

Sponsoring a Child in the Keromang Creche

Sponsorship Covenant

Name of child you desire to sponsor: _____

Your name: _____

email: _____

phone: _____

address: _____

city: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

Choose your sponsorship (check all that you are willing to do):

Prayer Partner: I will pray for this person every day.

Pen pal: I will write to this person: _____ every month
_____ quarterly

I send my letter: _____ directly to the Creche on my own
_____ to Grace Lutheran to send to the Creche

(Have your letter to Grace by February 1, May 1, August 1, or November 1)

Financial Support:

I am including the following amount made out to Grace Lutheran Church:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$150 (full sponsorship) ___ other: _____

I am paying the entire amount

I will make my payment throughout the year:

___ paid now

I will pay the remainder: ___ monthly ___ quarterly

Goal of this sponsorship: to sponsor every child attending Lekubu Lutheran's Early Learning Center

This is a need that Lekubu Parish identified already in 2006. The history and financial need for the Keromang Lutheran Early Learning Centre is explained on the backside of this sheet. This institution is very effective at teaching Bible stories and Christian songs to the children of Lekubu village. The financial assistance will ease the financial burden on parents so that they can afford sending their child to Keromang as well as provide financial support to Keromang itself.

How sponsorship works:

- **You choose the child** you want to sponsor from the profiles that Lekubu sends to Grace Lutheran.
- **You choose how you will sponsor** your child:
 - Prayer Partner,
 - Pen Pal (including how often you will write),
 - Financial Support (the amount you are contributing and one-time, monthly or quarterly payments)
- **Letters** can be sent directly or bring/send to Grace Lutheran office and we will send them for you
- **Grace will send all money** through the Western Diocese to Lekubu Lutheran Parish for Keromang Creche
(Make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church. Add a notation for "Child at Lekubu")

If you choose to send your letters directly, send to: Lekubu Lutheran Keromang Creche
P.O. Box 720
Zeerust 2865
South Africa

The History of Keromang

Keromang Luther Early Learning Centre started back in 1983. The creche was originally named Tsogang Lekubu Lutheran. It was situated in the same yard as the Lekubu Lutheran Church, not far from the Gaborone Road. It started as a single room building and children from 2 years to 5 years of age were admitted. The initial admission/registration fee was R3 and a monthly fee of R10 followed. The creche consisted of 30 kids with 2 teachers, 1 person as the cooker, and 1 person as the cleaner.

Tsogang Lekubu Lutheran creche's name was changed in 1986. It was changed to Keromang Lutheran Early Learning Centre and remains this title still today. It is named after Cheif Sebogodi Lekolwane's wife. The creche was sponsored by German missionaries from 1985 until 2007. The sponsorship helped the centre to expand into a new building in 1989. The new building is still in the same yard as the Lekubu Lutheran Church and consists of an office, a kitchen, 2 playrooms, a hall, a sick room, tv room, and bathrooms. The staff grew to 9 members with the new building. 5 teachers, 2 cooks, 1 cleaner, and a gardener.

In 2006 the Department of Education decided to remove 4 teachers, all of which were earning their salaries from the Department of Education to continue with their work at different schools. Leaving only 1 teacher at Keromang.



Keromang Today

Currently the centre has only 4 staff members. 2 teachers, 1 cooker, and 1 cleaner. There are 47 children currently attending the creche. 22 which are girls and 25 boys. Admission has been changed to currently accept children from the ages of 10 months up to 4 1/2 years old. The centre no longer has a sponsorship due the end of the German partnership in 2007. The creche relies solely on the monthly fees now for its continuation. The admission/registration fees are now R60 and a monthly fee of R130.

