

Dear Friends

This is an important announcement concerning the Beautiful Gate Ministries.

1. A letter from Toby Brower, the founder of Beautiful Gate Ministries International in South Africa
2. An explanation from Beautiful Gate Namibia.

### **1. Toby's Letter**

Cape Town, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008

## STATEMENT

New season for the organisation

Beautiful Gate no longer operating under Youth with a Mission

**Cape Town, South Africa – Beautiful Gate Ministries International, an association of organisations for children in need, is no longer part of the mission organisation Youth With A Mission (YWAM).**

“Over the past 14 years Beautiful Gate has been part of YWAM but has also more and more developed its own unique identity as a separate Christian organisation”, say Toby and Aukje Brouwer, directors and founders of Beautiful Gate Ministries International. “After years of prayerful reflection and consideration we felt that it’s time for Beautiful Gate to fully embrace that new identity to be enabled to move into the next season.”

After a year of consultation with various levels of YWAM leadership and the associates, the decision was officially made by BGMI during the international board meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2007.

### **Work together**

Although the new association of Beautiful Gate organisations in South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia and Beautiful Gate International will operate under a new logo, it will largely continue to work within its existing vision and mission.

The members of the association will not only continue to work along side each other, but have expressed the will to collaborate globally with Christians responding to the plight of the children and their families. This includes YWAM ministries who reach out to children in need and help seeing their lives and that of their families and communities changed.

### **Beautiful Gate Namibia has decided to stay within the YWAM family of ministries.**

This is due to its close working relationships with Youth with a Mission in Namibia which they would like to continue. Beautiful Gate Namibia will therefore not be part of the association and will continue under a new name called Beautiful Kidz Namibia. This change will not in any way effect the current ministry of Beautiful Gate Namibia. BGMI

and Beautiful Kidz Namibia will continue to work together in the same spirit which they have done over the past years.

Beautiful Gate wants to state that they are grateful to YWAM for believing in the vision and allowing the ministry to grow and mature under their covering for the past fourteen years. All Beautiful Gate organisations are looking forward to continue the relationship in the future and hope that this new form of collaboration will be a fruitful one.

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## **2. Beautiful Gate Namibia's Explanation**

After Beautiful Gate Ministries International informed us about their decision, to move away from YWAM, our Board made the following decision.

At a Board meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2007, the Beautiful Gate Namibia Board decided not to follow BGMI in their decision to separate from Youth With A Mission. The main reason for making the decision has to do with the fact that Beautiful Gate Namibia, Youth With a Mission and Community Hope are so intertwined in working together and staying together. Should Beautiful Gate Namibia decide to move away from YWAM, it will affect both YWAM and Community Hope School in a very negative way. It will also affect the community we work in, because they are used to the three ministries working together. Beautiful Gate will have to find accommodation for 80% of its staff.

We do want to assure you that our relationship with the Beautiful Gate Ministries have not been affected in a negative way. Toby and Aukje will be visiting us in two weeks time to see how we can partner as organisations in the future.

Beautiful Gate Namibia is not allowed to keep their name and are at the moment busy with preparations to legally change our name to BEAUTIFUL KIDZ NAMIBIA and will as soon as we are ready, send you our new Bank account numbers, website address and other information. Please take note that everything stays the same UNTIL we will inform you again of the changes.

Thank you for your support in the past and we trust that you'll understand our situation.

Kind regards.  
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