# CRP'S SPRING/SUMMER FUNDRAISING DRIVE



## CHILD REN'S RESILIENCY PROJECT

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### Problems and Blessings at Indawo Yethemba

Neighbors are Quick to Respond



Sabelo Enjoys a Pony Ride Mandela Day 2012

Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the

iourney.
The past several months have been an extremely trying period for Indawo Yethemba Children's village; however, with visits from American mission teams and support from the Ashburton

community, blessings far out weigh the problems. Sadly, theives attempted to steal one of the village's minibuses. Though they did not manage to steal the bus, they poisoned Casey and Jennie (the Graham's dogs) and killed them. Though everyone was broken hearted, the quick response

neighbors to repair damaged gate and broken locking mechanism in the Toyota Quantum was encouraging. Also, by the next afternoon, Jagger (Jordan's new puppy) was running around the property. Funds were also used to add a new security response system, which detects movements in various zones. This new system, along with the addition of a new fence around the rear portion of the property should help deter this (continued - see "Blessings.")



AB Auto Quick to Help

#### Dear Friends.

Wow! We have had a whirlwind of events happening at *Indawo Yethemba*. We entertained five U.S. mission teams, who did everything from raising funds for the project to erecting fences. These teams encouraged our family during the last several months. We also had a few attempted robberies, which resulted in the deaths of our dogs; however, we refuse to allow a few miscreants to control our lives. Now we have a new puppy in our family – Jagger. At the end of the day, we know that God is in control of all we do. We simply need to use the wisdom he provides to protect

Gazi Abantwana Izinyawa

Bob

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### University of North Florida Recognizes Project

Dr. Bob Graham is 2012 Distinquished Alumnus of the Year Office of Alumni Services



In recognition for his work with orphaned and abandoned children in South Africa, the University of North Florida presented Dr. Graham with its highest award on October 12th. Those who nominated Bob describe him as "one of the finest people I have met," "a man of integrity," "an analytical thinker...focused on fulfilling the needs of others," "kind, altruistic,

and generous." Without doubt, he truly embodies the spirit of a model UNF alumnus. Because of his personal commitment, professional achievement and contributions to the children of South Africa, it is our great pleasure and privilege to present him with the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

Read More: www.unf.edu/ia/pr/media relations/press/2012/UNF Alumni Association Recognizes Exceptional Alums.aspx

### CRP'S FALL/WINTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

## The CRP Leadership Team All Directors are Volunteers



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### Child Spotlight "Zama Madiba"

Zama came to the children's village last year after police learned she had been sexually abused for an extended period. Though it is unnecessary to provide details, her abuser is awaiting sentencing. Through these recurring atrocities, she was infected with HIV. She is a strong, brave girl who went to her neighbors for help. She was then put into a place of safety. Now, she lives with Granny Mavis, who loves her dearly. We know that it will take some time to



recover from the physical and emotional scars, but with a strong support group around her, she will recover. She is an extremely athletic young girl, who excels at all sports. Currently, she was chosen to play for her school's soccer team. Sponsor Zama at <a href="https://www.sacrp.org">www.sacrp.org</a>.

# South Africa, HIV/AIDS and TB

The Witness

South Africa, HIV/AIDS and TB: what's the connection? HIV/Aids is the single biggest risk factor for TB infection and active disease. One in four young adults in South Africa is infected with HIV, and two thirds may also be infected with TB. So this means that 60% and 80% of new TB cases in South Africa also have HIV infection. HIV makes people susceptible to getting TB because of their weakened immunity. Drug-resistant TB: what is it? TB is curable and can be treated with a course of antibiotics and anti-TB drugs, but if patients are incorrectly treated, then the TB can become resistant to treatment. New drugresistant strains of Mycobacterium tuberculosis can arise. Multidrugresistant TB (MDR-TB) is defined as TB resistant to the two most potent first-line anti-TB drugs. XDR-TB is the

TB that is resistant to four of

the commonly used TB medicines. Treatment of XDR-TB is lengthy (up to 24and100 times more expensive, patients experience unpleasant side effects. There have been more than 1 000 XDR-TB cases in SA. Many people who are diagnosed with TB start taking their medicine and then stop because they begin to feel better. This poses a huge risk and is how the drug-resistant TB begins to develop. When they next feel ill and need to take TB medication, it will be very difficult for the doctors to treat as they have probably developed resistance to normal TB medication. Confining patients to TB hospitals and clinics to make sure they take their medication has been one method to force patient compliance in sticking to the medication. A person infected with TB can spread the disease on taxis and in their homes. But many patients resist confinement away from their homes and families.

### **People Living with HIV**

Sub-Saharan Africa: A Crisis of Gargantuan Proportion





Indawo Yethemba purchased a new 20-seat bus to add to its fleet. Now the project can transport 51 adults and children.

#### **Current Financial Needs**

Solar Water Heaters Construction Sponsorship for 1 Homes	\$2000 \$35,000
-price per home estimate: \$35,000	
Current Operating Expense per month	\$4000
Home Furnishings	\$10,000
-price per home estimate: \$5,000	
Insurance	\$7000
Irrigation System	\$4000
Iveco Bus	\$40,000
Land Acquisition for Second Children's Village	\$100,000
Farming Supplies	\$300
School Fees	\$5000
Security System	\$1400

"WHENEVER I
LOOK INTO THE
EYES OF
SOMEONE
DYING OF
AIDS, I HAVE
AN EERIE
AWARENESS
THAT JESUS IS
STARING BACK
AT ME."

MOTHER TERESA

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### Blessings (Continued from page 1)



Asanda Arrives at Indawo Yethemba

type of criminal activity. In addition to the rallying of Indawo Yethemba's neighbors, the family continues to grow. New children include Zama and her sister Sindisiwe, whose mother had recently died from and AIDS-related illness; and Asanda, who

is HIV positive with a high CD-count, which means his body has the ability to fight off infection. Zama is also HIV-positive as a result of rape, a common occurrence in South Africa. Though these children come from horrible backgrounds, they now

live in a loving, safe environment, where they no longer have to live in fear. Furthermore, the village has received good news from its city council and the Maritzburg Trust, two important government entities which monitor building projects. They have informed Dr. Graham that they would support an amendment to the Ashburton building scheme, which would allow the village to build more orphan homes. A number of issues still have to be resolved, but Dr. Graham feels confident that construction can begin sometime around June next year. Finally, though the board of directors has ended its pursuit for land



Mission Team Helps Erect New Fence

in Bulwer because of an increased price, they still are pursuing expansion as opportunities arise. Long-term goals of the project include expanding the concept of rebuilding families throughout South Africa. Recently, Dr. Graham met with friends in Johannesburg about expansion opportunities there. Updates will continue.

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