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Indawo Yethemba Children's Village

Update



Our Kids Learning about Mountain Climbing

Several factors, which increase the quality of life for abandoned and orphaned children, exist. One of the most important protective factors is mentorship. Children of Indawo Yethemba Children's Village interact with several influential people in their daily lives; however, only a

few serve as mentors. The project is constantly seeking and recruiting people to serve this important role. Currently, the project is the home to 36 long-term foster children and 3 short-term kids who are housed in our place of safety, which is run by volunteers Karen and Alan Bennetts. Eight women

and two men serve as not only caregivers but also mentors. One of the greatest weaknesses of the project is that children lack godly men, who can serve as mentors in their lives. Most South Africans, like many Americans, are good at short-term or once-off type volunteer projects; but to find people who wish to serve as long-term mentors are difficult to find. Pray that project is able to locate and recruit various organizations and churches to fill this void. Recently, we had a group of rock climbers take some of the older kids rock climbing. This organization wishes to continue mentoring our kids, including more rock climbing and some future camping trips with our children – exciting!

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 Future of African Orphanages



The AIDS epidemic in South Africa is devastating families and communities. The country has the world's largest number of HIV-infected people. There are an estimated 3.7 million orphans in South Africa lost

their parents to AIDS-related diseases and there are more children living with sick and bedridden caregivers. About 150,000 children are believed to be living in child-headed households. The community is the best place for children to grow up; but the increasing burden of HIV and AIDS means that communities need support to look after their vulnerable children. Community-level responses vary greatly in resources, skills and

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responses. This has prompted UNICEF and Social Development to identify a model of good practice and scale it up across the country. The community-based Isibindi model, developed and implemented by the National Association of Child Care Workers, was selected on the basis of its holistic approach to the needs of children by HIV and AIDS. UNICEF and USAID supported the (continued "Vulnerable Children" p. 2)

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CRP'S SPRING/SUMMER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

The CRP Leadership Team *All Directors Are Volunteers*



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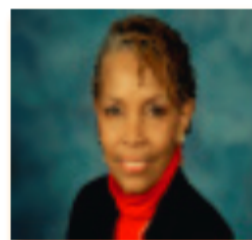
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Indawo Yethemba's Place of Safety Opens

Not all the children who are placed at Indawo Yethemba Children's Village are long term. Some children are removed temporarily from problematic situations until a more suitable place can be found. Now that our foster homes are all full, we can only recommend that social services contact our sister children's village in New Hanover for long-term care; however, if a social worker needs a temporary place for kids, Alan and

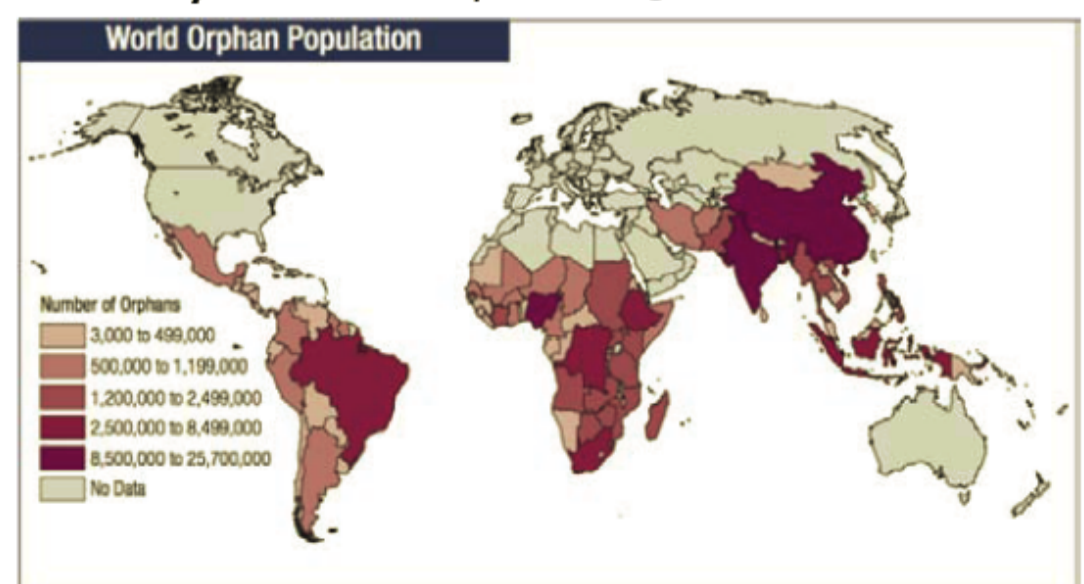


Karen Bennetts' home serves as our place of safety. Currently, they have three children living with them, including Juoni (pictured here). Pray for these children as they have been removed from some difficult situations.

