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## **The Christian Boys and Girls Brigade - Swaziland**

The CHRISTIAN BOYS and GIRLS BRIGADE of SWAZILAND is a youth Organization which is linked to the Boys and Girls Brigade International founded in 1883 and which has now spread to many countries of the world. In fact the Brigades are the pioneers of uniformed voluntary organization for the boys and girls as we know them today. They have been at the forefront in reaching out to young persons in building them into responsible citizens by contributing to the development and welfare of the nations where they are to be found.

### **Objects and Aims**

The sole object and aim of the Brigades is to promote the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and girls helping them habit of self control, obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life and all that tends Christian living.

The Brigade build CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, HIGH STANDARD, DEVELOPMENT INTO MANLINESS AND WOMANHOOD FOR GIRLS.

MOTTO

***“SPREADING THE LIGHT – KUKHANYA-SEEK-SERVE-FOLLOW CHRIST-BE SURE AND STEADFAST”***

## **Programmes**

The Brigade activities are grouped and based on FOUR subjects as follows

### **Spiritual - Educational - Physical - Social - or Service**

Some of the activities include Bible Study, Quiz Programmes, Bible exploring, church activities, Missions, Crafts, Music, Manners and Customs, Band playing, Physical exercises, Rhythmic movements, hiking, Camping, gardening. Great stress is given to useful and social service to Community and Church. The Brigades seek to meet the needs of the individual boy or girl, but also in teamwork.

## **Outreach**

The Brigades is an outreach arm of the Church towards the Youth. It is one way of contracting young persons, for those who have no contact or little knowledge or way of knowing more about the Lord Jesus Christ or His message of the Good News or Gospel. For those already in the Church it makes their faith to be matured.

## **The Brigades and The Church**

The Brigades are not there to compete with each other youth groups or societies in the Church, nor to fight for power within the youth organizations, but to add to and complement to whatever existing groups are doing. In many cases they are actually a part of the youth group and the programmes integrated with them.

***They are founded, rooted***

