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CHILDREN'S RESILIENCY PROJECT

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Let the Construction Begin: City Approves Expansion

Additions and Renovations



The Joys of New Housing

After nearly two years of navigating through "red tape," officials from the Pietermaritzburg Trust, along with council members, have approved the CRP's plans for additional homes. During the next year or so, *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village will add an additional two orphan homes, renovate

an older home to be used for abandoned babies, add a much-needed communal kitchen, an enclosed picnic area, and additional dormitories for youth and children's camps. Our city planner Mark Puttick worked diligently during these past few years to have the village's 57-page proposal

approved. Some may think that because the children's village is located in a developing country like South Africa, building would be relatively simple and inexpensive. Well, all the usual things such as building permits, site inspections and such are required. Currently our architect Jan Kirtzinger is busy submitting plans for the new building projects. This phase should complete the infrastructure for the village.



Typical Village Kitchen

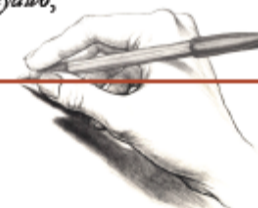
Dear Friends,



As South Africa moves into its winter months, my family is enjoying our furlough in the U.S., Justin and Meagan McIntyre are doing a great job managing *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village without us. We will return in mid May. By that time, we should have all of needed documents to begin our last phase of construction at the Ashburton location. We are also looking forward to our involvement in a second children's village in New Hanover. Find more information at www.benjamin-generation.org. Our vision of rebuilding families instead of building institutions is truly becoming a reality.

Gazi Abantwana Izinyawo,

Bob



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Rape in South Africa

Country No Place for Women and Girls



In 2012, the South African Police Services (SAPS) reported that 64,514 sexual

offences occurred during 2011/12; however, most of these offences are never reported. It could be as high

as 500,000. A few of the reasons many cases go unreported are fear of perpetrator's retaliation, personal humiliation and psychological trauma. One of the most depressing things regarding reporting rape is that so few rapists get convicted. For example, in Gauteng and Western Cape (continued – see "Rape p. 3")

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Child Spotlight "Asanda Gcumisa"

Asanda's name comes from a Xhosa word meaning "to increase." Unfortunately, his mother passed away from an AIDS-related illness. Asanda then lived briefly with his aunt, who could not care for him. From there, child welfare brought him to *Indawo Yethemba*, where he has lived since 2012. He is also one of the HIV-positive children living there. Though he has had a few tough years physically, his ARVs appear to be working. He should be able to live a normal childhood.



He is learning to speak English. Hopefully, he will be able to attend an English-speaking school before long. He is a happy young man, who enjoys his traditional Xhosa dancing. He has definitely increased the joy of living at the village.

RAPE

only 4% and 7% of cases end in conviction. This fact is a microcosm of the entire country. Another alarming fact is the number of violent rapes that end in murder. Compared to U.S. statistics, 12 times more women are raped and then murdered in South Africa than those in the U.S. This statistic means that a woman is raped and murdered every 6 hours. The horror of rape is compounded by the fact that 10% of all South Africans are HIV positive. *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village has one girl who was raped by an HIV-positive man. Now she is HIV positive. She recently asked Joanna, "Who will ever

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love me? I have HIV." How does one respond to such a question? Furthermore, her rapist was recently acquitted. Rape is one of the main causes of the spread of HIV countrywide because 19.6% of men who commit rape are HIV positive. Until women develop more confidence in the justice system, the alarming rate of 8 out of 9 cases of rape will remain unreported. Victim empowerment legislation continues in South Africa with little actually being implemented. The CRP covets prayers from worldwide partners as it seeks wisdom to protect its children. For more information on rape, visit www.rapecrisis.org.za.



Mission Teams

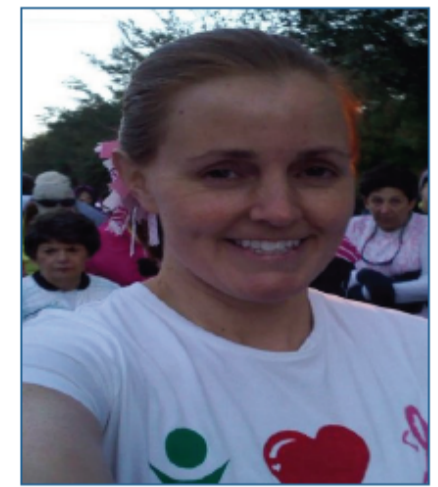
Indawo Yethemba Children's Village is a Perfect Destination



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 in the African bush on safari. Though no group actually visits the project to vacation, the Grahams enjoy taking teams to either Kruger National or Hluhluwe/Imfolozi Parks to enjoy some of God's most creative

handiwork. Nothing gets a person's heart pumping like an Elephant or Lion crossing. Also, the tranquility of an African sunrise or sunset can be awe inspiring. Total cost for airline tickets, food, transportation and lodging is generally between \$1800 and \$2000 depending on time of travel and duration. Consider bringing a team soon.



MEET Barbara Harris
Barbara is the CRP's first female runner for the 56-mile Comrades Ultramarathon (www.comrades.com). She is raising funds to help with the village's school fees and uniforms in South Africa June 3rd. Support her by selecting "Barbara Harris" under the Category & Funds at <https://secure.a.net/donations/sacrbovr/398>.

Current Financial Needs

Construction Sponsorship for 1 Home	\$35,000
Current Operating Expense per month	\$5000
Farming Supplies	\$300
Home Furnishings	\$10,000
-price per home estimate: \$5,000	
Insurance	\$7000
Irrigation System	\$4000
Land Acquisition for Second Children's Village	\$100,000
School Fees (2014)	\$5000
School Uniforms (2014)	\$4000
Solar Water Heaters	\$2000

Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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CRP Directors and Officers Do Not Receive Salaries or Benefits

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

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Life Expectancy Increases in South Africa

Susan Erasmus



One in every 10 South Africans is HIV-positive, according to Statistics South Africa 2013 mid-year population estimate. Other interesting statistics about the SA population were revealed:

- The total number of South Africans living with HIV is about 5.26 million.
- In the age group 15 – 49 HIV prevalence is 19.9%.

- The total population of SA is 52.98 million people a million more than were counted in Census 2011.

- Stats SA estimates that 200 000 people will die from Aids-related complications in 2013.

- The total number of people living with HIV has gone up by more than a million – from 4 million in 2002, to more than 5

million in 2013.

- The life expectancy of South Africans has increased by a year to 59.6 (57.7 for males and 61.4 years for females).

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- Over 1.9 million adults and children are receiving antiretroviral treatment nationwide.

- The 2011 Census indicated that there were 2,01 million Aids orphans in SA.

- In May 2012, the government said it had cut the mother-to-child transmission rate from 3.5% in 2010 to less than 2%.

Despite the fact that 10% of South Africans are HIV-positive, life expectancy has increased.

The Children's Resiliency Project is an IRS-Approved Public Charity: Contributions are Tax Deductible (EIN 20-2157091)

Earn a Trip to South Africa

Attention

Cyclists & Runners

You can earn a trip of a lifetime to visit Indawo Yethemba Children's Village. The CRP will reimburse cost of an economy roundtrip airfare for participants in the annual June Comrades Race (www.comrades.com), or the October Amashova (www.shova.co.za). Contact Bob Graham at sacrp.bg@juno.com.

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