

# ABC FUTURE LEADERS 2020



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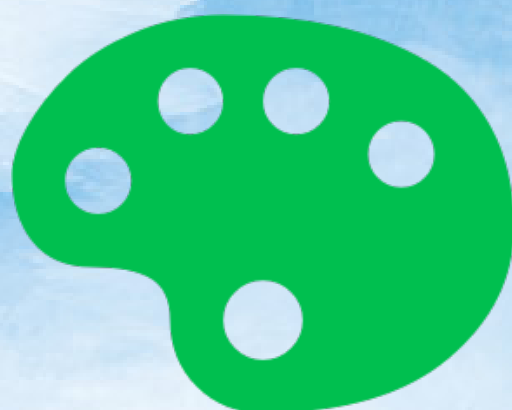
## Foreword

All Believers in Christ (ABC) has worked on this publication to support an ever-growing number of young people who are frustrated by unemployment, underemployment, poverty, and inequality. We are adopting a positive principle and attitude towards young people. Young people have been criticised, but we choose to celebrate them. We see in them a potential that will solve the various wicked problems that society faces today. We do not see them as a problem that needs to be solved. Reading through these twenty stories in four categories of arts, business, church, and development, one finds a sense of hope. The achievements written here are not at the high end but the beginning of a journey that we all need to watch. The diversity of the achievements backed by education, commitment, tenacity, adventure, sacrifices, and hard work shows us that we have so much talent to develop.

The church is the salt of the earth and not of the church. We therefore encourage our young people to go out there and make a difference!

In the book of 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul writes these words to young Timothy "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" For me these words mean that being a young person is no reason for someone to be looked down upon or despised. Actually, anyone who is not exemplary in words, in conduct, in spirit, in faith and in purity do not deserve any respect whether they are young or old, male, or female. The examples of these young people that we share here should encourage someone. We are creating role models and linking these young people to mentors and coaches for one full year before we enrol another group through the same process. It has not been an easy road and some entries had to be returned. We trust that we can have sessions to educate the nominators to do a better job and together we celebrate, profile, encourage and support these current yet future leaders

Stanley Maphosa  
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CATEGORY

**ARTS**







Ms Divine Yamulamba (23)

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Category: Arts

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Amazon :Type the book's name 'Above and Beyond' by Divine Keren.

## DIVINE YAMULAMBA

Divine **K**eren Yamulamba is a survivor amongst the seven miscarried babies by her mother. She is a writer, speaker, and poet. She currently studies for a master's degree in International Relations at the University of Pretoria. She spends most of her free time expressing her speaking gift in different audiences of all age groups. Divine is the founder of her poetry company is called The Psalms Of **K**eren which is in Pretoria. She also ministers to children in the Sunday school class of Revival Family Church International. She is a faithful servant in her church. Divine published her first Christian book in 2019 entitled "Above and Beyond. The main message she communicates in her book is how to persevere out of common situations in uncommon ways. The book is available on Amazon. Divine runs her own poetry company. Divine completed her undergraduate Bachelors degree in International Relations, as well as her Honours degree in International Relations. She is currently studying for her master's in Diplomacy at the University of Pretoria.

Challenges Overcame: She has overcome insurmountable diseases when she was younger



## SHEKINAH MAPHOSA

Shekinah is a sound engineer of great note. He has recorded more than five youth musicians. He is also a songwriter and musician in his own right who came second place in the Rhema Bible Church North Fight Night competition of talented youths in 2017. He is a holder on an Honours degree in International Relations, and a Bachelors degree in international Relations. Shekinah was awarded a Golden Key award by Wits University for his outstanding performance. His high school leaving certificate was in Natural sciences. At High school leaving certificate he obtained 8 As. He is a great combination of Natural and Social Sciences for the services of society. He is a shareholder at Ultra Rare Magazine for the youth and a Researcher at S3R Consulting, something he did alongside his four-year studies at the Wits University. Shekinah understands government policies in Health and Education, youth participation in decision making processes including the Integrated Development Plans and the District Development Model which are topics that he has researched on at S3R Consulting for government and civil society clients. Shekinah has been involved in quantitative research that includes desktop work, focus group discussions with youth in Mogale City Municipality, key informant interviews and conducting a survey.

