



2007 in Review

Reaching a Generation USA (RaG-US) has made a difference for many hurting children of South Africa this year. Together with our supporting partners, hundreds of orphans have been fed and clothed, and a message of Hope has been brought to many who have little to hope for.

In February, a team from the Raleigh, NC worked in the schools near Hazyview and White River in northeastern South Africa. They conducted life-skills training and worked in optical clinics.

Susie Kelpie, a professional educator, gave her summer to provide training on life-skills curriculum to South Africa public school teachers.

These short-term helpers

Since its inception, Reaching a Generation has reached more than 3,000,000 South African children with life-skills training and Hope!

bring energy to the work, but much of the day-to-day work is funded by support from individuals, churches, and companies.

For example, Constella Group, LLC provided \$7,500 for RaG-US to develop programs for communicating the needs of South African orphans.

The number of orphan relief points has increased to five. Each of these needy communities are receiving financial assistance and leadership training.

This work is in line with RaG's goal of enabling self-sustained communities. RaG works with

residents, village chiefs, local businesses, and churches to create a support network for the orphans in the area.

A major focus has been to invest in the lives of people who can make a positive change in the lives of children. Orphan care providers, school teachers and local churches are all encouraged to be responsible and they are given the training and tools to help with the work.

The Shikwaru Lodge has become an integral tool for this type of training. Its limited facilities were used to host dozens of worker's training semi-



nars in 2007. (Read more about this on page 2)

With the help of donors like you, we were able to send \$58,000 to RaG in South Africa to fund these projects. Hundreds of lives have been changed by these selfless gifts.

The next year brings even more opportunity because the work is not done until we have *reached a generation!*

Want to Learn More?

Read more about *Reaching a Generation's* South African organization at www.rag.org.za or visit the Shikwaru Lodge web site at www.shikwarugamelodge.co.za.

Shikwaru Conference Center: Training an Army

Training workers to care for 1,000,000 Orphans is a monumental task. Where would you do it?

The Shikwaru Lodge has been a blessing to the work of RaG. Profits from the Lodge help fund the RaG orphan relief work, but the facilities also provide housing and training areas for many ministries. Last year Shikwaru housed short-term and ministry staff including teams with Book of Hope and Blessman Medical Ministries.

From the start, Shikwaru was seen as a multi-purpose property providing services for both ministry and recreational activities.

The growing emphasis on training of teachers, pastors, and other children relief workers has increased the need for training facilities. Shikwaru's current training areas are limited and not able to meet the growing demand.

Friends at Simonson & Associates Architects, LLC of Urbandale, Iowa have donated the design of a conference center for the Shikwaru site. The Center will provide expandable training rooms, full kitchen



facilities, and much needed office space. The Simonson design is well thought out for its expandability and for the African motif which matches Shikwaru's other facilities.

This coming March, Glenn Ingling, president of the 7th Millennium Building Group in Raleigh, NC, is traveling to Shikwaru to do a complete cost analysis for the project.

Glenn will use his African building experience to scope out the available materials, skilled labor, etc.

We hope to have a project cost estimate for the Shikwaru Conference Center complete by June 2008. Until then, RaG has set up an account for donations designated for this much needed facility. Just indicate **Shikwaru Conference Center** on your check.

If you want to invest in the lives of thousands of children, this facility is the place. Hundreds of training workers will leave the Center to clothe, feed, and care for the orphans in their communities. You can help make it happen.

Trip Scheduled for February

This February 1-16, RaG-US will host a team trip to the Polokwane area. We'll conduct a teacher training seminar, host a pastor's luncheon, and present life-skills sessions in schools. We'll spend most of our time working in the Teesong village at one of RaG's orphan relief points. The 305 orphans at Teesong have



many needs. We will spend time one-on-one and help the older kids learn basic skills.

Several of the children's homes are in desperate condition. The village chief has asked us to help the children that live in these shacks. We'll work to fix roofing, put locks on doors, and provide interior tables, etc. If you want to help, please indicate **Teesong** on your check.

Why we go?

- ◆ The UN recently reported more than 1.5 million AIDS orphans in South Africa.
- ◆ The doors are open now for taking the message of Hope into public schools.
- ◆ Some of Teesong's orphans don't attend school just because they cannot afford the required uniform.

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