



# **MAHLOBO FOUNDATION**

"BRINGING TIMELESS PRINCIPLES TO NATIONS"

*MFVEST THINK &  
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*DADDY PLEASE COME HOME PROJECT*

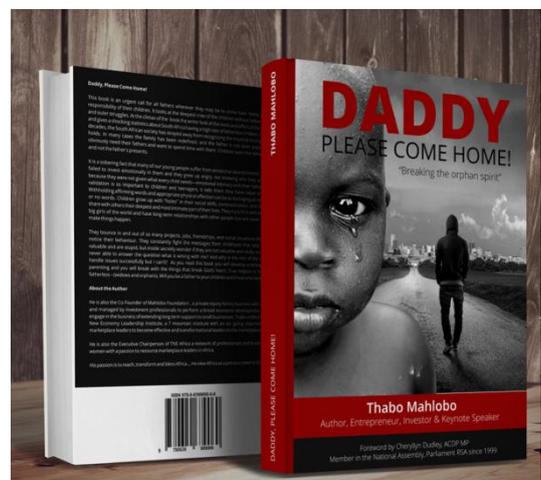
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## ■ INTRODUCTION

Father absence and fatherlessness is a worldwide phenomenon and a worldwide tendency in communities (Freeks 2013:3; Freeks 2016). The research was done in twenty-one countries of the world i.e. America, Russia, South Africa, Brazil, Grenada, Seychelles, Chattanooga, and others. In every country, father absence and fatherlessness were identified as the biggest problem (Carstens 2014:9-11; cf. also Richter *et al.* 2012, Freeks *et al.* 2015:22-24; Freeks 2013:8-18; Freeks 2011:1-4; Freeks & Lotter 2009:520-524; Freeks 2004:1-6). The following statistics caused havoc in terms of family and societies in America:

- 63% of suicides come from fatherless homes,
- 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes,
- 80% of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes,
- 40% of all children do not live with their biological fathers,
- 85% of children with behavioral problems come from fatherless homes,
- 90% of homeless children come from fatherless homes,
- 71% of children who do not finish school comes from fatherless homes (Carsten 2014; Fathers for life 2013; Statistics South Africa 2011; Goodsell & Meldrum 2010).



Further, the following statistics indicated a great concern in communities in America, regarding men:

- Men commit 90% of major crimes.
- Men commit 100% of rapes.
- Men commit 95% of burglaries.
- Men commit 91% of the offenses against the family.
- Men comprise 94% of drunk drivers (Carstens 2014:10).

However, South African fathers are not very different from fathers elsewhere. According to Bartlett (2013:1), the problem of father absence escalated from 42% to 48% in 2011. Hence, South Africa is one of the countries in the world with the highest figures of father

absence (Richter *et al.* 2012:2; Richter *et al.* 2010:360; Freeks 2016:6). It is estimated that 2.13 million children in South Africa are fatherless, and 9 million grow up without fathers, a tremendous fatherhood challenge for the country (Dube 2016:2; Frazier 2015). That is the reason why that father absence can be mentioned as one of the main causes that put family life in jeopardy (cf Ratele *et al.* 2012). This phenomenon is today on the increase in the South African context, and it generates problems such as broken families, aggressive behavior among children, financial and social problems and poverty (Freeks 2016:2). Notwithstanding, this phenomenon is a desperate cry which is negative because most household families are run by single mothers (Hawkins 2015).



## **FATHERLESSNESS**

It seems that South Africa is rapidly becoming a fatherless society with fatherhood in decline (cf Feni 2016:2). Disheartening, the increasing number of absent fathers on the

horizon had become not only a dilemma but a serious debate in South Africa, especially on subjects such as socio-economic, morals, maturation of children, children development, relationships and replacement of fathers.

Historically, fathers defined their manhood in terms of the various roles they fulfill for their families and society. At present, these roles are in transition, and there is no longer a solid definition of masculinity. As a result, many fathers believe that they have lost part of themselves, but they generally do not have anything concrete with which to replace it (cf. Munroe 2001). Amidst all the changes in society (of which the role and position of the father is one of the more dramatic changes), children still enjoy a greater advantage when their fathers are involved in their lives (Vogel *et al.* 2006).

The value of the father is crucial in terms of the *love* and *attention* that he gives to his family and how he leads by example when it comes to values (Williams 2008). Fathers should not only be there to provide material security, as is so often the case. It is important to understand that boys, in particular, need a role model. Leading by example, especially in terms of values, the boy can successfully take up his own role of fatherhood when he matures (Goeke-Morey & Cummings, 2007). Girls are more balanced when they have a normal relationship with their fathers. Many authors directed an urgent appeal that fathers should embrace their God-given identity to restore families, societies and communities (Freeks & Lotter 2009; Williams 2008; Steytler 2007; Munroe 2001). They support the maintenance of the "normal" traditional family, a form that has become increasingly scarce in African countries and in the world as a whole (cf. Zulu & Sibanda 2005).

