

INCIDENT NUMBER: 01/2019

**FIRE DISASTER
LAVENDER HILL, MUIZENBERG
2nd January 2019**

Nature of Incident:	Fire Disaster
Area:	Lavender Hill, Muizenberg, Cape Town
Province:	Western Cape
No of victims/families:	80 households
Team Leader:	Lester Sedras
Date Incident Occurred:	31 Dec 2018
Date Responded:	02 Jan 2019
Type of relief aid:	Hope Kits
Quantity distributed:	29
Number of Salvations:	2
News Links:	Facebook Video 1 Facebook Video 2

1. BACKGROUND

Communication was received from a local Church leader in the Overcome Community on 1st Jan 2019 alerting the team to the fire that had ravaged the community on New Year's Eve 2018. The RESPOND coalition team leader, Lester Sedras, activated the necessary team to be on standby for the response. Lester made contact with the City Disaster Management Centre who advised him and his team to stay clear until further notice while they complete the impact assessment. On 2nd Jan 2019 Lester received a request from the City of Cape Town Disaster Management Centre to assist 29 families in the community. The 29 Hope Kits were delivered on Wednesday morning and handed over by the volunteer team to the head of each household with the assistance of the local leaders who facilitated the process. Prayers were done and blessings commanded on each individual to whom meals were also served as they busied themselves with the re-building process.

2. DISASTER / DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

The initial assessment was that approximately 80 informal dwellings were burnt. An accurate figure of individuals affected could not be established as several had left the area to be with other relatives as far afield as the Eastern Cape. Residents had lost all their possessions and were in desperate need of the helping hand. Member churches of the RESPOND coalition remain active participants in assisting the families with several items of need.

3. SHORT TERM RELIEF ISSUED

29 Hope Kits were issued to heads of affected families as identified by local leaders.

4. BENEFICIARIES

29 Families were supported through prayer, a meal and the issuance of a Hope Kit.

5. Testimonies or Possible stories of interest

Following this effort, the 2nd disaster response since October 2018, residents have grown to understand that the church is indeed actively meeting several of the needs of the affected communities. The opportunity has granted several of the pastors greater credibility as their missional voice is more resounding amidst the crises. The active work of soul saving continues unabated due to these moments of outreach which have now enabled further activities of one-on-one engagement by the local church pastors. We thank GOD Almighty!

Compiled By:-

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Date: 04 Jan 2019

IMAGES AND CAPTIONS:

Image	Caption
	<p>a. An image captured on the scene while the fire was raging.</p> <p>b. A delighted recipient of relief aid.</p>
	<p>Hope Kits ready for distribution at the collection point.</p>
	<p>Delighted recipients of the Hope Kits</p>