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Msesi is just 19 years old. She is a single mother looking after her 2 children aged 6 months and 2 years. But her own children are not the only ones dependent on her. Msesi's parents have died from HIV/AIDS and she also has to look after her 3 brothers and sisters. They all live in a small mud house in the region of Mpumpalanga, north east of Johannesburg. The house sits alone at the top of a hill 6km from the nearby town. There is no running water, no electricity, no flooring and very little furniture. The children sleep together in 2 bedrooms which are dark and empty except for the matting on the floor which they sleep on. Msesi cannot afford to pay for uniform for the children to go to school, shoes to wear, adequate housing, medicines for her children, or enough food to eat. Her only source of income is the 1 child grant which she receives of £28 and the pension from her elderly Aunt who visits them every day. Life for Msesi and those living with her is all about survival. Poverty steals from them the opportunities available in life.

Why is there such a problem?

South Africa has one of the highest levels of HIV/AIDS in the world where 1 in 5 children are orphans and many more are vulnerable. These children are left to be looked after by other members of the family – often grandparents, who cannot afford to look after them properly, or they are left in child headed households to look after themselves. Orphans and vulnerable children among other things experience higher levels of poverty, are less likely to go to school, have greater levels of worry and stress, have greater mental health problems and experience greater health, social and developmental problems.

How does BST Help?

We work with our partners in South Africa who give hope and opportunity to these children whose lives have been blighted by HIV/AIDS. Through development and education projects, we help families like Msesi's who continue to suffer on account of disease, poverty and a lack of comprehensive health and education services.



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Regular Giving

A regular donation will help us reach more orphans and vulnerable children. Please send to: BST, PO Box 4514, Dunstable, LU6 9QE

£5 a month could provide lunch and dinner for 5 children for a week

£7 a month could pay for a family like Msesi's to have a home based carer visit them once a week.

£10 a month could pay towards stationery, books and toys at one of the projects

Other £

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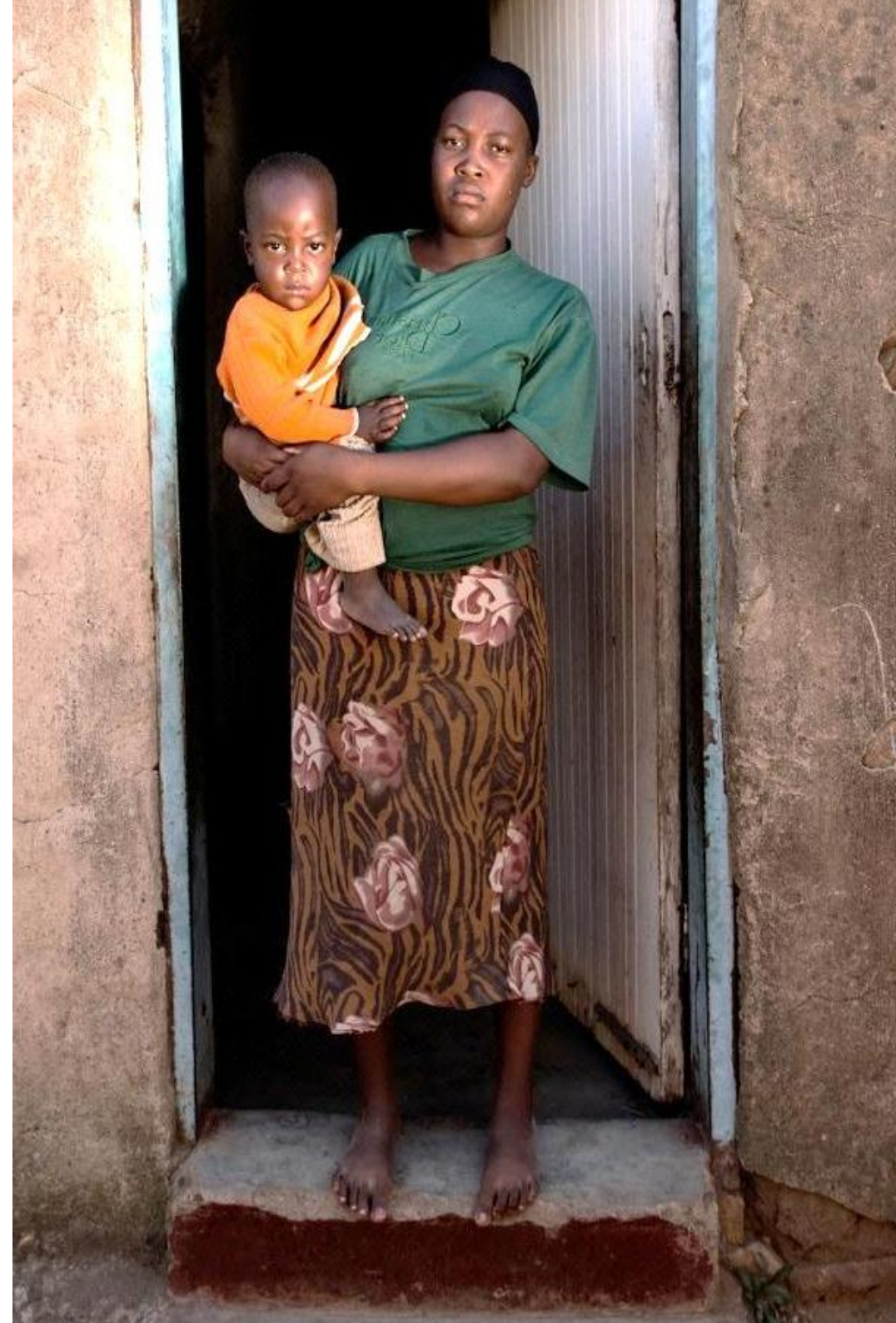
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