



To whom it may concern

***I am Special* is a Registered Non-profit, Non Governmental, Christian Based Organisation**

We focus on the children of the nation. Most children on our programme are from deprived and underprivileged communities where the social and home life is not what most of us take for granted. We share love, grace, joy and hope with children. We let every child know and believe that they are special, despite where they come from, who they are, or what their circumstances are. We don't intend to change their circumstances or promise them a better life, but we want to give them hope and guidance.

Who better to share it with, than the leaders and followers of tomorrow?

I am Special Ministries was founded in 2009 by three women from Durbanville in the Western Cape. We commenced with the programme in September 2009 at Alpha Primary School in Morningstar Durbanville with a mere 30 learners. In October 2009 they doubled to 60 learners. Currently there are ± 1500 learners on the programme from five different schools. This goes to show just how big the need is for such a programme in our schools and in our country.

The curriculum contains basic foundational skills that promote self-confidence, independence and a sense of empowerment. **Exercises include:** life skills, social skills, language and maths, self-upliftment and problem solving exercises. Our aim remains to teach them the Gospel and to show them by means of scripture just how special they are and how powerful the Word of God can be. They are led to think and to feel clever and therefore give their best performance possible. The curriculum teaches children to keep up with the mainstream, and to succeed in all areas of life.

The classes are small, therefore the facilitators are able to get to know each child individually and build relationships with the children. We are committed to give the children some structure and security - a safe haven - even though just for 30 minutes per week.

Though we have the consent of the school and its governing body to present this programme, no funds are raised from the schools we visit or the children attending the programme. However, training and equipping our facilitators and supplying all the needs to present the programme to the children, is a costly exercise.

To be effective it costs approximately **R50 per child per month**.

We take this opportunity to ask *you* to take hands with us.

Your positive consideration regarding this request will be sincerely appreciated.

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Kind Regards

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(Director & Founder - I am Special Ministries)