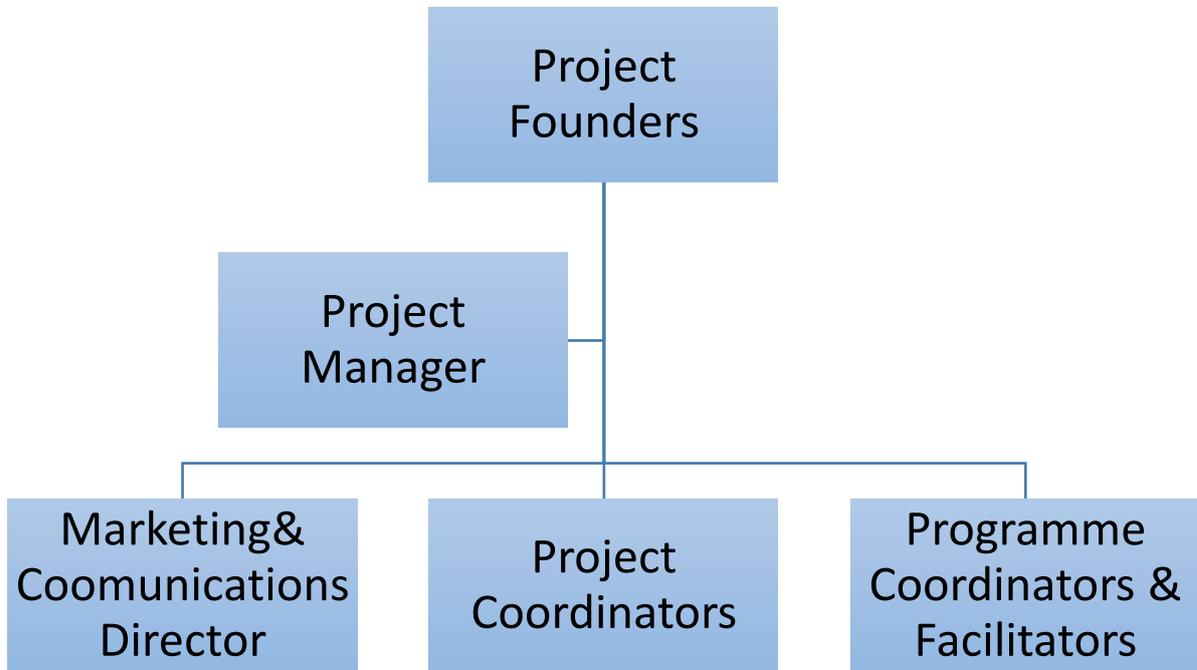
## ■ ABOUT THE PROJECT

This book and project is an urgent call for all fathers wherever they may be to come back home and take full responsibility for their children. It looks at the deepest cries of the

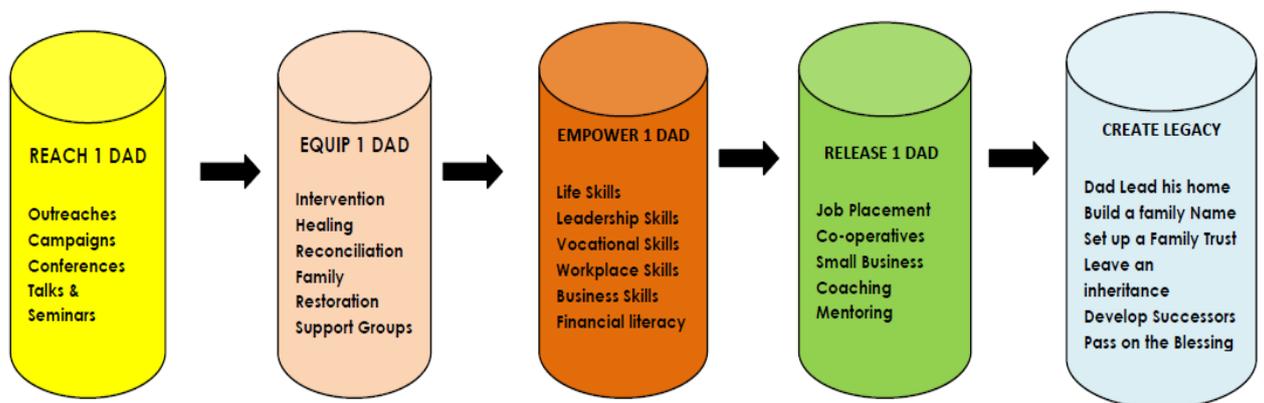
children without fathers, their inner and outer struggles. At the climax of the book the writer look at the roots and effect of the orphan spirit and gives shocking statistics about South Africa having a high rate of fatherless children. In the last few decades, South African society has strayed away from recognizing the importance that fatherhood holds. In many cases, the family has been redefined, and the father is not even present. Children need their fathers and want to spend time with them. Children want the father's *presence* and not the father's *presents*.