**Challenges Overcame:** Shekinah overcame the obstacle of attending high school far away from home. It was something that he did not get used to quickly.



**Mr Shekinah Mayibongwe Maphosa (23)**  
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**Category: Arts**  
**Church Name: Rhema Bible Church North**

## CELIWE SIBANDA

Ms Celiwe Sibanda (35)

Gender: Female

Facebook: Praise Camp

Category: Arts

Church Name: Word of God Pentecostal



Celiwe Sibanda is currently an LLB student at the University of South Africa (UNISA). She is also a holder of a certificate in Office Administration from Havatech, a Certificate as a Legal Secretary from the South African Law Society and a Diploma in Legal Secretary from Damelin College. Celiwe works as Legal Secretary at Vermaak Marshall Wellbeloved Inc. based in Rosebank, specialising in property law, and also having previously acquired a five-year experience in labor law within David Cartwright Attorneys. She also does part time transcribing job that has inspired her to be an up-coming entrepreneur. She is excited to say sooner than later, C.S Transcriptions will be established which will be her company she is setting up. Celiwe on a part time voluntary basis does administrative work for Smart Choices South Africa Partners, a community-based organisation that is focused on empowering youth to choose smart in life. Furthermore, Celiwe is the Chairperson of the up-growing gospel music team - Praise Camp. It is a very inspiring team built-up on mostly youth. She has written a very few songs and looking forward to writing more. Celiwe is as backing as well as a lead vocalist in Praise Camp group. She believes that background can never define one's destiny.

Challenges Overcome: She has been challenged by group dynamics, yet she keeps on motivating her team till all come to the understanding of the same mission and vision



## **NTHABISENG MANAKE**

Ms Nthabiseng Manake  
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Gender: Female  
Category: Arts

Nthabiseng holds an N4 Building and Civil Construction qualification. She is an ambassador of a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) called Recyad which means Reclaiming Children and Youth Agency. Nthabiseng is also a Director of Jika Sisters. She is a partner at Lenaka Private Limited where she works with her brother in a shoe making and selling company. Raised by her late grandmother and her later her abusive aunt, Nthabiseng later lived with her mother and stepfather. Nthabiseng and her mother were both abused by the stepfather. Nthabiseng started to develop her writing and poetry skills which had always been her source of comfort, courage, and strength during her abusive upbringing. Her writings and going to church every weekend became her pillar of strength and her sanity. She also learnt, knew, and understood that God is her Father and He will one-day come through for her. She went to the art Centre to take drama classes as she continued writing stories, acting on theatre productions as well as reciting poetry. She then started helping and counselling young people who go through abuse and encouraging them to trust and believe in God. She currently teaches young people from where she lives drama and how to write and recite poetry. Nthabiseng is also a life skills volunteer facilitator at World Vision South Africa in Thabanchu. She is the voice for the voiceless and the help for the helpless





## MELENI NDLOVU

Ms Meleni Ndlovu(35)

Facebook: Meleni Ndlovu

Gender: Female

Category: Arts

Church Name: United Pentecostal Church (UPC) : Johannesburg

Meleni Ndlovu is a qualified Hair Stylist. She holds a Certificate in Hair Beauty and also a Certificate in Theology. She is working to own her beauty salon in the nearest future With proceeds from her salon Meleni intends to do missionary work and spread the good news of the Kingdom of God. At her church, the United Pentecostal Church in Johannesburg she is currently serving as the Head Usher. She is always willing to assist when needed and to learn more in order to achieve her dreams. Meleni always approaches situations with a positive mind. She is a God-fearing young person who enjoys godly company.

Challenges Overcame: Meleni overcame financial challenges. She could not find a job but with faith in God managed to find this space in the beauty industry which she never thought was possible.



