, our Shine Program continued online. Despite these restrictions, women across five South African provinces and seven different countries received the message of worth, strength and purpose for their lives.

Shine launched its first social media campaign in Term 3 and had a record number of online registrations, doubling Term 2. Our team had the privilege of helping launch Shine in Hillsong Monterrey, Mexico and (virtually) hosted the team who will launch Shine in Hillsong Mauritius.

In many ways, online Shine has been the best thing that has happened to our Shine team! We have trained, mentored, and united our team online like never before. Team members who have moved and no longer live near a Hillsong church location can now serve on the team again, and new team members can now learn from more experienced facilitators. Young facilitators can bring fresh creativity to inspire. There is beautiful cross-

pollination of team members teaching, inspiring and encouraging each other from all different walks of life: all from the comfort of their own homes!

A beautiful, diverse sisterhood has emerged within our Shine team, acting as a solid base to work from as we open up to more face to face courses in 2022. The team has lived out the maxim of “iron sharpening iron” and passionately pursued their individual purposes within the group. As one team member put it, “Shine has been a puzzle piece in my life; now I get to be a puzzle piece in the life of Shine!”

An exciting development in 2021 was the reconnecting of Shine with A21, an organisation that works to combat human trafficking. There is a significant opportunity for networking between Shine and A21 with inroads into schools and communities. We look forward to seeing how this unfolds in 2022.

# Strength.

In a society challenged by the lack of strong male role models, Strength aims to raise boys and men to take responsibility to help build this nation. This 5-week course is based on the fundamental concepts of significance, resilience and courage, exploring topics including addiction, relationships, anger and the state of the modern man. Covid-19 meant we have had to change and innovate how we run our program in the future. Thanks to the relationships we have built with graduates and other stakeholders, we were able to run hybrid (online and in-person) programs.

We were blessed to receive an invitation to run Strength at Beth Uriel Halfway House in Salt River, Cape Town. In Hebrew, Beth Uriel, meaning ‘house of light’, was established to create a safe space for young men from troubled homes, showing them compassion and God’s love.

The course impacted all participants, but after hearing about the upcoming Cape Town Cycle Tour, four young men were inspired to ride with the team to raise R330,000 for our ongoing Covid-19 response. In total, Strength had 101 graduates through online and in-person programs.



**101 Strength graduates**  
*in 2021*



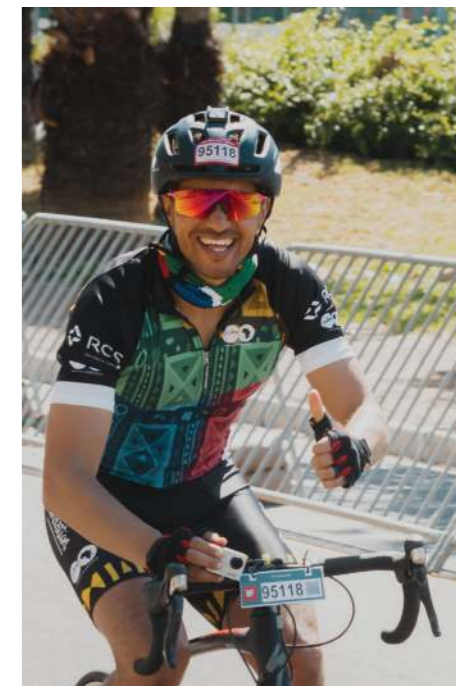
David Mujinga

Cape Town

Through Strength, we learned about identity, something special deep inside of you. It was so important that we find what our identity is. Through Strength, I learned the importance of relationships and thinking about others. This is why I am part of the Cycle Tour team. I think it's amazing that I can help so many others in need.



*“What an immense honour to be part of an amazing team to help pay for a young persons education that wouldn't always have the opportunity. As an individual, I can't do much, but as a team we can do so much more. Cycling for a cause that you believe in makes every training session worth it.”  
- Angela Wiese*



# Scholarship.

*“The scholarship has opened doors and given opportunities that Zeta would never have had access to. I am so thankful that my daughter has had access to excellent remote learning programs during the Covid-19 pandemic, without an added financial burden for her education.” - Pumla*

In 2016 the Hillsong Africa Scholarship was established with the heart of making a difference in the lives of young people who would otherwise not have an opportunity to get a quality education. The program started with four students from various backgrounds in Cape Town and Gauteng. More work needs to be done in a country where the youth unemployment rate is higher than 30%. But we believe that by providing a scholarship to a small group of young people, we can make a big difference in our society. To help us understand the true impact of the scholarship, we spoke to the families of our scholarship recipients.



