



**MAHLOBO FOUNDATION**  
"BRINGING TIMELESS PRINCIPLES TO NATIONS"

*DADDY PLEASE  
COME HOME  
PROJECT*

*PRISON PROJECT 26/7/8*



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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.

- 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).



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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).

Further, the following statistics indicated a great concern in communities in 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).

As Daddy, Please Come Home we recently launched a project called *Project 26/7/8* with these simple objectives:

- *'Reach, Equip, Empower and Release' these young men in prison by using soccer as an educational tool*
- *Distribute 2678 copies of 'Daddy please come home book' every quarter to inmates and ex offenders.*
- *Provide Mentors and development structures for these young men to become who God has designed them to be.*
- *Provide reintegration programmes for these young men after they are released from prison.*
- *Set up a Fund that will support their entrepreneurial initiatives so that they can work with their hands.*

## ■ THE FATHER HEART PROGRAMME 26/7/8

The Father Heart Programme is a 10 days' workshop designed for fathers, aspirant fathers, boys, INMATES and EX Convicts who want to be ethical men, boys and effective parents 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

**NB: These run only on Thursdays in the major prisons as part of their Rehabilitation and Re-integration strategy.**



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## 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.

In addition to being the Author of **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"**



## GET INVOLVED WITH US

OUR CURRENT NEED is to print 3000 copies of Daddy Please Come Home Books that will be distributed to 10 prisons as a pilot.

Should you be interested in getting involved with this project, as a Sponsor or Donor please contact us:

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