



SOUTH AFRICA SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

*Sample 17-Day
Student Program*



Summer 2005



Friday

DEPART USA

- ✚ Departure from New York or Atlanta

Saturday-
Sunday

JOHANNESBURG & SOWETO: APPRECIATING THE NATION'S HISTORY & CULTURE

- ✚ Saturday Mid-Day Arrival in Johannesburg
- ✚ Weekend Events in Johannesburg



Collectively these community visits, social interactions, and other activities will promote knowledge and appreciation of South Africa's recent history, contemporary realities, and multicultural identity.

Our Saturday and Sunday activities focus on Soweto township, and include:



Welcome BBQ with Thebe Mohatle & Students from the Masechaba Saturday School of Excellence

A Township Overview: Soweto's Significance as Catalyst for Apartheid's Demise & Its Contemporary Identity in the New South Africa





Grace Church: A Key Soweto Institution, Crucial to the Social, Cultural, Political & Faith Dynamic of Soweto Township

- ✚ Accommodation at Sandton Town Lodge
(Check in Saturday for 2 nights.)

Monday

TEAMBUILDING & ORIENTATION AT STONEY RIDGE YOUTH CENTRE

- ✚ Ninety-Minute Coach Transfer from Johannesburg to Stoney Ridge Youth Centre, Near Magaliesburg



- ✚ Teambuilding with Our Group of Partner Students from the Masechaba Saturday School of Excellence
- ✚ Orientation at Stoney Ridge Youth Centre
- ✚ Accommodation at Stoney Ridge Youth Centre
(Check in today for 5 nights.)

Tuesday-
Friday

SERVICE LEARNING AT HEKPOORT, NEAR STONEY RIDGE YOUTH CENTRE

Community Service Learning Partnership (Four Days)

The focus of our community service this week is the town of Hekpoort, located approximately 3 kilometers from Stoney Ridge Youth Centre.

Hekpoort is a tiny rural locale, which hosts one notable institution requiring our service efforts and broad support. This is a community center whose mission is to serve a range of health and other needs on behalf of local adults, children, and families.



This week, from Tuesday through Friday, service learning will consist of the following activities, through which ASL students and local partners will rotate:



Assist staff in meeting adult and youth personal development needs (e.g., reading & literacy, job training, English-language).

Plan a youth summit, to be held at the community center Friday afternoon, in which we and our partners employ a variety of techniques to increase HIV awareness among the Hekpoort youth. This may involve a skit, music, and other creative presentations.



Dig, plant & tend food gardens to meet nutritional needs directly and to encourage a sustainable community commitment to food security. We are endeavoring to involve professionals from the Johannesburg-based Food Gardens Foundation in this activity.

Assist staff, as needed, in preparing, cooking, and serving hot meals for adult and child community center clients.



Organize soccer sessions, indoor games & other physical education & leisure activities for children served by the community center and clinic.

Saturday

APARTHEID MUSEUM & JOURNEY TO CAPE TOWN

- ✚ Stoney Ridge Check-Out
- ✚ Return Transfer to Johannesburg
- ✚ Morning Visit to Apartheid Museum

*Apartheid Museum: A
Superlative Interpretation of South
African Race Relations in the 20th
Century*



- ✚ Flight to Cape Town
(Two Hours)
- ✚ Accommodation at Town Lodge, Belleville
(Check in today for 7 nights.)

*Sunday-
Monday*

CAPE TOWN'S HERITAGE & ECOLOGY

- ✚ Educational Activities in Cape Town

In Cape Town, two days of activities will promote an appreciation of recent South African history and an encounter with its unspoilt ecology. Activities may include:



A visit to Spier Estate's Cheetah Outreach Programme which, with the Cheetah Conservation Fund, strives to ensure the survival of Africa's free-ranging cheetah.

A visit to Robben Island, where former president Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years, and a discussion of the prison's significance with former warden Christo Brand and former political prisoner Ulesumzi Mcongo.



A half-day experiential learning program at a penguin colony on Robben Island or Boulders Beach, where we will interact with University of Cape Town seabird research faculty.

*Tuesday-
Friday*

SERVICE LEARNING AT GRACE FELLOWSHIP AFRICA

Community Service Learning Partnership (Four Days)

This week, we'll assist Grace Fellowship Africa (GFA) staff in their ongoing efforts to meet basic nutritional needs for thousands of indigent children in Cape Town's Langa Township.

GFA's feeding program, operated daily, is the sole source of nutrition for many of these youngsters. We'll work with GFA staff to prepare, serve, and distribute meals...and to clean up afterward.



We'll rotate among the various activities throughout the four-day period, so that each of us has the chance to interact with the kids to the maximum extent possible.



We'll also take time to discuss with GFA leaders the effect that malnutrition, HIV, and other basic challenges have on the lives and education of this vast township's many small children.

Saturday

CAPE TOWN'S HERITAGE (*Continued...*)

Educational Activities

Our emphasis is on exercise and exploration. We may take a guided hike to the summit of Table Mountain.



We may also take a guided walking tour of the Malay Quarter, where descendants of 17th-century Southeast Asian slaves maintain a unique culture, cuisine, and set of faith practices.

Evening Departure from Cape Town

Sunday

ARRIVE USA

Morning Arrival in New York or Atlanta