‘People understand that we are trying to help them, trying to do some good’  

Aids team-member Julie, Soweto

1) Children play in the Soweto slums. The previous night, 15 houses had been burned to the ground.

2) A young boy plays in a burned-out car in slums outside Johannesburg. Fires are a major problem in this area, with large numbers of people killed each year because of arson.

3) A boy works the fields in Lesotho. Due to the high HIV rate, many farmers are dead or dying. This results in famine and the population depends on help from aid agencies. However, due to the lack of media coverage only a few agencies continue their work – one of which is The Salvation Army.

4) A doctor treats a dying woman at The Salvation Army’s Mountain View Hospital in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa.

5) A young baby at The Salvation Army’s Ethembeni (Place of Hope) Children’s Home in Johannesburg. The vast majority of children at the centre were born with HIV and then abandoned. With correct treatment and a healthy diet they may still have a long life ahead of them – and those who are brought in soon after birth can even revert to being HIV-negative.

6) Children at an orphanage near the South Africa-Lesotho border enjoy playtime.

7) Children play football at an orphanage near the South Africa-Lesotho border.

8) The HIV/Aids situation in Kwazulu Natal has far-reaching effects. This woman cannot find work because so much of the economic infrastructure has been wiped out.

9) An HIV-positive orphan at Ethembeni, a Salvation Army run orphanage in Johannesburg.

‘They think that if they get infected, then it was meant to happen. Yet if we can save one life it will be worth it’  

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