CATEGORY

**BUSINESS**



## BUTHOLEZWE EVENS PUGENI

Butholezwe Evans Pugeni is affectionately called Butho. He has been serving as a youth leader for the last three terms at Brethren in Christ Church (Yeoville). That has been six years of excellent service. His goal and focus are to help other youths and teenagers to identify their purpose or call in God. He always believes that God created men for a purpose. If that purpose is not fulfilled, people would have lived a purposeless life. Through his church, Butholezwe has managed to help and groom quite a number of individuals to occupy their offices and gifts in the ministry. He feels satisfied when these youth people operate in that which God has ordained for their lives. Butho is in the transport business, Uber and Havilah Transport Services. Before that, he worked for Nissan as the Vehicle Preservation Inspector. Besides all what he does, Butho is trained in Artwork from Mzilikazi Art Centre.

**Challenges Overcame:** Butholezwe was diagnosed with a heart problem which the doctors told him that he would live the rest of his life on medication. However, through the love and mercy of God he was completely healed from that sickness more than ten years ago. This was a pointer to what God wanted Butholezwe to accomplish as he is now operating in the gifts of healings.



**Mr Butholezwe Evans Pugeni (34)**  
Gender: Male  
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Category: Business  
Church Name: Brethren in Christ Church (Yeoville)





## SHARMAINE SIBANDA

Ms Sharmaine F. P. Sibanda (23)

Gender: Female

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Category: Business

Church Name: Discipleship Ministries

Sharmaine Sibanda is a young self-driven lady. She puts in maximum effort in what she sets her mind to do. She completed a degree in Actuarial and Financial Mathematics in 2019. She is currently pursuing her second degree, the BSc Hons degree in Financial Engineering at the University of Pretoria (UP). In 2018, Sharmaine was involved in the UP-Mentorship Program called the Stars Mentorship. In the program she was able to mentor three Actuarial and Financial Mathematics students. In 2019, she identified an entrepreneurship opportunity at UP where she could sell lab safety gear to students in the health science, veterinary and engineering fields of study. She also offered Mathematical assistance to high school students. Sharmaine has started her own company called Indalo Professional Services and she is about to venture into training. Sharmaine has been serving at Discipleship Ministries which is her local church in the praise and worship team since 2016. She also serves in the youth committee and is currently leading the youth cell group for students in tertiary education. The platform aims to reach out to the youth of the church in order to address challenges they face in colleges and universities. Pressing issues discussed include spiritual growth, general life issues, career, and academic guidance.



## LEE-ANN SIKHOSANA

Lee-Ann is involved in an interdenominational youth committee that consists of four churches from in and around Johannesburg city. She plays the role of an administrator and events coordinator in this committee. Lee-Ann is an advocate for mental health. She believes that people with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities should be given a voice and be heard all the time. Lee-Ann is a holder of a Bachelor of Applied Social Science from the South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP). She has worked with the Department of Economic Development in Gauteng in the Corporate Services. She is an entrepreneur in the reselling business of sustainable fashion. She does her work from an online store on Instagram. Lee-Ann believes that she is a very self-aware individual and that means she can assess her own strengths, weaknesses, and personality in order to better herself as well as understand how those things affect people around her. She is also a firm believer in the monkey see monkey do phrase, which means she believes in leading by example

Challenges Overcome: Lee-Ann survived depression through therapy and is ready to assist others struggling with it



**Ms Lee-Ann Sikhosana (24)**

**Gender: Female**

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**Category: Business**

**Church Name: Kingdom Global Christian Church**

# SAKHILE MABIKA

Sakhile Mabika is a motivated young man who loves God so deeply. He serves at His word ministries international where he has demonstrated his passion for the work of God. Sakhile is both a youth leader and a keyboard player since 2016. He is a respectful young man with a deep hunger for the knowledge of God. He is able to make serious sacrifices for the gospel. His level of obedience is humbling, and he is always willing to go an extra mile for the sake of preaching and serving the will of God. He is able to make decisions that would be so hard to be taken by a lot of people of his age. He is a strong upcoming young man showing signs of willingness to get to the sky in terms of working and serving God. Sakhile is studying for a degree in Entrepreneurship at the University of Johannesburg. He is in his second year of studies.

