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Name	Bongiwe Dumezweni-Ntakumba 	Vestine Ntakirutimana 
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zur Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ born in Lady Frere, South Africa, in 1975 ▪ married, 2 children: a girl and boy ▪ presently living in Tshwane ▪ trained social worker ▪ proficient in 3 languages (Xhosa, English and Zulu) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I live and work in South Africa in Sunnyside Pretoria, but originally born in Rwanda in 1975. ▪ I have a South African permanent residence, hoping to have a citizenship in 2013. ▪ married to Ezekiel with two kids, Happiness and Frank ▪ proficient in 4 languages (English, Swahili, Kinyarwanda and French)
Arbeitgeber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation, ESSET, http://www.esset.org.za/ ▪ National Department of Social Development: Population & Development Research, Deputy-Director (Research Project Manager) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tshwane Leadership Foundation, TLF, http://www.tlf.org.za/, Programme Coordinator
NGO-Erfahrung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provincial HIV/AIDS Coordinator, KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council, Pietermaritzburg ▪ National HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinator, Student's Christian Organization (SCO), Durban ▪ Board member at ESSET (Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation) from 2007 – 2009, Johannesburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Haven, a shelter for abused women, Pietermaritzburg (2 years) ▪ ECAP (ESSA Christian AIDS Programme), Pietermaritzburg
Theologische Ausbildung/Erfahrung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MA (Theology & Development), University of KwaZulu-Natal, April 2005 ▪ Research topic: Enhancing the agency of families affected by HIV/AIDS: strategies for the church at Ilinge Township, Queenstown. ▪ Research Fellow at Yale University, Centre for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part of Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (5 years researching and writing African women's stories in comparison with women's rights and human rights) ▪ Masters in Theology and Community Development, 2009

	<p>Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA), developing a research proposal on “feminist analysis of the post exposure prophylaxis for rape survivors in South Africa”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classes in health politics and policy analysis; qualitative research methods and feminist biblical interpretations. ▪ Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians 	
<p>Motivation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I love teaching/public speaking, it energises me. It is a gift for me when someone's eyes light up as they learn something new or make their own connections about something (call it enlightenment if you wish). I love intellectually engaging conversations about development issues in general and women issues specifically. I consider myself an activist - I get agitated when I see injustices of all sorts; when I can't question the way things are done; when I can't see the value of initiatives (whether in government or church) in people's lives; when we go on business as usual (in government and church) when there is so much suffering all around us. I believe that my life is a gift from God and will only make sense if it is shared with others around me. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have seen God's grace in our lives and we will serve him as long as we live. He was with us in Rwandan war, continued with us in DRC war and came with us through many African countries until South Africa. He made us survive where there was no sign of life. We passed through the fire, through the hunger, through the beasts and snakes of forest, through rivers, through pains and sorrows, but we are still alive and doing well by his grace. That is why we understand very well when people are hungry and homeless. It is an opportunity for me to share my faith internationally to people who are listening. I believe that German people will like to hear God's work in other parts of the world, especially in Africa. It is an opportunity for me and The Potter's House to communicate our work to other people. It is also good for me to visit another continent, other than Africa as it is my first time to go out of Africa. We have many volunteers from Germany working in our organization; it is also good that I go to their home country.
<p>Veröffent- lichungen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GMOs: Hope for Africa's Hunger? Fact sheet - Contracted by the Pietermaritburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (PACSA); said to be the most in demand FactSheet they have ever printed. ▪ Ses'khona Bible Study Guide (for the Student's Christian Organisation); used widely across the world and has been translated in French, Portuguese and an indigenous Malawian language 	