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## Overview of the Neema Foundation



The Neema Foundation is a non-profit, BEE accredited organisation started by Kloof Baptist Church in 2011, and is an arm reaching out into the community. The heart of the Neema Foundation is to bring hope through education to those who couldn't otherwise afford it.

We decided to focus on reading English as,  
**without reading,  
learning in any other area is very limited.**



### In the Kloof Area...

The Neema Foundation developed an effective low cost programme, Gateway into Reading which is enthusiastically endorsed by key educationalists.

### And around the country...

Neema is training educators how to use this programme to bring hope to their communities.

#### You can help the Neema Foundation to:

- Change the face of South Africa by teaching a nation to read English.
- Bring growth, self-confidence and dignity to all.
- Empower second language teachers to teach reading and spelling in English.
- Harness the latent potential of passionate retired teachers.



#### Help turn the tide of reading through the Gateway into Reading programme

- Providing essential basics for literacy development Gr1 - adult.
- Tried, tested and successful for one-on-one and second language classroom situations.
- Very cost effective to run, simple to reproduce.



#### The Neema Foundation needs your support to:

- Train Gateway into Reading accredited teachers throughout the country, supporting schools, orphanages, homework groups and aftercare centres.
- Equip and train second language English teachers so they can use these skills in their own classrooms.
- Provide the Gateway into Reading manual at a discounted price to those using it to teach underprivileged learners.
- Provide paper, stationery and photocopiers for the weekly teaching material.



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Also visit our website ([www.neemafoundation.co.za](http://www.neemafoundation.co.za)) for  
- our children's stories  
- more information for educationalists

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## Sipho's Story

### *A life transformed through "Gateway into Reading"*

*Sipho was repeating Grade 1 in a local school which referred him to Neema for extra help with his reading. At first, he was very unsure of himself - unhappy and lonely. His teacher reported that, soon after starting at Neema, "he was coming to school with a smile on his face. His homework started getting done and a huge difference was noticed in his fluency when reading. His confidence and interest level have improved and he contributes readily on the mat during class discussions. His general approach is one of enthusiasm and for the first time ever, he has been getting 100% in his Friday spelling tests. This has boosted his self-esteem, and he now takes part in extra mural activities at school. I have no doubt that it is definitely thanks to the keen and dedicated, hard-working Neema team who have helped Sipho gain confidence and have equipped him with the necessary building blocks that he will need throughout his school career. Sipho goes happily to Neema and never misses his extra lessons."*

*Sipho is now in Grade 4. He completed our reading programme and now comes weekly for help with his comprehension, grammar and vocabulary. He reads beautifully and we are so proud of him!*

*When Sipho first came to Neema he was very difficult to work with - angry and rebellious. He mentioned one day that he didn't have a father. We were able to share with him how he could experience God as a Father who would never leave him. We believe God changed his life that day as he realised the relationship he could have with his Heavenly Father. We gave him a Bible and the headmistress of the school commented on how, when he was waiting for us to collect him, he would sit on the school verandah reading his Bible. It is exciting for us here at Neema that, not only is he reading, but that he is choosing to read the Bible!*

*When interviewed, Sipho's mom said she had noticed a change in Sipho since he started at Neema. She said that his behaviour at home was much improved and that this had had a positive effect on their whole home environment.*



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