

CRP'S FALL/WINTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE



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Indawo Yethemba's Growing Family

City's Children's Forum Visits to See Expansion



Msunduzi Children's Forum

He who wants to do something bad enough will find a way; he who doesn't will find an excuse.

Bob Graham

Though the Children's Resiliency Project is quite different from any other children's project in the Msunduzi district of KwaZulu Natal, other good children's projects exist. The CRP recently hosted a forum to

discuss issues facing these organizations, including the government's new child welfare act that affects all of these NGOs (non-government organizations). During this meeting, Dr. Graham was able to discuss the philosophy of the CRP. One of the biggest differences discussed among

the NGOs was the role of local churches. Most of these NGOs have little or no church involvement. Dr. Graham stated that *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village cannot exist without being a ministry of a local church. Another major difference was that these organizations primarily are supported through child grants from the department of social development; whereas, *Indawo Yethemba* (continued – see "Children's Forum")



Noliyolo: *Indawo Yethemba's* First HIV-Positive Child

Dear Friends,



Wow! We continue to add children to our ever-growing family. On October 1st, we had 14 children and 3 grannies living at our children's village. We anticipate adding 4 more children before Christmas. Our grannies are special people. Pray for them often as it is quite difficult for them, as they should be enjoying their senior years; instead, they are caring for children, who require a great deal of attention virtually all day. Also, we are headed for the states this spring. If you should know any churches interested in our project, contact me. I appreciate all of you who continue to support faithfully the CRP.

Gazi Abantwana Izinyanya

Bob

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Pastor Ritchie to Run For AIDS in Africa

Bob Graham



Pastor Ritchie Miller, who became the project's newest director this year, will be running in the world's most-recognized ultra marathon: Africa's

Comrades, an 89km (56m) grueling race from downtown Durban to KwaZulu Natal's capital city Pietermaritzburg on May 29, 2011. His goal, along with the project, is to raise the remaining funds to complete the infrastructure of *Indawo Yethemba's* Children Village. The village needs an additional \$105,000 to

build three more orphan homes and refurbish another. Basically, these funds will allow the village to add 18 more children and 3 more caregivers. **Next, spring we hope to recruit 1000 family and friends to sponsor Ritchie \$1 per kilometer (\$89 total).** I know that he has (see – Comrades)

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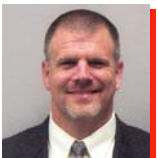
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Local Perspective "Mswandile Hlatshwayo"

One of Indawo Yethemba's faithful workers recently lost his battle with AIDS. By the time Mswandile volunteered to be tested, his body had already developed stage-4 AIDS. At this stage death was certain. Joanna did everything she could to help him battle during the last six-weeks of his life, including multiple visits to the hospital. No one was as affected by his death as she. Before his death, he had asked Dr. Graham to film his last remaining days; however, he felt it would not be appropriate. Nonetheless,



Mswandile and Jordan his greatest concern, as most men dying of the disease, was his daughter. "I hope someone will be there for her as she grows. I love her so much." He sent an SMS to his pastor before he passed. It read "Because Jesus live i will face 2morrow he is the 1 who holds the future."

Grave Sites to Run Out Soon

Thobani Ngqulunga

Pietermaritzburg – The city will soon run out of grave sites because, in a space of six months, the Mountain Rise Cemetery will have no more land to bury the dead. This was revealed by the Msunduzi Municipality's Parks and Recreation manager, Steven Naicker, during an executive committee (Exco) meeting on Thursday. Naicker said the severity of the situation has worsened as a result of a number of deaths due to the HIV/Aids pandemic. He said this has rapidly diminished space available at existing cemeteries. Exco members learnt that the Msunduzi Municipality will spend R38,6 million to construct infrastructure at the new Hollingwood Cemetery near Sobantu, which was started in June. The money will be used over the next three financial years to construct roads, parking areas and to fence off the cemetery. "We would engage the uMgungundlovu District



Mountain Rise Cemetery Hosts
Up to 10 Funerals a Day

Municipality in the sharing cost." said Naicker. He said the Hollingwood and Azalea cemeteries are the only alternatives available, although he warned that Azalea is also running out of space. "Whereas the Hollingwood cemetery near Sobantu is big enough to accommodate the whole of Pietermaritzburg, the problem is that the residents of Sobantu want to build houses." said Naicker. He said the community of Sobantu demands compensation if their land is converted into a cemetery. Exco members called for political intervention and negotiations with the community about the burial space.

