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## Indawo Yethemba Children's Village

### Update



Safari Time During School Holiday

Indawo Yethemba Children's Village is unique in its approach to orphan care. With help from local churches, we find Christian caregivers who wish to foster children. We then empower these caregivers to raise abandoned and orphaned children in an environment that is safe. Though project is not perfect, it appears

that our children are much more stable than those that are placed in traditional institutionalized orphanages or homes. Nonetheless, we still have problems. Sometimes we take older children because they arrive with younger siblings [project attempts to take children under five]. Many times they have a difficult time in a

family environment; thus, some of them have been removed. It is never easy to remove a child; however, our caregivers and children must feel safe at all times. Though village does encounter these types of problems, most of the time our children are respectful and well adjusted. We constantly receive great reports from their teachers and counselors, most of which are surprised to find that these kids live at a children's village. The reason does not surprise us because we believe outside a stable biological family environment, a Christian foster family works best. A key factor for children sustaining resiliency in their lives is that of a loving caregiver. Indawo Yethemba has a group of Godly caregivers for our children.

Dear Friends,

Though a number of great charities exist, we like to think that ours is one of the most rewarding because donations go directly to benefit Indawo Yethemba 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. I wish all charities could operate this way, however, I know that many cannot. I am glad that we continue to operate in a manner to best benefit our children.



Gazi Abantwana Izinyawo,

Bob



## The Riber Educational Fund

### Dr. Bob Graham



1956 - 2015

One of my great memories in life involves Jeff Riber, Sr. A number of years ago, We had taken an all-star basketball team to Spain, where the water in many places was undrinkable. During one of our meals, the only thing our hosts had to drink was wine. I looked at Mr. Riber for a little elderly wisdom because I was unsure about allowing the kids to drink wine. He responded with "When in Rome, Baby..." This had

been my favorite memory of him until now: The CRP is happy to announce the creation of the Riber Educational Fund to help further the education of orphaned and abandoned children in South Africa. Tax-deductible gifts to this fund will be used to pay for school fees, uniforms, supplies, transportation and to fund after-school programs. Visit our website at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org) for more information.

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# CRP'S SPRING/SUMMER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

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## Child Spotlight "Sbonga"

Sbonga is a wonderful example about the power of ARV drugs. When he arrived at Indawo Yethemba in August 2016, he was living with AIDS. Now, he is simply HIV positive because his CD4 count has risen and his viral load has decreased. This good news means that his body can fight infection if he gets sick. He is an extremely happy child that appears to be enjoying his new life with his new



family. He recently learned how to swim thanks to help from his preschool, where he is also learning how to read and write. To sponsor this child, visit [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org).

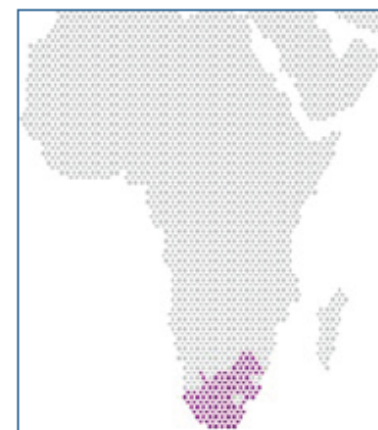
## Baton Rouge and Durban

*An Eye-opening Perspective*



The numbers show that Baton Rouge, Louisiana has overtaken Atlanta, Georgia as the region that now leads the United States in AIDS cases per capita. AIDS prevention advocates have been working hard to change that, so you can imagine how devastating it was to find out Baton Rouge moved up, not down, in the

rankings. In Baton Rouge, there are 4,851 people with HIV or full-blown AIDS. 82 percent are black, 45 percent are men who have engaged in same sex relationships, many of whom are also IV drug users. Thirty seven percent are women, who got it from men. Most are low income and between 30 and 55 years of age. Now, compare the U.S. leader, which has 4,851 people living with HIV with Durban, the South African leader in AIDS cases per capita. Durban, a city of almost 4 million, has nearly 1 million of its population living with HIV – shocking.



