# SPRING/SUMMER UPDATE



CHILDREN'S RESILIENCY PROJEC

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### Indawo Yethemba Children's Village



The Backbone of the Project: Our Caregivers

As the Covid-19 changes the landscape of the world, our children's village is certainly feeling the effects. Fortunately, our support system is solid; thus, we have no immediate concerns about the wellbeing of our kids and caregivers. The major impact on our children during this time has been the lack of formal education. South Africa's educational system is not equipped for distant learning. Hopefully,

Update

Bob and Joanna will return soon to help with a more formal system while the kids are at home. In the meantime, our kids still have many activities available to them that most kids in South Africa do not have. For example, they have playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pool, movie room, and a recreational room to keep them occupied during the lockdown period. Pray for the people in our community, however, who do not have these luxuries. Visit www.sacrp.org for more information.

#### Dear Friends,

Though other good charities exist, we like to think that ours is one of the most rewarding because donations go directly to benefit our Children's Village. We have no paid staff; our directors are volunteers and receive no financial benefits; and my wife and I receive funding from our supporting churches via a missions' clearinghouse in Missouri.

Ukugeza Izinyawo Ezingane,, Bob

### South African Lockdown - One of World's Strictest



Okay, Americans, you think that you have it tough under "stay at home" type orders.
Well, South Africa has been under lockdown since March 27, and the

rules are tough. Here are some examples:
South Africans are not allowed outdoors for exercise. Sales of alcohol and cigarettes have been banned. The one that may be the most difficult for Americans to comprehend is that all restaurants are closed — no fast food or take-out orders are allowed. All

citizens must prepare meals at home. They cannot even buy cooked meals from their local stores. The reason for this type of lockdown is clear. With the world's highest prevalence of HIV and tuberculosis, South African authorities are enforcing lockdown orders amid concerns of the high percentage (continued – see "Lockdown" p.2)

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# CRP'S SPRING/SUMMER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

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#### **Jeff Riber Educational Fund**

One dear friend of the project was Jeff Riber, Sr., who left this life way too early. To help with educational expenses for not only primary and secondary but also university schooling, the Riber Educational Fund was established. Current costs to educate our children is



around \$18,000 annually. This number is expected to increase as children reach post secondary levels.

Consider donating by visiting www.sacrp.org

#### Lockdown (continued)

of the population with compromised immune systems make them most vulnerable to COVID-19. The long-term effects on the poor remain to be seen, but examples of lines stretching for 2 – 3 miles have been documented. On the other hand, some positives were reported. For example, only 94

murders were reported during the first week of lockdown. That number was 326 from the same week in 2019. Also, the number of reported rapes had decreased by 86%. Nonetheless, concerns about the damage to the already crippled economy remain a talking point. In the meantime, continue to pray for South Africa.



### PLANNING AN AFRICAN TRIP?



Nowhere else in the world can one find so much beauty and opportunity to serve than at *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village. Generally, groups arrive in Johannesburg, where they are collected for a road trip to Ashburton. Along the way, they stop for coffee and brief snack. Upon arrival at the village, they quickly spend the evening recovering from a long trip. The groups then spends the first part of their trip working at the

#### Indawo Yethemba Children's Village is a Perfect Destination

village. Afternoons are spent helping children with school-related projects. Evenings are spent having fun time with the kids. The second part of a group's time is generally spent working with missionaries doing such things fas children and youth camps. The last part of the trip is generally spent seeing some of the most beautiful places in the world. Imagine a sunrise breakfast





the African bush while seeing some of God's wonderful creations or an elephant crossing while traveling across Botswana. Perhaps, you have dreamed of walking in the in the midst of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe or hiking the mountains of Cape Point while searching for whales. Consider forming a team today by contacting Bob at dr.bobgraham@gmail.com.

#### STANDARD

Duration: 8-12 Days Travellers: 6 - 25 Includes Kruger National Park Cost: \$700

#### **EXPERIENCE SOUTH AFRICA**

Duration: 10 – 12 Days Travellers: 6 – 10 Includes Kruger National Park and Cape Town Cost: \$1200

# EXPERENCE SOUTHERN AFRICAN

Duration: 12 – 14 Days Travellers: 6 – 10 Includes Chobe (Botswana), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Kruger National Park and Cape Town (South Africa) Cost: \$3,000

\*Costs are estimates and include transportation, food, lodging and visas. and do not include round-trip airfare to South Africa.

#### **Operating Budget**



As a nongovernment entity, the Children's Resiliency Project receives most of its funding from businesses, churches and individuals to operate its children's villages in South Africa. To keep operating efficiently during the year, charity must generate at least \$7,972 per month to reach its current

yearly operating expense of \$88,366. Caregivers do receive \$2,400 per month from social development to help cover the cost of food. All other expenses are covered by gifts of friends and family. Online donations at www.sacrp.org

#### CRP'S BASIC OPERATING COSTS

Expense	Monthly	Yearly	Once Off
Caregivers' Supplement	\$600	\$7,200	
Food	\$2,416	\$29,000	
Insurance	\$542	\$6,500	
Maintenance	\$583	\$7,000	
Renovations	\$500	\$6,000	
Education	\$1,500	\$18,000	
Transportation	\$666	\$8,000	
Utilities	\$833	\$10,000	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$333	\$4,000	
Activity Center			\$4,000
Home Sponsorship			\$35,000
Irrigation			\$2,000

All donations are tax deductible (EIN 20-215709).

## Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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Online Donations at <a href="www.sacrp.org">www.sacrp.org</a> (select "Give Now")

Electronic Checks, Visa/Mastercard Accepted

Receipts of Gifts to CRP Available Each January

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CRP Directors and Officers Do Not Receive Salaries or Benefits

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# Earn a Trip to South Africa



Comrades Ultra Marathon

The South African Children's Project offers exciting ways to earn a trip to Indawo Yethemba Children's Village in South Africa while raising funds for the project. If you are a marathon runner or a long-distance cyclist, you can earn a round-trip ticket to visit the Graham family and the grannies and children

at their children's village in Ashburton. If you are a runner, the Comrades Ultra Marathon takes place annually in June. It is an 89-kilometer (56-miles) race from Durban to Pietermaritzburg. The race route includes our children's village. It has been several years since we hosting a runner and would love to host other runners soon. Visit www.comrades.com for more information. If you are a cyclist, the Amashova Durban Classic takes place in October. It is a 106-kilometer (66 miles) race from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, For more information about the race, visit www.shova.co.za. Basically, the CRP's board of directors has agreed to reimburse a round-trip economy ticket for each \$5,000 raised for its children's projects in South Africa. Participants are encouraged to plan at least nine days for their trip, which usually includes five to six days at CRP's Indawo Yethemba Children's, located in

Ashburton and three days on safari in the world-famous Kruger National Park (www.sanparks.org). If you would like more information about earning a trip to participate in one of these events, please contact Dr. Graham at dr.bobgraham@gmail.com.



Amashova Durban Classic