Indawo Yethemba's Current Projects



Barn Roof Repair Needed

Currently, the children's village is working on a few minor projects as it waits funding for additional houses. First, because of heavy storms, the barn roof needs repair. Material cost

is about \$400. Volunteers will be able to replace it. Also, chicken pen is now being used – fresh eggs; however, dogs have been a problem: they seem to love chicken. They have killed



New Chicken Pen



Irrigation System Needed

three already. Finally, we need to raise about \$3500 to begin our irrigation system, which includes a shallow well, pump and sprinkler system. Again, volunteers will install system – fresh veggies for all.

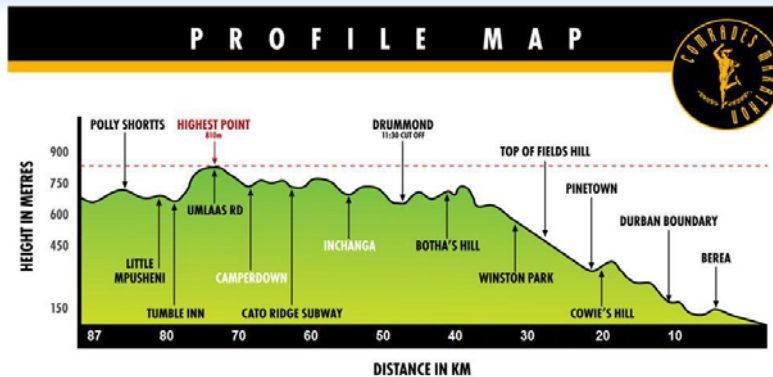


A HUGE THANK-YOU

By faith, the CRP purchased this beautiful van on a Wednesday in late July. By the following Friday, bill was completely paid with special contributions from MEMCO, Inc. and the Steve Gizinski family. We now have two vehicles capable of transporting 31 people.

Comrades (continued from page 1)

always been able to run great distances, but this will be his greatest physical accomplishment of his life. Sponsorship information will be available next spring. In the meantime visit www.comrades.co.za to read more about this great race.



THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, AND HAVE NOT CHARITY, I AM BECOME AS SOUNDING BRASS, OR A TINKLING CYMBAL. I CORINTHIANS 13: 1

Current Financial Needs

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| Solar Water Heaters | \$2000 |
| Construction for 3 Homes | \$105,000 |
| -price per home estimate: \$35,000 | |
| Furnishings | \$15,000 |
| -price per home estimate: \$5,000 | |
| Current Operating Expense per month | \$2800 |
| Insurance | \$5000 |
| Irrigation System | \$4000 |
| Roof Repair | \$400 |

Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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Children's Forum (Continued from page 1)



Sandile and Mama Zwane Enjoy Their New Kitchen

receives its funding primarily through supporting churches, businesses and private donations. Dr. Graham encouraged the children's forum to engage with local churches. Without the church, these organizations are without the primary resiliency building factor

in the lives of at-risk children: spirituality. Though many NGOs in the area are not Christian based, Dr. Graham explained that Scriptures clearly teach that Christians are responsible for caring for widows and orphans. Many of the

directors agreed that local pastors and other church leaders should be invited to future children's forums to discuss their roles in providing support for the area's children's homes. Finally, another major difference between the CRP and other NGOs is its philosophy concerning its caregivers. Caregivers at all of the other children's homes are compensated by the NGO. Basically, they are employees of the organization. Caregivers at *Indawo Yethemba*, on the other hand, are legal guardians of children with whom they provide care. In other words, these grannies do not leave their children after work or spend



CRP's Newest Granny:
Minah Zwane

holidays and weekends away from them. For example, when grannies spend holidays with their families, their children travel with them. They are a part of the grannies' extended families. Dr. Graham stressed the importance of children having caring families over their having only caring social workers. The government's new child-care act appears to stress the same principle.

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"Suffer the little children to come unto me...for of such is the kingdom of God." Mt. 10:14