

# SPRING/SUMMER UPDATE



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## Indawo Yethemba Children's Village

### Update



As most of you who are parents know, you go to bed one night, and the next morning you wake and your children are grown. This past year three more of our kids graduated from high school, bringing our total to six. Three of these kids are now attending

university. We also have four more high schoolers (pictured above). The bottom line is that we have space for new kids. It is somewhat problematic to receive new children because it is unlikely that Bob and Joanna will be here to see new kids graduate; however, by

faith, we have begun the process of screening new kids with the help of our foster moms. These past several weeks have been exciting as we have received six new kids, including the two pictured below. We are blessed.



Though other good charities exist, we like to think that ours is one of the most rewarding because donations go directly to benefit our 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.**



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## Older South Africans with HIV

### The Conversation



South Africa continues to have a high prevalence of HIV among all age groups. About 8.2 million people of the population live with HIV, one of the

highest rates in the world. The country also has one of the world's most impressive therapy programs. Over 5 million people are on treatment.

Widespread access to antiretroviral therapies since 2008 has led to millions of people ageing with HIV. Most HIV policies remain focused on young adults. A growing group of middle-aged adults are being left behind. Today, there has been little research about sexual behavior, risk of HIV transmission, HIV stigma and prevention for adults over 40. The *Health* (continue p. 2)

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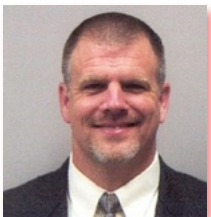
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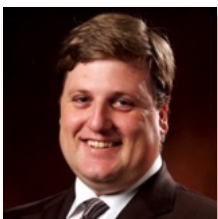
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## Jeff Riber Educational Fund

One dear friend of the project was Jeff Riber, Sr., who left this life way too early. To help with educational expenses for not only primary and secondary but also university schooling, the Riber Educational Fund was established. Current costs to educate our children is



around \$20,000 annually. This number is expected to increase as children reach post secondary levels. Consider donating by visiting [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org)

## HIV in Older People (continued)

*And Aging in Africa* study or HAALSA is an exception. It seeks to understand both risk of getting HIV and the health of ageing adults with HIV. The project has followed over 5,000 adults older than 40 living in northeast South Africa for more than 10 years. Throughout this decade of research, the team has been gaining a deeper understanding of this "greying" HIV epidemic. Numerous important insights about HIV in older populations have already been achieved. First, sexual activity is common. In 2017, research revealed that HIV prevalence is still high in this age group. Nearly 1 in 4 over 40 were living with HIV. 56% of the respondents were still sexually active with condom use only at 15%, with higher rates among those who were unaware of their HIV status at 27%, but at 75% who were aware of their status. The study also found that HIV rate for women was double

that of men. Second, few studies exist that discuss the HIV-related stigma among older adults, despite the increasing number of older adults living with HIV. Research suggests that social stigma poses a significant barrier to testing behavior among older adults. A quarter of respondents reported social stigma related to HIV infection, leaving many unwilling to engage in HIV testing and treatment. Home-based HIV testing is a preferred option among those in the study. Next, treatment is working. In 2012-15, 63% of older adults in the study were taking antiretroviral therapy and 72% of those on therapy were virally suppressed. More recent updates suggested those receiving treatment are living longer. For example, a 45 year old man without HIV could expect to live another 27 years; a man on HIV treatment could expect to live another 24 years. [www.thecoverstion.com](http://www.thecoverstion.com)

## 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. 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 then spend the first part of their trip working at the

village. Afternoons are spent helping children with 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 doing such things 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 wonderful creations or an elephant crossing while traveling across Botswana. Perhaps, you have dreamed of walking in the in the midst of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe or hiking the mountains of Cape Point while searching for whales. Consider forming a team today by contacting Bob at [dr.bobgraham@gmail.com](mailto:dr.bobgraham@gmail.com).

### STANDARD

Duration: 8-12 Days

Travellers: 6 - 25

Includes Kruger National Park

Cost: \$800

### EXPERIENCE SOUTH AFRICA

Duration: 10 - 12 Days

Travellers: 6 - 10

Includes Kruger National Park and Cape Town

Cost: \$1300

### 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: \$3,200

\*Costs are estimates and include transportation, food, lodging and visas, and do not include round-trip airfare to South Africa.

## Operating Budget



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 \$9091 per month to reach its current

yearly operating expense of \$109,100. Caregivers do receive \$2,600 per month from social development to help cover the

cost of food. All other expenses are covered by gifts of friends and family. Online donations at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org)

### CRP'S BASIC OPERATING COSTS

Expense	Monthly	Yearly	Once Off
Caregivers' Supplement	\$600	\$7,200	
Food	\$2,500	\$30,000	
Insurance	\$542	\$6,500	
Maintenance	\$583	\$7,000	
Renovations	\$500	\$6,000	
Education	\$1,500	\$18,000	
Transportation	\$1200	\$14,400	
Utilities	\$1500	\$15000	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$416	\$5,000	
Activity Center			\$4,000
Home Sponsorship			\$35,000
Fall Youth Camp			\$2,000

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

## Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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Online Donations at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org) (select "Give Now")

Electronic Checks, Visa/Mastercard Accepted

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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## 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. It has been several years since we hosting a runner and would love to host other runners soon. Visit [www.comrades.com](http://www.comrades.com) for more information. If you are a cyclist, the Amashova Durban Classic takes place in October. 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, 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).



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