



N E L S O N M A N D E L A

9th November 2007

Mr Niall Mellon
Niall Mellon Townships Trust
Cape Town

Dear Niall,

We are inspired by the Niall Mellon Townships Initiative, which we believe has built more houses for the poor in South Africa than any other charity. We were particularly impressed to learn that you have taken this initiative to a new level this year by bringing out well over a thousand volunteer builders from Ireland and elsewhere in the world.

By the time you receive our letter we trust that you have managed to build the 200 houses, community centre, and Garden of Hope in the Western Cape! It is indeed an impressive achievement for which we commend you, and hope that you will all find time to relax and reflect with satisfaction on the wonderful work you are doing for humanity.

You have also been a firm supporter of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since its inception, and your extraordinary efforts in bringing housing to our people clearly shows your unwavering support and belief in the future of South Africa. We thank you, your colleagues, and your volunteers most sincerely for all your efforts. We are confident that many people will now follow your example – you are an inspiration to all of us. Many people, both locally and internationally, have committed to sharing their wealth and resources to help build Africa's future but we want you to know we are especially humbled by your generosity and commitment.

Our best wishes to you and all our Irish friends in South Africa for their time and efforts.

Yours sincerely


N R Mandela