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Indawo Yethemba Children's Village

Update



Now that fall has officially settled here in South Africa, all the children and caregivers are relaxing in the cool weather. It is somewhat hard to believe that after seven years of construction and renovations, the project that was envisioned in 2004 is complete. More importantly, the lives of orphaned and abandoned children at

Indawo Yethemba are forever changed. Children, who were raped, abused, neglected, abandoned and with little hope, have been given a lifeline with help from friends and family of the Children's Resiliency Project. For example, the children's village is the home to 13 children who are confirmed rape victims. Most of these children have been

treated by Thuthuzela Crisis Center located in Edendale, South Africa. Our prayers are with the children whom our project cannot take at this time. The project is waiting for the addition of two boys later this month. After receiving these kids, the village will be full. We will then recommend all new children be placed at our sister location in New Hanover.

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



South Africa Now Adapting CRP's Model

UNICEF



Bob Welcomes Newest Addition Liziwe

The AIDS epidemic in South Africa is devastating families and communities. The country has the world's largest number of HIV-

infected people. Here are an estimated 3.7 million orphans in South Africa - close to half of them have lost their parents to AIDS-related diseases and there are many 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 a child to grow;

but the increasing burden of HIV and AIDS means that communities need support to look after their orphans and vulnerable children. Community-level responses vary greatly in resources, skills and responses. Now, the Department of Social Development has identified a model of good practice and increase it in SA. (continued - see Isibindi p. 2).

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Child Spotlight "Sandisile"

Sandisile arrived at Indawo Yethemba Children's Village with his three brothers, Sbu, Anele and Sabulelo. Before his arrival, he had been neglected and abandoned. His mother and father, who live in a tented camp, both suffer from HIV-related illnesses and are unable to care for him and his brothers. Because he was malnourished when he arrived, he was immediately placed in



occupational therapy to help with his motor skills and is now walking. He is also learning to eat new foods and appears happy with his new caregiver, Aunt Princess.

Isibindi (continued from page 1)

The community-based *Isibindi* [Zulu for "courage"] 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 and youth affected by HIV and AIDS. UNICEF supported the 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. 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.



Indawo Yethemba Has Been Implementing ISIBINDI Model Since 2008

PLANNING AN AFRICAN TRIP?

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 seeing some of the most beautiful places in the world. 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 wonderful experiences can be enjoyed while benefiting the children's villages of the CRP. Contact 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



As Indawo Yethemba Children's Village expands, transportation becomes an issue. Currently, village can transport 46 passengers using 3 vehicles. Adding a

new minibus will bring the total to 69. This new bus should meet the project's transportation needs for the foreseeable future. New bus was purchased in December for \$30,000. We have received a little over \$4,000 to offset expense. If you can help, contact dr.bobgraham@gmail.com if you are able to help with some or all costs. Remember that all gifts to the CRP are tax deductible (EIN 20-215709).

Other Needs

Home Furnishings	\$5,000
Home Sponsorship	\$35,000
Insurance	\$7,000
Irrigation	\$4,000
*Operating Expense	\$6,000
School Fees (2016)	\$12,000
School Supplies (2016)	\$1,000
School Uniforms (2016)	\$3,000
Tile Work for Dorms:	\$4000
* Monthly estimate includes food, transportation and utilities	

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

56 Miles, 2 Friends, 1 Cause

Liz McCue, NPTelegraph.com



North Platte teacher Josh Johnson wanted to do something to celebrate his birthday this year. He runs marathons, but thought it sounded cliché to run 30 miles for turning 30 years old. So Johnson

agreed to run in a 56-mile race in South Africa with his best friend. Kyle Winchell, of Lincoln. "It is roughly 10 hours of running," Josh said. The Comrades Ultramarathon is on May 29. Josh and Kayla, his wife, will travel to Africa

after school is done for the summer. For Josh and Kyle, Comrades has been a dream for several years, although they decided to do it after a race in August. "There's this thing that happens after a race," Josh said, with a laugh. Runner's high might have influenced the two men in their commitment to one of the toughest races in the world. But ultimately, their goal in the race is not for a personal achievement, but to raise money for an orphanage where Kyle volunteered three years ago. Josh and Kyle met as students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009. Both worked at the People's City Mission, a homeless shelter in Lincoln, and were roommates for a time. Josh convinced Kyle

to run in the Lincoln Half-Marathon, which got them started doing races together. Kyle was friends with the chaplain for the Husker football team, and was invited to volunteer with members of the team during a mission trip to South Africa. They went to the South Africa Children's Resiliency Project, which raises children orphaned as a result of AIDS, whether the children themselves have HIV or if they have lost parents to the auto-immune disease. The race course goes by the village this year, so the children can cheer on the runners. Josh and Kyle have a YouCaring page, called www.runningafterdreams.org to raise \$10,000 for the orphanage. If you are interested in earning a trip to South Africa as a runner or cyclist, contact dr.bobgraham@gmail.com.