

# GUIDELINES FOR DUMISANI GORDON NKOSI FOSTERSHIP FUND

FOSTERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON TERMS OF MONEY ALONE  
BUT IN LOVE AND COMPENION

1. **Preamble:** Matthew 25, 34 - 40
2. **Aims and objectives for fostership**
  - to encourage those who can do something to reach at least one child
3. **Who qualifies for fostership:**
  - human wants affecting needy children: poverty, family conflicts, desertion, single parenthood, unemployment deaths
4. **Requirements:**
  - new application form is completed, birth certification attached
  - person in charge must make fair statement/assessment
5. **Communication**
  - at the beginning of each year the child must write a thank-you-letter
  - each child must be healthy bonding by writing foster parents regularly
  - foster parents should be encouraged to communicate with their child
  - deaths and family news to be shared
6. **Termination of fostership**
  - if a child has passed away
  - if a child has completed Grade 12
  - if a child is not making progress at school or plays truancy
  - if a child is pregnant
  - if a child moves outside Shiyane circuit or disappears without trace
7. **Management**
  - Parish partnership committees (Shiyane) are asked
    - to pay school fees and buy uniforms etc.
    - to assist the child in writing/drawing
    - to send bulk post including copies of school reports to their partner parish
    - not to replace a child for any reasons
  - Parish partnership committees (Verden) are asked
    - to upgrade the foster children list
    - to distribute the letters and reports
    - to remind the parents to pay the money in time
    - to remind the parents to keep contact
    - to find new fosterparents in case one gave up because of financial or familiar reasons
  - Parish partnership committees (Shiyane and Verden) inform each other about changes and alterations (parish level), copies to be sent to person in charge of fostership matters on circuit level
8. **Money affairs:**
  - there will be no money sent for children Grade 12
  - there will be no money sent without school report
  - overlimits paid by foster parents should remain on the Ver-Shin account for school needs throughout the year. At the end of the year the rest should be given to the child's family/guardians (cash or food hamper).
  - Unused money will stay on Ver-Shin account until Verden partnership committee informs about the sponsors decision
  - Shiyane partnership committee decides about the deduction for administration costs