



## May 2011 Newsletter

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### Volunteer Opportunities

iKhaya le themba welcomes international volunteers to assist with program delivery, community work, fundraising and admin. Volunteers bring us a wealth of experience and creative energy and our children love their friends from far away!

We welcome short term teams, particularly from within the international Vineyard Church family. Small teams are welcome to join us in our daily program whilst larger teams are invited to bring a program with them or run a special event.

We have a stunning self-catering volunteer house within walking distance of our premises in Hout Bay and also a short distance to shops, the beach and the best fish and chips in Cape Town! The house has 4 bedrooms -3 double and 1 single. Each bedroom has a private bathroom. Costs for accommodation cover the basic upkeep expenses of the house such as rates and security. The house has access to pay-as-you-go electricity and phone.

Per Month:

One room – R2100/ 211Eur

Whole house – R6000/ 602 Eur

Per Week:

One room – R700/ 70 Eur

Whole house – R2000/ 200 Eur



If you would like to sponsor a child, make a donation or if you have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact Katherine by e-mail at [ikhayalethemba@gmail.com](mailto:ikhayalethemba@gmail.com) or go to our website for your local banking details at [www.ikhayalethemba.com](http://www.ikhayalethemba.com)



## Volunteer Stories

The after school program at ikhaya le themba was more than just an amazing volunteer experience, it became a life-long community of friends and family. Each day was filled with enthusiasm as I helped in the kitchen, contributed to reading and math lessons and implemented my writing skills as unique outlets for self-expression. The kids and staff were so wonderful and grateful for my dedicated time.

Ashley, America.



*Volunteer, Kate, with Mlamli*

We volunteered with iKhaya for a month. The first few days were a bit overwhelming but the program is very well structured and we quickly settled into the routine. There's a mixture of lessons that support the children's education, bible teaching and plenty of fun and games. As we got to know the children we were touched by how keen they are to learn, and especially to improve their reading and writing skills. The whole experience was extremely rewarding, and an equal balance of challenge and fun. One month didn't feel like long enough, we would have liked to stay longer!

Nick and Claire, UK

I have been at iKhaya for 9 months now. Working as a volunteer does not always mean you have to do something big: Whether it's preparing and distributing snacks for the kids, reading for and with them, putting a plaster on someone's wound, making puzzles and crafts together, playing games or just giving a child a hug and some extra attention – it's those little things that are needed and make a difference... But you can also share your passion, come up with your own ideas and add something to the program: At the moment I'm teaching drums to the centre-kids and doing a book-project with our good English readers. With some of the older kids I'm dancing: They teach me and I teach them - it's so much fun!

Julia, Germany



A big thank you to our new friends from South West London Vineyard who had a wild and wonderful time running a holiday club with the children. The content was based on the book "The Three Trees" and the children loved reading the story and doing creative activities centered around the story. The team stayed with us three days and left behind lots of happy hearts and a lovely wall mural.

We have wonderful news about the children needing transport to the Special Needs school at Oceanview! With assistance from Hout Bay Lions, we were able to employ a driver and cover fuel costs. Seven children, including Thembilise are now taking our sponsored mini-bus to school.

*Katherine.*