

Extracts taken from a letter written by Principle of a school in South Africa

*“To whom it may concern,*

*We are quite aware that you do have an idea about the situation in South Africa especially with the blacks in particular.*

*A brief introduction is that our school is situated in the extreme south of the continent of Africa. We are the type of people who had been greatly disadvantaged for the last century because of the political situation in our country.*

*We trust that through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ miracles can happen. The parents of our school children are unable to give the best to their children because of the scarcity of work. Some children are orphans because of HIV and AIDS, in some cases learners leave school at the age of 12 years because of unbearable social conditions.*

*In our school we have 900 learners and 24 teachers. Learner's ages are from 13 to 24 years. In each class we have 70 to 80 learners and this is due to the lack of buildings as well as teaching facilities.*

*We have no computers, libraries and laboratories and it makes it difficult for us to cope with the modern challenges of life as expected today. It is our prayer that assistance could be offered in order for us to make some changes in our education as the present situation of our government is failing to effect prompt changes.*

*We trust that if assistance could be offered it will be a blessing to the entire South Africa.*

*May God bless you in all the attempts you make to help us.”*