

INCIDENT NUMBER: 10/2018

**FIRE DISASTER
ALEXANDRA
12th December 2018**

Nature of Incident:	Fire Disaster
Area:	Alexandra
Province:	Gauteng Province
No of victims/families:	200 households
Team Leader:	Lauren Weeks
Date Incident Occurred:	06 December 2018
Date Responded:	11 – 12 December 2018
Type of relief aid:	Hope Kits
Quantity distributed:	250
News Links:	https://www.enca.com/news/watch-shack-fire-breaks-out-alexandra

1. BACKGROUND

On 6th December 2018, a fire incident was reported in the early hours of the morning in Alexandra Informal Settlement. Alexandra is located in Gauteng, off the London Road exit. CityHope's General Manager, Catherine Smith, was notified and activated to undertake an assessment and coordinate a response. On 10th December 2018 Lauren Weeks, from Cornerstone Church Bedfordview, rallied together a team of volunteers along with the 250 Hope Kits in stock in JHB and met with the community leader at the Alexandra Police Station to facilitate the distribution of relief aid to the registered victims of the devastating fire.

2. DISASTER / DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

The initial assessment of the damage due to the disaster showed over 200 shacks were completely burnt and destroyed, affecting over 300 victims. There were thankfully no fatalities.

3. SHORT TERM RELIEF ISSUED

Team leader, Lauren Weeks, and volunteers coordinated a response outreach on 10th & 11th December 2018. CityHope provided 250 hope kits to assist the victims and their families. The team arrived on site at Alexandra Informal settlement and conducted prayers and outreach to those affected. Lauren and the team prayed with, and for the victims, as well as ministered to the families. The victims and families received the message and prayers well and were very moved by the love shown to them. We only hope this brings the families closer to God.

4. BENEFICIARIES

Approximately 300 victims and their families were identified and recorded. Their needs are great.

Compiled By:-

Name: Lauren Weeks

Company: Cornerstone Church, Bedfordview

Title: Disaster Relief Team Deacon

Date: 14th December 2018

IMAGES AND CAPTIONS:

Image	Caption
	<p>Upon arrival, the Metro Police and the Fire Department escorted the team of volunteers due to the volatile situation at the location of fire.</p>
	<p>Fire destroyed many homes.</p>
	<p>Kits were handed out over 2 days according to Victims ID numbers along with Gauteng Disaster Relief personnel.</p>



Handouts and prayers were carefully monitored by the local police department as the location was not safe.



The teams that went out over the two days.



Prayer was facilitated in a group format, for the safety of the volunteers.