It is a sobering fact that many of our young people suffer from emotional abandonment. Their fathers failed to invest emotionally in them and they grew up angry, not knowing why they are angry. It is because they were not given what every child needs—emotional intimacy with their father's Emotional validation is so important to children and teenagers, it tells them they have value and are loved. Withholding affirming words and appropriate physical affection can be as damaging as negative words or no words. Children grow up with "holes" in their social skills, communication, and their ability to share with others their deepest and most intimate part of their lives. They try to fit in with the big boys or big girls of the world and have long-term relationships with other people but are never quite able to make things happen. They bounce in and out of so many projects, jobs, friendships, and social situations that don't even notice their behaviour. They constantly fight the messages from childhood that said they are not valuable and are stupid, but inside secretly wonder if they are not valuable and really stupid. They are never able to answer the question of what is wrong with me? And why is the rest of the world able to handle issues successfully but I can't? As you read this book you will develop a strong passion for parenting and you will break with the things that break God's heart. True religion is to care for the fatherless – (widows and orphans). Will you be a father to your children and those who need a father?

## PROJECT STRUCTURE



## PROJECT MODEL



## THE FATHER HEART PROGRAMME

The Father Heart Programme is a 10 days' workshop designed for fathers, aspirant fathers, boys, families, mothers, girls and leaders from all walks of life who want to grow in their relationship with Father God, their earthly fathers and also to be effective parents by just walking in the presence of our Father and model that to their families and society. We believe that our nation needs fathers and parents who will first turn their hearts to their children and in turn, their children will also turn their hearts to them. This programme has been developed by our team as a response in addressing the rising social ills, high teenage pregnancy, risky behavior, violence in schools, crime, corruption, and loss of respect for the law. We believe all these are a result of fatherlessness and the absence of parenting or parental authority.

Our programme has been structured amazingly and is delivered in the following ways:

- Seminar or Talk (Open Forum with Q & A)
- Intensive half-day or full-day workshop
- Intensive weekend camps
- Breakfast & Dinners meeting (relaxed and very interactive)
- Conference

Some of the key topics we cover:

Getting Started (Registration, Orientation & Workshop Objectives)

Session 1 - Called to Experience the Father's Love

Session 2 - The Orphan spirit

Session 3 - Fatherlessness and Dysfunctional families

Session 4 - The Spirit of Adoption: Learning to live as sons and daughters

Session 5 - Re-Discovering Family

Session 6 - Turning the hearts of fathers to their children

Session 7 - Restoring the culture of the 'Blessing'

Session 8 - Think and Create Legacy

Wrapping up: A letter to my Child

### **Daddy, Please come Home -Daddies Dinner**

One of the key recommendations of Daddy, Please Come Home Project is for the alignment and coordinated efforts of business, government, and the Church in building our nation. On Saturdays after every Father Heart Event (7pm to 9pm), a dinner for Daddies in the region is held to conclude the workshop. The purpose of this dinner is to discuss current issues plaguing the region and Kingdom based solutions. Attendees of the event will include Parents and Key Leaders in the region. Thabo usually hosts the dinner and leads the discussions.

## ■ ABOUT THABO MAHLOBO, PROJECT FOUNDER

Thabo is a family man, husband to Nthabiseng and father to Noluthando, Neo and Nokuthula Mahlobo; He is a very well-motivated, strategic, and diplomatic male with a great understanding of entrepreneurship, leadership, and economics. Thabo studied bachelor's in business administration (BBA) from UNISA. He is also a Certified Learning and Development Facilitator & Assessor.

Thabo is the Founder of the New Economy Leadership Institute, a 7-mountain institute with an ongoing objective to resource marketplace leaders to become effective and transformational leaders in the marketplace. He is also the Co-Founder of Mahlobo Foundation trading as 'Think and Create Legacy Education' a private company with a fundraised and managed by investment professionals to perform a broad economic development function and engage in the business of extending long term support to small businesses, entrepreneurs and industrialists. We do this by supporting and financing emerging businesses that will benefit the South African economy, creating jobs and alleviating poverty.



He is also the Executive Chairperson of TNE Africa, a network of professionals with a passion to resource business leaders in Africa. His passion is to reach, transform and bless Africa. He views Africa as a precious jewel in God's hands.

In addition to **Daddy Please Come Home** book, Thabo is also the author of **“Why You Should Become the Bank”**, **“The New Economy”**, **“Awaken the Entrepreneur in you”**, **“Marketplace Calling”** and **“Awaken the Financial Genius in You”**

## THABO MAHLOBO IMPACT TO DATE

**Number of Books sold:** 5000

**Number of Cities and Towns visited:** over 10 Major Cities in SA and over 70 townships (since 2015)

**Local Economic Development:** Currently working with 10 municipalities on City Transformation and Township economic development.

**Education and Governance:** Currently running the New Economy Leadership Institute to ensure continuous Ethical Leadership Development and Corporate Governance.

**Business:** In the process of setting up a community bank that will encourage local businesses investing in their communities. Currently advising 2 existing community financial institutes (CFI'S).

To view the recording of The New Economy Book Launch in RSA Parliament and Rwanda TVET's Education Conference click on the following links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxlBbwnhlfk>

<https://youtu.be/oGoei56y9kc>



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