Challenges Overcame: In 2017 when Sakhile was just about to start with his final matric exams his family was evicted from, they were staying. This was a stressful time for him. However, despite that he prayed and persisted eventually passing his examination and proceeding to go into University.



Mr Sakhile Mabika (21)

Gender: Male

Facebook: Sakhile Mabika

Category: Business

Church Name : His word ministries international





CATEGORY

CHURCH





## REFILOE MAKHEMISI

Refiloe Mokhemisi (20)  
Gender: Female  
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Church Name: Salvation Pentecostal  
Church International (SPCI)  
Category: Church

Refiloe Mokhemisi is youth leader at the Salvation Pentecostal Church International in Sebokeng. She is a committed and vibrant server in the church. Refiloe has been leading by example hence her elevation into this leadership role as Chairperson at her age. She coordinates youth activities and is also the Pastoral Logistics Manager. Refiloe is trustworthy in such a way that any task given to her is not only completed but it is also exceptionally done all the time. Refiloe is e-Literate. Studying for a Diploma in Policing at the Vaal University of Technology (VUT), Refiloe is ready to be a law enforcer and deal with crime in South Africa. To that extent, she has done some Learnership work at Sebokeng Police Station. South Africa should soon expect a God-fearing policewoman and who is accountable, courageous, effective in communication, empathetic, flexible, focused, humble, innovative, passionate, patient and transparent.

Challenges Overcame: Refiloe is grateful that she overcame the teenagerhood challenges

## LIYANDA NYATHI

Mr Liyanda Nyathi (27)

Gender: Male

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Category: Church

Church Name: Revival of Jesus Miracles Ministries international



Liyanda Nyathi holds a high school leaving Certificate. Liyanda is Youth Leader or Chairperson at Revival of Jesus Miracles Ministries international. He has been with the church for 18 years from his Sunday School days. He is currently responsible for running church youth programs. He is also a very powerful Master of Ceremony (MC) who has handled various conference weddings, and other church gatherings with a lot of precision. He is a great public speaker and motivator. Liyanda is also a Music Director in Church. In addition to that he is keyboardist, guitarist and he can also play drums. He is also helping other churches by training their praise and worship teams in and out Johannesburg. He is a role model who is interested in impacting other young people. His motto is "deliberately moved from impressing people to impacting people."

Challenges Overcome: There is no major challenge that he remembers.





## BUSANI MBAYIWA

Mr Busani Mbayiwa (33)

Gender: Male

Facebook: Busani Omuhle Mabusa

Category: Church

Church Name : Revival Crusade Missions Church International

Busani Mbayiwa is an active young person who is a professional Master of Ceremony for five years now and a motivational speaker for all forms and levels of ceremonies. He is a multi-lingual speaker who is qualified in Sales and Marketing and holds an Advanced level school Certificate. Busani serves at the Revival Crusade Missions Church International. He has been MC in church and wedding celebrations. He is also a member of the Praise and Worship team where he plays the keyboard and also serves in the youth committee. Busani is a humble, self-driven and motivated young person who is also goal oriented. He has been able to work well with other young people and manages to mobilise them for action. He has taken various youths for training and mentorship sessions on teenage pregnancy, peer pressure, drug abuse and how to deal with bullying. Busani was once a captain of his school cricket team. He is a multi-talented, bubbly, and energetic young person.

Challenges Overcome: Busani has experienced the challenge of getting the job that he is trained to do but has worked on it to make use of his various talents to impact young people in church and in his community.



## PAUL MHEMBERE

Paul Mhembere (34)

Gender : Male

Facebook: Paul Mhembere

Category: Church

Church Name: Voice of Victory Ministries International

Paul is a high school graduate currently undergoing Bible School Training under the Bible Training Course for Pastors (BTCP). He says that this course is shaping him to where he would like to see himself in the future which is pastoral ministry. He is also serving as the Youth Leader at Voice of Victory Ministries International. Paul submits to authority, is humble and principled in his work ethics. Currently, Paul is working as an e-driver (Bolt Uber) which he has been doing for the past three years now.