*“His respect and support toward me as a single mother of three boys is more tangible than ever before.” - Chiedza*

As Calvin's mother, I kept on praying every day for his future to be bright. I'm still praying for him and his brothers, Takunda and Terrence. I am so happy that Calvin has finished high school. From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate the Hillsong Africa Scholarship Program that supported him over the five years of his high school career. Hillsong Church is my family, and when my kids come to church, I can see their joy. I am grateful to God that they all know him from such early ages.

In the process of growing up into a young man throughout his high school years, Calvin has been on a journey of wanting to support our family more and more. He is always quietly thinking about how he can have a great job to help support us. His respect and support toward me as a single mother of three boys is more tangible than ever before.

Calvin's matric year was full of great memories and moments with his friends and teachers. It was also a year of new challenges with university applications and hard work. Calvin knows for sure that he wants to become a Mechanical Engineer, and as his mother, I know that his future is bright and his journey to get there will be worth it. We are thankful for the foundation laid in him in high school due to the scholarship he received from HAF.



## Love SA Disaster response.

*“It was as if hope was unlocked again.”*

In July 2021, riots hit the streets of multiple areas around the country, with Soweto, Gauteng and Durban, Kwazulu Natal being highly affected.

Fear and anxiety were on every channel. Local and international news companies sent reporters to report on the events, from burning warehouses to looting shops, community members protecting their areas, and phone calls from residents asking for help. Panic buying also led to food shortages and uncertainty around security in the region.

But a community of generous and kind people across our beautiful country came together. Thousands of rands were donated to purchase maize, sugar beans,

salt, bread, and other non-perishable items.

A small team drove around Soweto and then to Durban, not knowing what to expect. After parcels were delivered to approximately 150 families containing diapers and food supplies for 2000 meals, it was as if hope was unlocked again. We saw many smiles on faces and even some tears as people let go of their anxiety for the first time.

They were so grateful to everyone who donated, made a phone call, prayed, and sent an encouraging text message. Through a food parcel or a small act of kindness, the community has tangibly felt love.

*“Our city has been through so much, but what we have seen is a sense of community coming together. We have grown so much closer to each other. There has been tragedy and chaos, but we have seen the fruit of relationships being built through us just being present.” - Clint and Leanne (Volunteers)*

## Dunoon community garden.

*In 2020 the community of Dunoon was hit by record-breaking floods, which left hundreds of people homeless and without hope for the future. Thanks to your generosity, we provided much-needed relief to this community. Since then, we have continued to help grow and develop a thriving subsistence farming community in the area. Through the help of local partners and community leaders, we will continue to help build a flourishing community, changing lives for good.*



Meet Thoba or ‘Rasta’ from the community of Dunoon, who stepped up as a community representative. During his community's relocation after the flood, Thoba realised the importance of getting people to come together and share what they had left to meet physical needs and create a sense of community that would help sustain growth and opportunity for this area.

He loves to garden and tend the land. As others saw what he started, they also wanted to have their own small gardens. Thoba began with a few seeds and his knowledge, which resulted in a few crops several months later.

We have been supporting this community by delivering food parcels throughout the pandemic. But as the community's needs arose, so did an opportunity to help people move from needing aid to being subsistent.

Through Thoba's invitation, we could host agricultural training with James Thurlow, a Hillsong Church congregation member. These training sessions helped community members see the value of their land and the value and potential in their own lives.

After a few weeks, with guidance and mentorship from Thoba and Thurlow, 30 home gardens were launched in this community. Some larger gardens gave crops to the feeding scheme that helped feed the kids and others in the community weekly.

Because of Thoba and others like him, this community has a renewed sense of hope and a new outlook on their future.



## Vision box partnership.

*“Every child has the right to good sight!”*

In the early stages of Covid-19, Hillsong Africa's first-ever online Sisterhood inspired Karen Shankland, an Optometrist, who is part of Hillsong Church in Cape Town, to use her profession and passion to help others. Through Karen sharing her heart for people in need, she introduced us to Vision Box.

