

Compassion Begins by Seeing

More than a Mile Deep (MMD) is a partner project of Entrust that is training servant-leaders in Africa using curricula written by Africans for Africans. The need is great. Students from first generation classes started in 2006 help to invite and organize new groups because they have seen how MMD is meeting the needs of their communities.

Elesinah Chauke is the author of multiple courses, some of which are intended to assist church leaders helping people who are living with HIV and AIDS. Her first assignment for MMD was to write *Pastoral Guide and Counseling in HIV and AIDS*. Preparing for this assignment was a very emotional one as it called for her to go beyond academic research into the lives of hurting people. In preparation for writing the new course *Abounding Hope*, Elesinah visited a number of care facilities; and in each case a plea was made for MMD to participate in ministering to the sick through Bible study and skill development projects.

What does MMD training have that will contribute toward a transformation of these children of God from their hopeless situation to a living hope? Matthew 9:36-38 says:

*When He saw the crowds He had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."*

It all began from seeing the hurting crowds; then what He saw awakened His compassion, and the compassion resulted in action. Pray with us so that the Lord may give us wisdom and the necessary resources to deal competently with the pain that surrounds us.

Africa

Please consider a special gift to help MMD continue to meet the needs of communities in Africa.



Elesinah Chauke, author of multiple MMD courses

"Every individual that has the potential to influence others from a leadership position has a great role to play in the fight against HIV/AIDS."

*From the Introduction of **Pastoral Guide and Counseling in HIV and AIDS.***