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Lifa Songwiqui in South Africa



What's the need?

The church in many parts of the world is growing rapidly. Out of necessity many untrained men and women are sent to serve their communities or teach the Word of God to congregations at newly planted churches or established ones where they have no pastor or leader.

Congregations who are hungry for the Word of God often receive limited bible teaching, leaving them open to error or to remain immature as Christians. Many dioceses are too poor to pay enough money for men and women to have theological training or to be trained in community health and development.

Why the bursary scheme?

To help meet this need for training, Crosslinks primarily provides bursaries for students who come from parts of the world where there is great economic or political need. Priority of sponsorship is given to students who are accepted into evangelical theological colleges, bible schools and universities in their own or near country.

Students are recommended by their diocese or educational institution and most will be used as pastors or leaders at grass roots level in their community after gaining degrees or on completion of foundation courses. Some students train for higher degrees in order to fill key positions in their diocese.

How can you help?

By sponsoring students through our BEST programme. Money you give us will go towards their training fees which we pay the college on the students' behalf. Each student and their diocese are requested to pay what they can towards personal allowances and medical fees. We can link you with one of these students so that you can be informed of their progress.

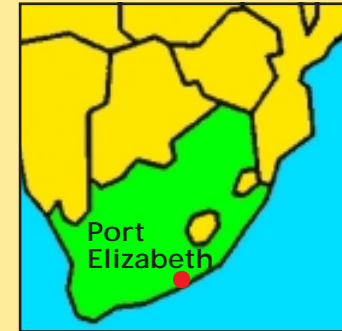
Why Lifa Songwiqui?

Lifa parents were both Christians and actively involved in the local church. Lifa himself became a committed Christian early in life, and has had a burning desire to participate in the growth of God's kingdom. He has been a voluntary youth leader at Trinity Baptist Church in Port Elizabeth over the past year.

Lifa has just completed a Certificate Year at the **Bible Institute, Eastern Cape** and wishes to continue to study there for a **Diploma in Theology** between February 2008 and November 2009.

The purpose of his training is to enable him to know the Bible better so that he can teach and disciple others in the rural communities of the Eastern Cape. He is likely to begin his full-time ministry working amongst the youth but, as he matures, he plans to go into pastoral ministry.

Lifa is single and currently lives in very informal housing in the township near the College.



What now?

- Decide if you or your church can sponsor this student
- Decide how much you can pay towards Lifa's fees (£800pa for two years) through our BEST Programme

Please fill in the relevant form today and show your support for Lifa which will eventually affect the growth of the church in South Africa.