For a nation with half the population living below the upper-bound poverty line, basic eye care is not something people can afford. With their passion to see people have clear vision, we were excited for the opportunity to partner with Vision Box.

Through our long-standing relationship and commitment to Tembalethu LSEN School in Gugulethu, Vision Box provided a thorough vision assessment for each Hillsong House learner and together were able to give eight learners glasses. This partnership has undoubtedly been a positive step for each child to build a bright future.

# Roxy Davis Foundation *partnership.*

*“The experience has been life-changing. It is something I will never forget.”*

Through the six week, ocean-based Surf Therapy program, twelve volunteers offered their time, skills and support to impact the lives of nine differently-abled teenagers.

Each volunteer was inspired by the participants' determination to conquer fear, learn new skills and experience the ocean for the first time on a surfboard despite significant physical challenges. All from Hillsong Church in the Southern Suburbs of Cape Town, volunteers value how it changed them. Tara, aged 20, got to experience being in the ocean for the first time, and Caden will never forget how 14-year-old boys put their physical challenges aside to learn how to surf.



*“Volunteering in this program has impacted me greatly. For some reason, I took the simple things in life for granted. Some of the Surf Therapy students struggled with simple things like clothing themselves, which I take for granted every day.*

*Volunteering every week encouraged me because I got to see how surfing gave these kids a boost of confidence. When they saw themselves alongside abled-people surfing, they gained the ability to believe in themselves. I loved seeing the smiles on their faces and the joy they experienced when catching a great wave.”*

*- Michale Appollis*



Tara Naidoo - Volunteer

Cape Town

The program provides adaptive therapy for children who are mentally and physically impaired. As volunteers, we help the kids get into the water. While I am still learning so many things myself, this experience has been life-changing. The smiles on the kids' faces as they learn to surf is something I will never forget. They don't have to be in this box our world puts them in. I saw how their confidence grew, and they could just ultimately be themselves.



# Building lives in a changing world.

*“We believe that life is ‘built up’ when one’s identity, empowerment or influence is understood or reinforced for the better.”*



Hillsong Africa Foundation is known as the non-profit community development arm of Hillsong Church in Africa. HAF’s vision to “Build lives that will build the Nation” exists to practically outwork our church’s vision to help “Build church to build a Nation and Continent.”

Our aim in each of our programs has always been to support people, both individually and collectively, as they grow in understanding their own identity, empowerment and influence. We believe that life is ‘built up’ when one’s identity, empowerment or influence is understood or reinforced for the better. This applies to both those “serving” and those “being served”, connecting real people and seeing personal growth over time.

Before 2020, our programs saw over 2000 sessions in 60 local community venues across Cape Town and Gauteng per year, with an average of 200 volunteers every week. However, everything changed with the pandemic and demanded new and creative ways of reaching people. We had to find ways to assist those in need by presenting our courses online, facilitating online training, and carving out new paths for volunteers to safely get involved in our mission. It looked different to anything we have ever done, but our mission to “build lives” never changed.

We know that as Christians, we are called

to care for all people, particularly those who find themselves on the margins of society. We serve out of our relationship with Jesus to build authentic relationships with those around us to see their lives move forward. The beautiful thing is that in helping others, our lives are enriched as well.

More than 13 years into this journey, HAF’s vision to build lives that will build the Nation and Continent will be propelled by a fresh mission. Our mission going forward is to equip and mobilise the people who make up Hillsong Africa, to build lives by providing care through personal interaction. Our mobilisation efforts would primarily focus on ‘rehabilitation’ and ‘development’ instead of ‘relief’ (except for Love-On-The-Line addressing the issue of food security due to the pandemic).

We have created a toolkit of resources available on our very own custom-built Learning Management System as a team. This toolkit will consist of helpful training videos that guide participants on effective ways to facilitate HAF programs. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about HAF’s DNA, culture and vision for the future in our toolkit. As our organisation grows and expands into Africa, we believe in equipping local communities and churches with the necessary resources to help build lives to build a nation and continent.







**Thank you for building lives**  
*to help build a nation.*

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