## THANDOLWENKOSI NCUBE



Thandolwenkosi M Ncube is the secretary for her local church Brethren in Christ Church South Africa Ivory Park. She is also a District Youth secretary of Brethren in Christ Church South Africa and. She has also been assigned to preach the word of God at her church. Thandolwenkosi works for Bosch and is armed with a High school level certificate .

Challenges: Thandolwenkosi have overcome temptations associated with young people .

Ms Thandolwenkosi M Ncube (24)

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Category: Church

Church Name: BICCSA IVORY PARK



## NTANDO NDLOVU

Ms Ntando Ndlovu (29)

Gender: Female

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Category: Church

Church Name: Voice of Victory Ministries International



Ntando dropped from the Mechanical Engineering course offered by a vocational college when she was in her second year. This was due to financial challenges. This made her fail to pursue her dreams. She later studied Computers and has been trying to find a stable job. Meanwhile she has been involved in some part time and voluntary jobs. The trailblazer in Ntando is in her work in church Voice of Victory International where she serves in the Praise and Worship team and leads church prayers. very time Challenges Overcame: Ntando has overcome a lot of things through God who lives in her life. In every situation she always knows that God has prepared her well enough to face it and go through it





CATEGORY

# DEVELOPMENT



# THEMBELANI NHLABATSI



Mr Thembelani Nhlabatsi (27)

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Category: Development

Church Name: Mbabane Alliance Church (Eswatini)

Thembelani is a young and enthusiastic scientist from Nhlengano, south of Eswatini. He graduated from the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) with Bachelors Degree in Chemistry and Biological Sciences. He then joined the Eswatini National Archives as an intern in the Conservation Laboratory. He was responsible for conducting different forms of specialist preservation procedures for different media of archived materials. He also assisted in the implementation of various activities in the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology. Thembelani also attended various workshops and short courses on conservation. In addition to the informal training he received, Thembelani enrolled for a postgraduate Higher Certificate in Archives and Records Management at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Upon completion, he was employed as the Assistant Conservator, then promoted to the Conservator. He is currently a Member of Council at the International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM). Additionally, Thembelani writes for the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (ESARBICA) Newsletter. While at UNESWA and outside of his academic life Mr. Nhlabatsi being a stout born-again Christian was the leader of the Eswatini Chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC). Thembelani was instrumental in the coordination of spiritual outreach programs in all three campuses of the University under the guidance of Pastor Paluku Bushu. He organised and participated in spiritual workshops, mentorship programs and team building activities for fellow students. By the time he reached his final year at university, he had contributed in the winning, building and sending Christ centered and multiplying disciples as is the mission of the CCC. Thembelani is a member of the Mbabane Alliance Church.

Challenges Overcame: Growing up from disadvantaged background and deserted by his father, as is the case with most young Africans, the going was tough to get a basic education. However, with the Grace of the Almighty everything worked for good.

# REFILWE KHONKHOBÉ

Ms Refilwe Khonkhobe (28)

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Category: Development

Church Name: Spiritual Rock Ministries



Refilwe **K**honkhobe is completing a B Com Accounting Degree. She is volunteering at Itharabogelweng Mahumagadi- an NPO that takes care of the elderly. Currently Refilwe is a co- founder of a project called ""Facebook Crowd Funding"" which is mainly about raising funds to buy groceries and electricity for the less fortunate during these COVID 19 tough times. The project has raised over R15 000 within a short space of time and supported over 35 households. Refilwe is in the process of registering a Non Profit Organisation called Girl Child which is raising funds to provide sanitary towels and toiletries for young girls between the ages of 11 and 21. She is also helps young people apply to Universities and to get bur- saries using her own resources. Ms **K**honkobe is committed to helping those in need and uplift the economy of Thabanchu where she comes from. She started her mission at Spiritual Rock Ministries church where she has been serving as an Administrator and Bookkeeper for 3 years now.

Challenges Overcame: Raising funds from the public is not easy and there are times when she has used her own funds to ensure that the less fortunate are assisted with toiletry packages.





