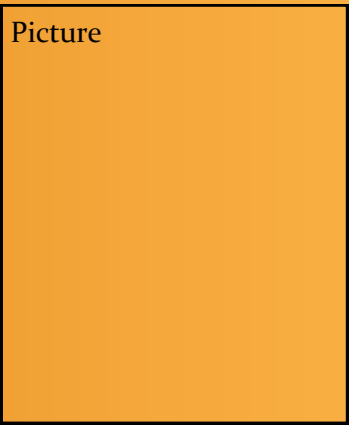




# News from the Valley

**“Siyanemukela!”** This is the Zulu word for “welcome” or “we welcome you”. We would like to welcome Roxanne Crosby and Jay Kirkpatrick to the LSA family. Roxanne is the new Human Resources Director and Jay is the new U.S. Director of Operations. We are excited that they will be joining us in our mission to awaken the American Church and defeat the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the “valley of 1000 hills”, Kwazulu Natal, South Africa.



## HIV/AIDS Center Funding Needed.

We are very close to moving into the site of our new HIV/AIDS Center at 6148 College Ave. in Broad Ripple. We have made it to the homestretch and we are calling upon the LSA family to help push us across the finish line.



- To date we have raised \$162,600-
- We need **\$18,000.00** by August 20th -
- This will trigger a matching grant of **\$50,000.00-**

We would like to profusely thank all of the people who have gotten us this far. The Center is going to be the ground zero for the first interactive HIV/AIDS museum/experience. This will be an important tool to shake the hearts of people in the states and awaken the American Church to jump into the fight against the AIDS pandemic that is ravaging South Africa.

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the HIV/ AIDS Center , then visit our website at [www.Lovingsa.org](http://www.Lovingsa.org), or send a check to **Loving South Africa**

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## Partner Spotlight

### Makaphutu Children's Village



*Every 18 seconds a child is orphaned by HIV/AIDS.*

*Source:UNAIDS 2006 Global Aids Report.*

## Makaphutu Children's

Village is a converted 23 hectare farm situated in the “valley of 1000 hills” KZN\*. MCV's cottages were built to accommodate over 100 children.

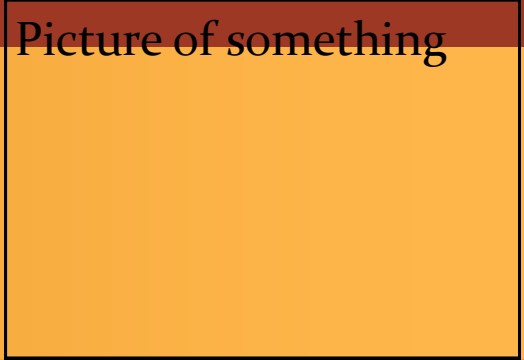
Makaphutu's goal is to not only provide the “whole person” needs for the children that they care for, but to also bring a light to the whole Valley of 1000 Hills, with a population that has the highest HIV prevalence rates and the most children in the world, who are and will be affected by AIDs. LSA is humbled to be partnered with MCV in the work that they are doing in the valley.

\* Kwazulu Natal

# South African News

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Metro  
 World Changers Academy  
 Lily of the Valley  
 McCord Hospital  
 Makaphutu Children's Village  
 Coming September 2008!!!!!!



## September Mission Trip

September 6th LSA will be taking a group of 14 people to KZN. As we prepare to go, there is a mixture of feelings. Excitement, fear, and hesitation are all swirling around inside of our hearts.

There is excitement. Excitement to see the amazing work that our partners are doing, and to know that the time and resources we are sowing into LSA is creating an oasis of hope for the people of the valley.

There is some fear. Fear of walking into places where desperation rules. KZN\* is a place with 87% unemployment and where 66% of the population has HIV. This is a place where people are trying to survive at all costs, and because of this, some of the places we will be traveling through are some of the most dangerous places on earth.

You may ask, "why hesitation?" Its understandable. I mean, after all, when you tell most people that you are going to South Africa you get oohs and ahhs and everyone envisions smiling tribesmen, beautiful African landscapes, and remembers the documentary that they watched last week on the Discovery Channel.

Personally, as I think of going, hesitation arises because once I am there, then there is no escape from the truth. The truth that the choices I make and the way that-

I live are really a matter of life and death. The truth that not HIV, but indifference has brought the most devastation upon this land. And the truth that our Fathers voice has been calling us loudly and clearly to this place, and until now I, like many have chosen to ignore it.

All In all, I think that being exposed to those truths is what is going to wreck our hearts the most, and in the end it will give us and our African brothers and sisters the freedom of which Christ speaks.

WRITTEN BY Jay Kirkpatrick -LSA Director of Operations

## New Partner Update

In September L.S.A. will be signing a new hospice partner. Amber Bennett has been on the ground in KZN\* visiting and evaluating potential candidates and we are excited to be adding the final element of our comprehensive approach.

The Zulus have a very family and community oriented culture. So much so, that they are very hesitant to leave their homes and families to travel to a hospital when they become sick. LSA will support our new hospice partner in its existing effort to provide home-based care for those affected by HIV/AIDS in KZN\*.

\*Kwazulu-Natal

## Mission Trip

### News:

Geoff Wybrow and David Helmer will be attending an "invitation only" USAID/PEPFAR conference in Capetown, S.A. during the September mission trip. The possibility of receiving these funds is very exciting for LSA and its partners on the ground. It would make a huge impact in the lives of the HIV infected in KZN.

## LSA's Internship Program is a Success

LSA has successfully launched our bi-lateral internship program with the USA side having recently been concluded and the KZN\* side concluding on the 1st September .

Nombuso Dimba was LSA's first intern from South Africa. At home she is the social worker at Makaphutu Children's village (one of LSA's partners). During her time here she spoke at our partner churches and various fundraising events. She offered LSA personal insight into the Zulu culture and helped monitor and inform LSA's sensitivity towards AIDS victims.

Amber Bennett headed back to Kwazulu-Natal for a 5 month stay to be LSA's first overseas intern. While in South Africa, Amber's main job has been to work with World Changers (another LSA partner). She has been able to assist with their life skills courses, help develop curriculum, and provide encouragement and support to the WC staff. Amber has also been able to assist LSA as we researched possible hospice partners.

We are looking forward to the future of the internship program and are already planning the next exchange.

Pictures of nombuso and amber

## President of World Changers Academy coming to town.

President of World Changers Academy, Sizwe Mthembu will be coming to Indianapolis. He is slated to be here from at the end of October. He will be visiting and speaking at the LSA's Indianapolis partner churches, and a few other events. Sizwe will be sharing about the incredible impact that LSA and World Changers Academy is making in KZN.\* STAY TUNED!

## "Hope for the valley" Making its Debut.

Penny Rodriguez has composed an instrumental Piano piece that portrays the hope that is being brought by LSA and our partners in the "Valley of 1000 hills" Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. This is an incredibly beautiful piece of music that communicates when word have fallen short.

It is available for streaming or download on our website at [www.Lovingsa.org](http://www.Lovingsa.org). All proceeds from downloading will be used to fund LSA's partners and our continuing efforts on the ground in KZN\*.

\*Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa

*"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely, and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work." Mother Theresa*