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Dream – Vision – Reality

The Arrival of Three Precious Girls



Sibusiswe, Tswareló & Phikisanda

To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan...believe...act!
Alfred Marabepet

In 1999, Dr. Graham dreamed of a day when he and his family would move to South Africa to help the country with its massive orphan population (currently 1.5 million). In 2004 he

began a two-year study on resiliency in at-risk children. This study then grew into extensive research in South Africa on protective factors that could help orphaned children succeed. At this time, he also began to visualize a village of orphan homes, where African grandmothers would care

for children in a family setting. He believed that to give orphans a better chance to achieve in life, it was necessary to rebuild families. He moved completely away from what he called "traditional institutionalism." Most orphans are housed in places where social workers or volunteers care for them as a part of an institution. He envisioned a community where
(continued – see "A Dream Come True.")



Jordan Hanging With His New Friends

South African AIDS Orphans Face Uncertain Future

The NEWSHOUR with Jim Lehrer

April is election month in South Africa. With all the issues facing candidates, one issue seems to be ignored – the uncertain future of its nearly 1.5 million orphans, 120,000 of which live with no parental supervision. These children are now being referred to as "The Lost Generation."

From 1995-2005 the number of orphans in South Africa has tripled, including the number of child-headed households. Stories like that of twin sisters Bhakhite and Bonisani Mhasoka are repeated throughout KwaZulu Natal. These children are forced to face the harsh realities of living



The Mhasoka Family lives alone. It is a brutal world of survival. Where is the immediate family?
(continued – see "NEWSHOUR")

Dear Friends,



Wow! God has really been doing some great things here in South Africa. I trust He is doing the same with you. Our first four homes have been completed. Our first house mother has been approved. Our soccer field has been completed. We have purchased new playground equipment. Also, we are continuing to build our sports courts. We still have a number of things to complete, but progress continues. The most rewarding thing, however, has been the arrival of our first lady orphan girl. Few things in life are as rewarding as this project. I trust that you will help anyway you can.

Gazi Abantwana Isintyaba

Bob

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Indawo Yethemba's Current Projects



It is amazing that with most people fearing economic hardships, the children's village has been able to move ahead with two main

projects: sports courts and playground. As funding for these projects arrive, funds are spent. Upon completion of current projects, the

village will have two athletic courts and one sports field. Courts require 12,000 square feet of concrete. Current bid to complete this phase is \$15,000, including labor. Also, the playground funding is almost complete. Most equipment is being installed. Basically about \$13,000 will complete sports and playground areas. Hopefully these will be completed before project's first children's camp for area's underprivileged.



Future Courts for Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Volleyball

Current Financial Needs

ITEM (S)	AMOUNT	
	RAISED	REMAINING
Steel Fencing - 200 meters of palisades		\$15,000
Playground Equipment - Jungle Gym (Wood) and Components (Steel/Fiberglass)	\$2,000	\$800
Tennis and Basketball Courts - Foundations, Concrete, Goals and Fencing	\$10,000	\$12,000
Architectural Work - including legal fees for special zoning for children's village		\$1,500
Solar Water Heaters - price per heater: \$500 (5 more needed)	\$1,500	\$2,500
Construction - price per home estimate: \$35,000 (3 more needed)	\$120,000	\$105,000
Furnishings - price per home estimate: \$5,000 (3 more needed)	\$20,000	\$15,000
Current Operating Expense - amount per month: \$1,800 (includes utilities and maintenance)	\$5,400	\$16,200
Insurance - Property and Vehicle		\$28,000

MOST PEOPLE THINK OF SUCCESS IN TERMS OF GETTING; SUCCESS, HOWEVER, BEGINS IN TERMS OF GIVING (HENRY FORD)

Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

Make Check or Money Orders Payable to the "CRP"

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5520 University Boulevard West
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

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Local Perspective "John Smit"

During the first week of April, Durban hosted the 4th Southern Africa AIDS conference. Several national celebrities attended this year's meeting. One of the most recognized figures was John Smit (current captain of the Springboks, the South African national rugby team). He agreed that celebrities should play a role in spreading message on HIV and AIDS prevention. He also explained the difficulty that most celebrities feel to take part in such complex and sensitive issues as AIDS.



John Smit led the Springboks to the 2008 World Cup Championship. Most celebrities find it easier to take part in less stressful causes. Smith told the panel, "It's much easier to say switch off the lights to help climate change."

Tumai Water and the CRP

SPEROGROUP

Saving Lives Through the Provision of Hope

Last year, Robert Downey, President and CEO of Spero Group, Inc. visited Indawa Yethemba. In April, he contacted the foundation to inform them that the company will partner with the CRP for support. The company, which battles the "best spring water on earth"

(Discovery Channel, 2008), donates 1.5% of its profits to worthwhile charities, especially those located in Africa.

For more information about this organization, visit them on the web: www.sperogroup.com.

*Tumai means "to hope" in Swahili



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Where is the government? More importantly, where is the church? Answers to these questions are not easily answered. Jim Saurez, a PBS reporter, gives a personal look into the lives of orphan-headed households in the KwaZulu Natal province, located near Indawa Yethemba. This news

story can be viewed via link located at the bottom of this page. Content may be emotional for some viewers.

SA's Hardest Hit Provinces (Orphan-headed Households)

Limpopo 45,795
Eastern Cape 27,280
KwaZulu Natal 15,152
North West 0,150
Free State 7,877



Dream Come True (Continued from page 1)



Indawo Yethemba's
First Child Rosi

caregivers become legal guardians. Then in 2006, he traveled back to South Africa in search of land. He found a track of land in Ashburton, a small farming town near Pietermaritzburg. Here he saw the future of the project. The vision that God had given him years earlier began to take shape.

In 2007, the CRP purchased property. Since the purchase, he and his family have been working to complete the vision. In April 2008, vision became reality as construction began on orphan homes. Now, just over a year later, the children's village received its first orphans:

Busi, Tswarelo and Pholisanda. Though a little more "red tape" exists, the project is confident that social services will find that Indawo Yethemba is a safe haven for these children, thus, they will recommend to the magistrate handling the cases that Rosina, who now has temporary custody, be their legal guardian. Now that vision has become reality, the Grahams are thankful. They do, however,



Tswarelo - Enjoying Her
New Home



Pics of First Orphan Home
Available Online

realize that hard work and faith are still needed. The financial burden alone for each family is great. For example, South Africa does not have free education. It will cost approximately \$1 500 for each child to attend school. God has used so many to help the project thus far. Many more friends of the project seem eager to continue their support. Remember that each and every dollar helps

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Increasing the Quality of Life for Africa's Orphaned Generation



"Suffice the Lord's children to come unto me... for of such is the kingdom of God." Mt. 10:14