## GRACIOUS SIBANDA

Ms Gracious Sibanda (29)  
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Category: Development  
Church Name: Joburg Worship  
Centre

Gracious Sibanda has always been passionate about communities, especially the teenagers and how they are finding themselves in this confusing society. She believes that reaching out to young people at this stage will help in having responsible citizens in the near future. Gracious studied BSc in Psychology at Monash University South Africa, During her studies she did an exchange program in Malaysia for two years where she volunteered with the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Malaysia. She taught English, Mathematics and History at a Refugee School. She received an award for being Socially Conscious. This made her realize the importance of young people and sparked a passion for them. Gracious believes that it is important to try and come up with projects that will give the youth purpose so that they find themselves. Working with the community in general is what fulfills Gracious as she believes that is what she was called to do. She is currently a Call Centre Consultant at Hello Group. Gracious is actively involved at the Joburg Worship Centre as a youth leaders and Secretary of the Leadership team. Gracious is very good in organizing and directing functions. She is a teachable, correctable, and obedient young lady

Challenges Overcame: During her voluntary tutoring) at Lwazi Primary School, Gracious was challenged the diversity of needs that children experience challenges, She wished to do more but was limited by a number of factors beyond her control.

# AKHONA NKENKANA



Ms Akhona Nkenkana (33)

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Category: Development

Church Name: Methodist Pretoria City Mission

Akhona works as a thought leader and Project Manager for Ibis Reproductive Health, a global research organization in advocacy for gender and reproductive health rights. She leads research projects that opens up policy and implementation conversation on topical issues around gender and reproductive health in South Africa. She believes that in order for any nation to manage its social ills, it ought to be able to measure them. Akhona is an ambassador of the UNESCO "Let's Talk EUP campaign." A campaign advocating for education and empowerment of young people to end early and unintended pregnancy in South

Africa. Furthermore, she is among the reviewers of the Perinatal and Maternal Health policy of South Africa and part of the team drafting the guidelines for the said policy. Akhona is an alumnus of prestigious institutions that provide platforms for young people to contribute towards the development of young people in the country, the continent, and the world at large. Her thought leadership has been grounded with training from the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute. She is an Alumni of the World Economic Forum and the BRICS Young Scientist Forum. She is also the former president of the Isibalo Young African Statisticians Association which is a program in service of emerging researchers and statisticians in Africa. She is currently pursuing her PhD and highest level of education is Masters. Akhona is a member of the Methodist Pretoria City Mission.

Challenges Overcame: Akhona has continued to fight the unemployment challenge through developing herself and continues to explore avenues to trade her skill. As a first born to a family of four and raised by a single mother, she has had to work harder to help and support her mother by taking siblings through university.

## WELCOME NDLOVU

Mr Welcome Ndlovu (35)

Gender: Male

Facebook: Smart Choices SA Partners)

Twitter: @ Smart Choices

Category: Development

Church Name: Brethren in Christ Church Hillbrow



Welcome Ndlovu is an Executive Director of Smart Choice South Africa Partners. He is a member of Brethren in Christ Church Hillbrow. Welcome encourages young people to take Smart Choices in life and to have courage. He runs the Smart Choices Training Program and It Takes Courage Program. The programs focus on health, social and educational matters. This includes health and wellness screening, testing for blood pressure, glucose (diabetes), cholesterol, body mass index and HIV. Welcome believes that his health promotions reduce new infections and minimize substance abuse like drugs and alcohol and reduces teenage pregnancy. His work is also an outreach for young people receive the Gospel of Christ. Welcome also conducts the Walk thru the Bible OtLive and discipleship Programs. His work alleviate poverty through the soup kitchen and delivery of food parcels to the needy. Welcome conducts his work in schools and churches.

Challenges Overcome: The main challenge that Welcome has is the lack of support staff to run his projects. He has, however, managed to encourage some young people to join him on voluntary basis but lack of donor funding makes the turnover of the young people very quick.





**ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST - FELLOWSHIP OF  
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