### South Africa (2015)

- 7** million people living with HIV
- 19.2%** adult HIV prevalence
- 380,000** new HIV infections
- 180,000** AIDS-related deaths
- 48%** adults on antiretroviral treatment

Source: UNAIDS Gap Report 2016

## PLANNING AN AFRICAN TRIP?

Indawo Yethemba Children's Village is a Perfect Destination



### Mission Teams

Nowhere else in the world can one find so much beauty and opportunity to serve than at Indawo Yethemba Children's Village in South Africa. 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 usually spend the first part of their trip working in

and around the village. Renovation and repairs are a constant need. Afternoons are spent helping children with their homework and 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 on church-related items, such as children and youth camps. The last part of the trip is generally spent seeing some of the most beautiful places in the world.



Victoria Falls



### African Safari

Imagine a sunrise breakfast in the African bush while seeing some of God's most wonderful creations or an elephant crossing while traveling across Botswana. Perhaps, you have dreamed of walking in the rain forests in the midst of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe or hiking the mountains of Cape Point while searching for breaching whales. These experiences can be enjoyed while benefiting the children's villages of the CRP. Contact [dr.bobgraham@gmail.com](mailto:dr.bobgraham@gmail.com).

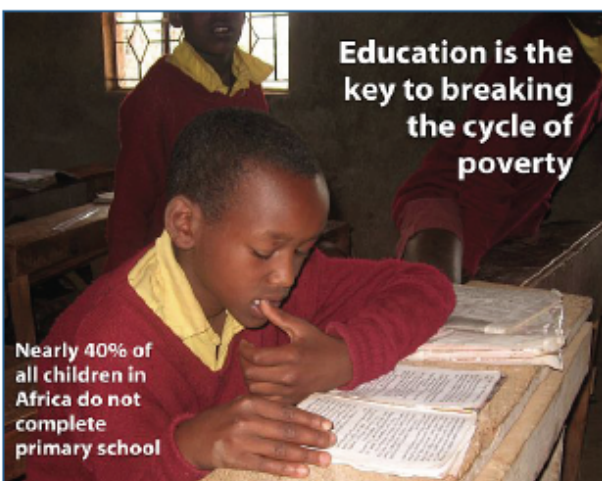
**STANDARD**  
Duration: 8-12 Days  
Travellers: 6 - 25  
Includes Kruger National Park  
Cost: \$700

**EXPERIENCE SOUTH AFRICA**  
Duration: 10 - 12 Days  
Travellers: 6 - 10  
Includes Kruger National Park and Cape Town  
Cost: \$1200

**EXPERIENCE 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.

## Current Financial Needs



### Education Priority

Now that Indawo Yethemba's Children's Village's major infrastructure is complete, funds are now being used mainly to educate our children. We are happy that we have started the Riber Educational

Fund to encourage donors to take interest in funding educational expenses. As children grow older, these expenses will increase, especially when they begin their post secondary education. Universities in South Africa are overcrowded and scholarships for students are extremely limited; however, despite these negatives, the CRP is committed to educating its children despite rising costs. Though other important expenses exist (see list), education is a must. All donations are tax deductible (EIN 20-215709).

### Other Needs

Garage Renovations (2)	\$4,000
Home Sponsor	\$35,000
Insurance	\$8,000
Irrigation	\$2,000
*Operating Expense	\$6,000
School Fees (2017)	\$14,000
School Supplies (2017)	\$1,000
School Uniforms (2017)	\$3,000
Tile Work for Dorms:	\$4000
Septic Repair	\$1000

\* Monthly estimate includes food, transportation and utilities

BECAUSE OF THE  
LACK OF  
EDUCATION ON  
AIDS,  
DISCRIMINATION,  
FEAR, PANIC, AND  
LIES SURROUND ME  
RYAN WHITE

## Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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All Funds Are Used to Benefit Indawo Yethemba Children's Village

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"SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME...FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD." MK. 10:14

## Earn a Trip to South Africa



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 on Sunday June 4, 2017. It is an 89-kilometer (56-miles) race from Durban to Pietermaritzburg. The race route includes our children's village. Recently, two runners earned medals in last year's race while raising nearly \$10,000. Visit [www.comrades.com](http://www.comrades.com) for more information. If you are a cyclist, the Amashova Durban Classic takes place in October 2017. It is a 106-kilometer (66 miles) race from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. For more information about the race, visit [www.shova.co.za](http://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 Village, located in Ashburton and three days on safari in the world-famous Kruger National Park ([www.sanparks.org](http://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](mailto:dr.bobgraham@gmail.com).

