

*Dear supporters,*

**I love Keith Green's song "Open Your Eyes".** It challenges me and encourages me to do things that sometimes I don't think I have time to do. In my work for Help a Child, I had many such moments in the past 13 years, but always I have been encouraged to go on.

Sometimes it is a cheque for a donation with a little note that says, "thank you for the important work you do", or letter from our sponsor child headed, "Dear Mum & Dad", or the fact that many people automatically link my name with HaC, or just that still, quiet voice that tells me, "who else would do it anyway?"

But most of the time, just thinking about the millions of children out there that have not heard the Good News, that hardly know what it is to be a child, *that* is what gives me determination to keep HaC going and make it grow. Making it grow, because then many more are..."loved in His name. And Jesus says, when we love someone in His name, we're loving Him.

Not all of us can go out to the mission field, however much we would pray for that to happen. But all of us can have a mission work, right in our homes, right in our own country. We can help spread awareness, help raise funds, or use our talents in whatever way God wants us to. Right now, HaC NZ is looking for talent. We need people who are willing to do a job and do it right. Or if you have an idea yourself that could be useful for HaC NZ, **we want to hear from you.**

If you have a few hours a month, a love for those who have so much less, and enthusiasm- we need you on board NOW. Please contact us and **together we can Help a Child.**

**Greetings in His name,**

*Héidi Hendrikse*

### **Open your eyes—Keith Green**

*Open your eyes to the world all around you, open your eyes, open your eyes.*

*This world is much more than the things that surround you.*

*You must arise, and open your eyes.*

*Sometimes we're too busy to share, but Jesus wants us to care, to care.*

*Jesus says, when we love someone in His name, we're loving Him.*

*Jesus says, when we touch someone in His name, we're touching Him.*

*And we need to show them the light, we've got to pour out our lives., open your eyes.*

*Open your arms to the naked and shivering, open your arms, open your arms.*

*We need a little less taking, a whole lot more giving.*

*We're so safe and warm, we can open our arms.*

*And love a little bit stronger, and pray a little bit longer, longer.*

*Jesus says, Jesus says, Jesus says, it's Him.*

*Jesus says, when we love someone in His name, we're loving Him, we're loving Him.*



*5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 – In a small thatched hut a young widow lies dying. She is weak from HIV/Aids, which has emaciated her body. There is very little left of her.*

She's been a widow for a few years now. It's been tough surviving economically since her husband died. On top of that she feels so sick. The medicines she takes are no longer effective. Then there's the pressure of caring for her son. Who will look after him when she comes to die? He too has the HIV/Aids virus. Then there is her aged mother – who can't imagine what the future will be like. How will she be able to manage to care for herself – let alone her grandson?

I'm visiting in this sad situation with Shriva. She's one of our program co-workers. Shriva is still in her twenties. She contracted HIV/Aids from her husband. Now she's a widow and has two children to care for. After Shriva became a Christian, she wanted to minister to other women with Aids. We've employed her as a counselor.

But this was not just a counselor and a client. Shriva had a powerful witness because she could identify with her "patient". Her empathy came from the fact that they were both affected by the same condition.

When I (through Shriva's translation) ask the very weak patient about her concerns, she looks at her aged mother and points to her 3 year old son. "Who will care for him?" Then she glances at Shriva and says: "But she helps me. I have found peace knowing that God does loves me and my son. Shriva brings me a glimpse of heaven." Then I realise, God has sent an angel in the form of Shriva to be His messenger in this world of darkness and suffering. God brings joy in the midst of despair.

Leo Visser  
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# Together we can Help a Child



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### Want to volunteer?

We are looking for:

- > Committee members
- > Public Promoter (teams of two)
- > Business Promoter (teams of two)
- > Newsletter Editor
- > Newsletter Binder
- > Newsletter Distributors
- > Information Brochure Distributors
- > Fundraisers
- > Specific Project fundraisers
- > Database Entry workers
- > Liaisons

**Open your eyes, open your arms, open your hearts.**

**Together we can Help a Child !!**

I want to **Help a Child** by:

- Sponsoring a child for \$ 20.00 a month
- Sponsoring a child for \$ 45.00 a month
- Sponsoring a family for \$ 80.00 a month
- Getting involved
- Promoting the organisation in my area
- Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to a project

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*"Whoever is kind to  
the needy honors God"*

Proverbs 14: 31B

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