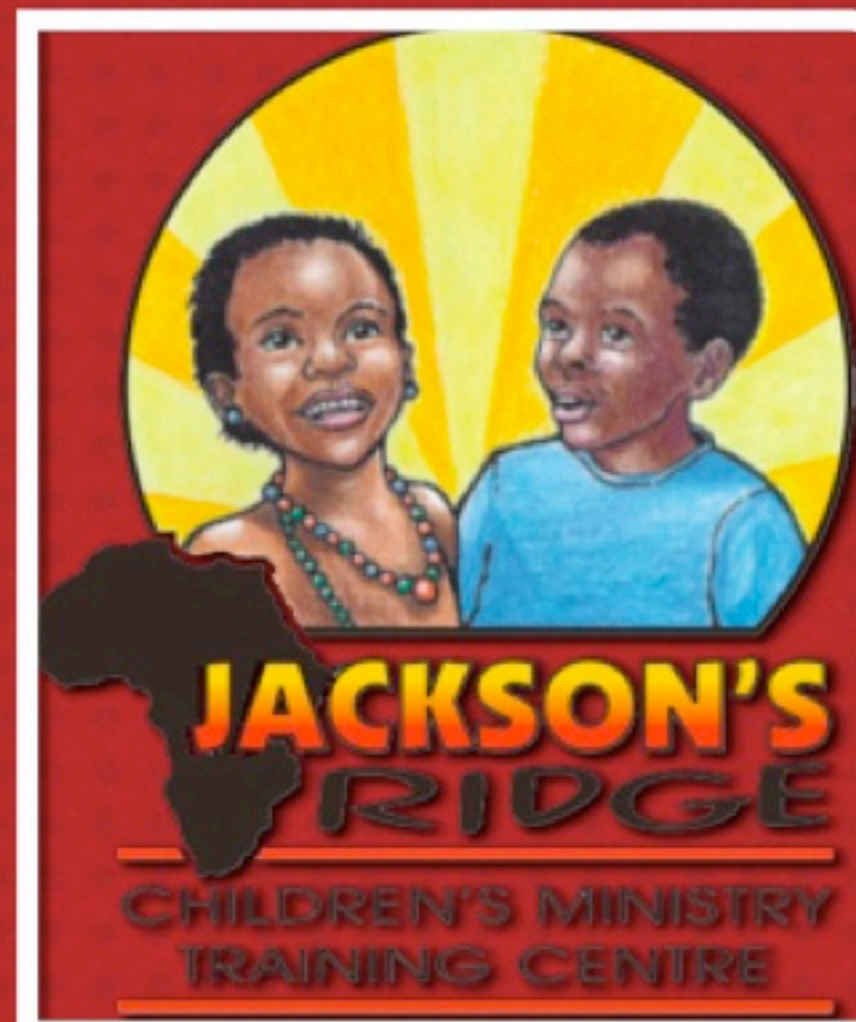




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## News Flash From Africa!

Dear Friends,

I just got back from an amazing month in Africa meeting with international Royal Family KIDS leaders.

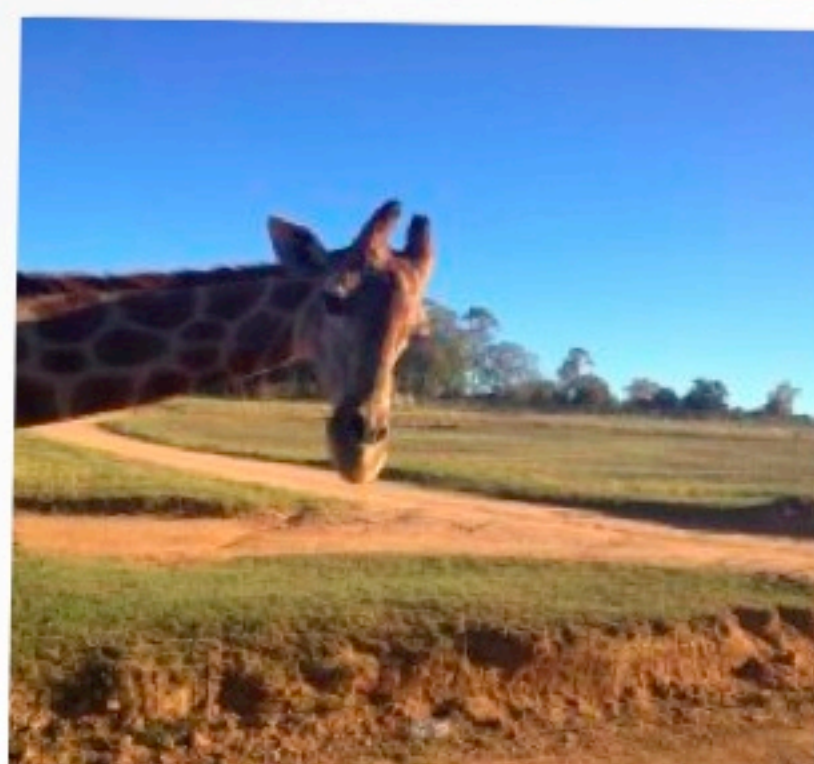
**CLUB PLANS IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

\* Neville and Gail Fannin, RFK Training Directors at Jackson's Ridge, put on a fantastic barbeque so that I could meet the local Royal Family KIDS Camp Directors. Two directors hope to launch the first African RFK Club to start mentoring campers by 2014!

Directors are anxious to start a school year club because of what happens when campers go home. Directors talked to me about the risks of abuse, assault, prostitution—and AIDS. *(con'td. on back)*



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- **HELPING HIV+ CAMPERS** – Royal Family KIDS Camps in South Africa often include children *born with HIV caught from an untreated mother*. Drugs can keep these kids healthy, but orphans do not always get the medical attention they deserve. Our alert RFK doctor intervened after discovering that all four HIV positive campers (ages 8-11) at one camp had not received a critical medication, putting them at *high risk for coming down with AIDS!*
- **NEW CAMP FOR CAPE TOWN** – Royal Family KIDS leaders Charmaine and Donovan Manuel will help out with RFK camp in Namibia this year—and return home to South Africa to help Mt. Hope Church organize the first Cape Town RFK Camp in 2014! The Manuels are passionate about children's work and recently launched JWAY to train churches in children's outreach.

- **CHURCH-BASED CENTERS FOR AIDS-AFFECTED PRE-SCHOOLERS** – In Botswana, I was able to spend my mornings in centers for little children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. Many are orphans who live with extended family and others live with HIV positive parents. Some have been abused or severely neglected. But these are some of the most delightful children you could meet—playing and singing with them was my favorite part of our trip!

I'm back in California now, writing a research paper on the African church's response to children affected by HIV/AIDS—and as I write, I see those sweet faces! It was exciting to see that treating hurt and needy kids as beloved children from God's royal family is as healing in South Africa or Botswana as it is in South Central LA or Chicago or a farm town in Indiana!



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P.S.—In case you are wondering why I headed to Africa in April, the chance to do ministry research coincided with my daughter Lindsay's launch of the **No. 1 Ladies' Opera Festival** in Botswana. Named (with permission) after the best-selling detective series by Alexander McCall Smith, the festival included master classes and a series of exciting concerts. Lindsay (a dramatic soprano who has sung all over the world), Nani Sinha (a mezzo with the Los Angeles Opera) and Bogdan Dulu (an award-winning concert pianist) had a great time working with emerging local opera singers in Gaborone. They also designed music workshops for the HIV/AIDS affected pre-schoolers we visited.