Vulnerable Children (continued)

establishment of the Isibindi model over the last five years. The success of this support culminated in the Minister of Social Development's commitment to the roll out of Isibindi to reach 1.8 million children at 1,000 sites across the country. Many abused and abandoned children land up in children's homes. These facilities qualify as 'child and youth care centers,' a provision of the Children's Act that establishes a system of specialized alternative childcare programs with proper standards and governance structures. UNICEF's position is that **children should grow up in safe family environments,**

whether their own or those provided by foster or adoptive parents. Child protection services in South Africa are now in a better position to plan and deliver prevention and early intervention programs to keep children in positive family situations. National guidelines on foster care and on prevention and response to child exploitation have been completed, helping to provide standards of care and support for vulnerable children. With the regulations on cluster foster care now in place, the entire foster care program, currently accommodating close to 520,000 children, mostly orphaned, can be strengthened.



Source: State of the World's Children 2008, UNICEF

PLANNING AN AFRICAN TRIP?

Indawo Yethemba Children's Village is a Perfect Destination



University 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.



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.



Victoria Falls

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.

Operating Budget



Foster Home at Jehovah Jireh

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 cost of food.

All other expenses are covered by donations. This year we would like to help two sister organizations. We wish to fund constructions costs for a foster

home at Jehovah Jireh in the Eastern Cape and home furnishings for a home at Benjamin Generation locally. For information, contact Dr. Graham: dr.bobgraham@gmail.com.

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 Construction Sponsorship			\$40,000
Home Furnishings Sponsorship			\$5,000

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

Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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Receipts of Gifts to CRP Available Each January

CRP Does Not Exchange Donor Information

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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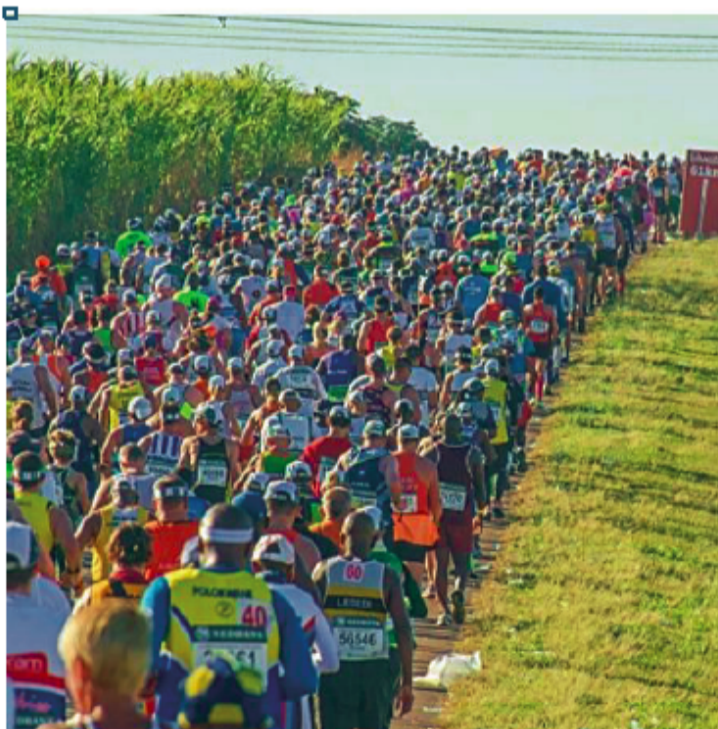
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Earn a Trip to South Africa



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. Recently, two runners earned medals in last year's race while raising nearly \$10,000. Visit their website 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. 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