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Special thanks to all the volunteers who traveled with us to South Africa on August 8, 2001 through August 21, 2001. The trip was successful.

CTV, a Prince George's County cable television station, channel 15 will be featuring highlights of our trip to South Africa each night, starting August 27th and will run for the next two-three weeks. Air times: 4:30, 5:30, 8:30 and 11:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 8, 2001 - Feeding the Homeless. Please join us as we feed the homeless at Randall Shelter for Men and C.C.N.V., the shelter for Men, Women and Children. Call Mrs. Virginia Scales at 301-736-2732 with your food donation. We will leave from Francis Scott Key Elem. School approximately 4:00 p.m. Please be on time.

Saturday, September 15, 2001 - BACK to SCHOOL Community Picnic 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Francis Scott Key Elementary, Capitol Heights, MD. Please join Mr. Brady, PTA members and school officials in our second annual back to school picnic to benefit children. Area community leaders and volunteers are asked to come out and support.

Saturday September 15, 2001- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Welcome Back Home Reception & Celebration at Francis Scott Key Elementary. Fellowship with Mr. Brady and several volunteer mission workers who traveled to South Africa last month to visit some of the poorest. Come out join us and see some African Art and photographs taken; and lots of good food. Please contact Ms. Scales by e-mail or phone at 301-736-2732 for more information. This is a Family event.

THINGS THAT KEEP THE S.A.P., INC. BUSY

The Step Ahead Program is currently soliciting monetary

The Step Ahead is now ONLINE

You Can VISIT US AT Our New Website

www.sbsstepahead.org



Or contact us by email

Our volunteer for the Month of September

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donations which are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows. These contributions are used for the following projects:

- Saturday Learning Academy Tutorial Program
- S.A.P. After School Tutorial Program
- Food for:
 - > monthly feeding of the homeless
 - > monthly Volunteers and Family Fun Day
- Canned food drive
- Clothing drive
- South Africa Missionary Trip (collection of all items to donate to poverty townships in South Africa)
- Postage for mailing
- Rental expenses for meeting facilities and children activities
- Administrative supplies

Your receipts for our clothing mission project for both the United States and South Africa will be available upon request.

Our appreciation to all S.A.P. volunteers who are committed to improving the quality of life for children, families and the lives of the homeless. Special thanks to all volunteers who participated in last month's event; those who helped with the South Africa Project '01 effort to provide clothing and other items for the poor.

A View of South Africa From Mr. Brady

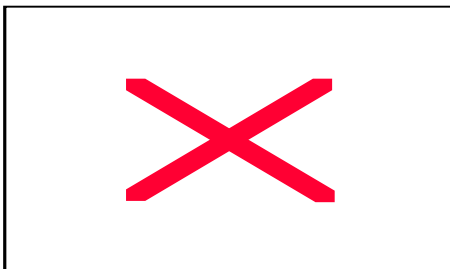
Dear Friends and Supporters:

I am just returning from another missionary trip to South Africa. This particular trip was both, very successful and educational. It was also personally and spiritually rewarding to accomplish my goal of inviting others to see some of beautiful South Africa and the efforts made by the Step Ahead Program in the lives of Families and Children. I played host to nine mission workers (including two SAP volunteers: Jackie Williams & Virginia Scales) who participated in this particular Step Ahead Program Mission Trip. To have them as a part of the visiting team has now become one of the biggest highlights of my career as a missionary to Africa. I felt very proud as I introduced South Africa to some of the newcomers. Throughout the entire tour, the volunteer workers got the opportunities to visit many schools, hospitals, clinics, and churches. Emotions took over the group daily as we toured throughout South Africa's poorest communities, churches, and schools. I personally became overwhelmed when I witnessed the hundreds of young children and their Mothers contained in one of the area hospital set up for only children and family members who tested positive for the HIV/Aids virus. I got a rare opportunity to witness this Aids pandemic up close when I was visiting several orphanages, houses of safety, and squatter camps that housed thousands of children who had no place to call home. In short, I, along with the other mission workers, witnessed thousands of hurting victims in areas where we visited. Some situations were emotionally devastating to witness as a human. I often found myself asking; just how could so many innocent people suffer like this and survive on a daily basis? May GOD continue to bless the children of Africa and around the world who are living in terrible and adverse conditions? May GOD give those of us who are living life in a better way than others a chance to share our resources with the less fortunate, no matter where they may be in the world. Please consider joining us next year for the annual tour; all are welcomed. If there is anything that you can do to help us save a child by supporting our international efforts to support the construction of a health clinic and an orphanage; please don't hesitate to contact me. Let's not wait till it's too late to help. Join us now and help us "Make That Change" for the "Man In The Mirror".

