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We Leave - September 1st!

God has a plan....and sees the whole picture. During this time of waiting for - first a partner - Zeal! , then our departure date, and most recently the 'hold' due to conflict in Uganda, God has allowed us to continue reaching out to folks who want to 'go with us' to serve those in need in another part of the world bringing the message of God's love and grace to those who may not hear it but through 'us'. Many have contacted me with items they want to contribute such as knitted caps for infants, pillowcase dresses for little girls, books for all ages of children, all of which will be MOST welcome in this new assignment God has directed Zeal and I to adopt. We remain in Africa, and will replace 2 existing GEO missionaries who have been working side by side for over 2 ½ years with Dean Thwala at the AIDS orphanage in Shongweni, Africa organizing the orphans project, finishing the building of the community center and preschool. There is A LOT to learn from Julia and Shara. We are very blessed to be working and transitioning with them over several months following our arrival in South Africa. Thank you Pastor Jake for this broadening of our mission field. Please go to my Blog(address below) to view the amazing work being done through volunteers and this team for these beautiful children.

Thanks for reading my news again this month! I'm so thankful for your support and your prayers. I couldn't serve without you. Donations can be made through my Blog: <http://www.gingeruqanda.wordpress.com> or online at www.lcms.org?17130 or send a tax-deductible gift to: LCMS World Mission/Missionary Support/ PO Box 790089/St. Louis, MO. 63179-0089/Make checks payable to LCMS World Mission/mark memo line GINGER TAFF-LAGERGREN



Julia Wehrenberg and Shara Cunningham, missionaries at the African Orphan Project. Their assignment is ending - Zeal and I will transition with them as they leave South Africa.

Prayer Request:

- *For God's work in Uganda, South Africa and throughout the world.*
- *For the Gillard's family's safety, good health, and encouragement in their mission.*
- *For Shara and Julia as they begin new missions for God*
- *For Zeal and Ginger as they embark on God's plan*
- *For our families and friends who 'go with us' and trust God to keep us safe.*

In Praise...

...and thanks for all who provide prayer and financial support to worldwide missions, especially my faithful supporters!

...and thanks for God providing just the right word from one of his angels to 'keep us faithful' as we wait on His timing!

Welcome to African Orphans Project

Shongweni Village, South Africa



Beginning in 2006, teams from America and Canada traveled to Shongweni Village, Kwa Zulu Natal South Africa to rescue children who lost both parents as a result of HIV/AIDS. Most often these children lived alone in stick and mud shacks with the oldest child acting as the caregiver. Today, we have 37 houses built, with 185 children and adult caregivers who are providing a decent, safe environment for these children. July, 2011 a team from Arizona will travel to build house #38 for the Dlodla family.

"In this life, in this place, I couldn't afford to have too many dreams. But the few that I allowed myself were strong. I wanted to see Mr. Mandela walk free, and that has happened. I wanted to see apartheid die, and even that has happened. Now, something that I thought was too impossible even to dream about has happened. I have a house. I have a home. I am complete." Jane Mohlambi (caretaker)

- read more by going to this link www.hafrica.com

- July 2011 Team



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- From July 1 - 12 we will be sending another team to Shongweni village to build house #38 and to provide additional support services, including grief counseling.
- There will be 21 team members from Arizona and Indiana. One of the goals of this trip is to build the new house to at least 70% completion. The planned October team will wrap up the work and introduce the home to the new 'family'.
- A few selected members of the team will also be providing specialized counseling to help members of the village cope with their first-hand experience with the ravages of the AIDS pandemic.
- The younger members of the team will be working with the younger orphans of the village to provide a vacation Bible school program with some fun and craft activities.

Follow the **July Team Blog**

See more photos from the African Orphans Project on the following page.....also link to www.hhafrica.com

PHOTO GALLERY from the African Orphans Project



Top left - Inside of Community Center and Preschool built with volunteers from short term mission teams.

Bottom left - Exterior of these solid buildings.

Bottom right - The 'reason' we are serving in this amazing place. THANK YOU GOD!

