



**ORPHAN SHACKS**

# AFRICA ORPHANS PROJECT

As a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, average life expectancy of many villagers in South Africa is less than 40 years. This leaves hundreds of young orphans without a home, a caregiver, and at times, even food to eat.

The mission of the African Orphans Project is to provide simple, decent homes for vulnerable children and their caregivers, and to expand the ability of the local Lutheran church to provide ongoing support to these families.

Through the African Orphans Project partners and participants, we are able to provide the orphans of Shongweni with a church, homes, support, and a community center for training and education programs.

## At Ntshongweni Village

Shongweni village is located in the temperate Kwa-Zulu Natal region of South Africa. Approximately 30 miles inland from Durban, a major city in South Africa, Shongweni village is in a pastoral setting located in the gently rolling coastal mountain region known as the Valley of 1,000 Hills.

While set in a beautiful landscape and very close to a major population center, the villagers of Shongweni live a life of very lean means. Unemployment in the village is very high and the HIV/AIDS infection rate is over 60% - impacting every family in the village.



**NEW HOME**



# The Creche

## 2-5 Year Olds



**Acting out  
David and  
Goliath**



**Moses**





# **Before Pictures**

## **Ntshongweni Primary School Library**

### **Over 500 Students, 90-95% Orphans**



**Principle Mzi Buko**  
**When she heard she was finally**  
**getting her new library!**

# **Lunch at Woza Moya High School Over 1,000 Students Wearing Clean, Pressed Uniforms**



**The Kitchen**



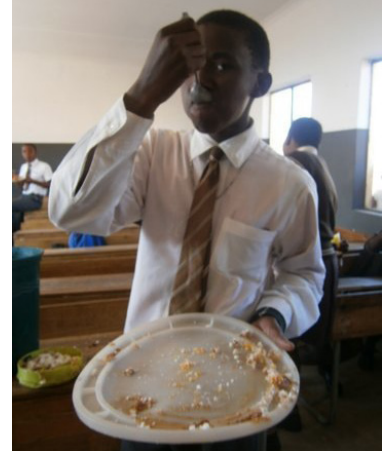
**Four Students Sharing a Tupperware Bowl**



**Sharing a Bucket to Eat From**



**Eating Off a Lid from a 5 Gallon  
Bucket**



**Using a Pitcher and Its Lid for Plates**



**Some of the Staff**