August 11, 2001 Saturday Night In Africa

Tonight at 930pm I am at church praising God in Africa on a Saturday night Can you believe it? Adults and children of all ages up at 9pm in a place, that Normally shuts down at sun set because there is no electricity. People have come from miles away, on foot, to thank God. Young and old up late kicking their legs up (a traditional Zulu dance) and singing their hearts out. Currently, we are in a church, where there is light and there is THE LIGHT and tonight we are praiz-in HIM. Let me correct myself, and this morning we are praiz-in HIM cause by now it's 3:30am Sunday morning. Imagine it, in this poor poverty stricken country, they are able and willing To let God know just how thankful they are. In the USA we have so many things and so many things to do that we don't take as much time as we should to Simply say Thank you Father.

Denise Brown



South Africa

My comments about South Africa. The people in South Africa made us feel very welcome and happy to see us. Joseph Shabalala and his family took very good care of us and welcomed us into their home. Joseph told us that South Africa is our home and we are just visiting the United States. We saw a beautiful country and learned some history. We also saw some disturbing things like kids living on the street, the families living in poverty and the aids unit at the hospital. It was an unforgettable experience.

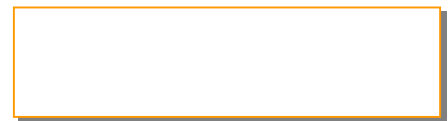
Jackie Williams

This trip to South Africa was a blessing. We were greeted with warmth and love that only family members can give. I plan to visit annually hopefully with my wife and daughter.

*Sibusiso Vusi Zulu
a.k.a. Curtis Crutchfield*

SPECIAL THANKS

CTV TELEVISION STATION



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ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TRAVELED WITH US TO SOUTH AFRICA. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

The SAP is soon anticipating moving into a new location in Capitol Heights, Maryland that will now house some of our community projects and efforts. SAP is in need for office computer equipment and furniture. Sap will need computers and other contributions. If you or someone that you may know can help us, then please don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or on our new web-site. Join us and Help us make a difference in the community. The best human investment you make is when you invest in the life of a child.

THE STEP AHEAD PROGRAM CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

- When you change the life of a child, you change the community
- Please help us provide more children with a chance to succeed
- Please help the Step Ahead Program grow
- Providing a frame work in which children can find hope
- "People and Organizations who make a difference are the community's most valuable assets."



WHAT CAN YOU DO? "Help 'em"

Donor names will be prominently displayed at the future site of the S.A.P. Program Learning Center as a tribute to those who cared enough to help make a difference for Children and Families.

This months' Donors

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\$100	Partner	\$2,500	Patron	\$10,000 -Plus	Champion
\$500	Sponsor	\$5,000	Benefactor	In-kind Services Supporters (IKSS)	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Mr. & Mrs. Ken & Darlene Johnson	Partners	Laurel, MD
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Ann Burke	Partners	Dover, NH
Mr. Standley Brady	Sponsor	Capitol Heights, MD

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I support the work you are doing. Please accept the enclosed check (or money order) in the amount of: \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____
(made payable to the S.B. Step Ahead Program, Inc.) Thank you.

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