



## Join Us On Our Journey



### Sawabona!

It is a greeting used in South Africa. More than just ‘hello’ it translates to ‘I see you.’ It suggests familiarity or relationship and that you are valued. It is an appropriate greeting for those reading this because in some way we have been on a journey together. Somewhere our paths have crossed; we believe it was not by accident but rather a divine appointment.

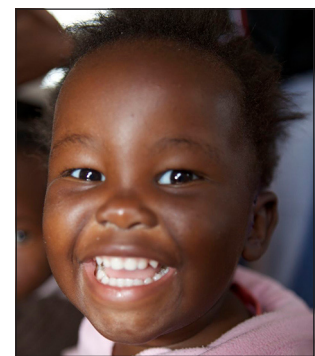
We are grateful for your willingness to engage in the story of God’s love for Africa and hear about the invitation that God has made to us to play a part in that story. Our hope is that you too may find that you have a part to play in God’s story.

The Stotlers -  
Elliott, Katherine, Emily, Ryan and Cason

## Our Calling

Over years of serving in Africa we have begun to see South Africa as ‘home.’ It is a place that we long for when we are not there and find a special peace, and ‘gladness’ when we are. But our attraction is more than place, it is the people. We have found ourselves connected to their need – and a deep need it is.

Over time God has revealed the life planned for us. To make it clear, God has shown us the needs and blessed us with a strong sense of desire to surrender the life we had and to take up this new life designed uniquely for us.



“Vocation is the place  
where your deep gladness  
meets the world’s deep need”

*Frederick Beuchner*

# A Land of Great Beauty



South Africa is a country of great beauty. From vast grasslands and deserts to rain forests and towering mountains, it is a varied land. A land of many cultures, it is steeped in long tribal histories and colonial powers. Our area of ministry, the Eastern Cape, is rural, with rolling hills rising up from the Indian Ocean and leading to the Drakensburg Mountains.

But beyond the beauty there is great suffering. Impacted by poverty and HIV/AIDS, the numbers are staggering. Despite their suffering, you find a hopeful and resilient people.

## South Africa

### By the Numbers

Population: 50 Million

Median Age: 24.4 yrs

Life Expectancy: 49 yrs

HIV/AIDS:

18% of Adult Pop.

5.7 Million Adults

350,000 Deaths/Yr

Unemployment: 22%

Below Poverty Level: 50%

## Ministry with the Xhosa People



### Initial Ministries

- Early Childhood Education
- Skills Training
- Agricultural Development
- Youth Discipleship
- Pastor Mentoring and Support

*We are partnering with Life Connection Ministries (learn more at [www.lcm-ga.com](http://www.lcm-ga.com))*



### Future Ministries

- Micro enterprise Development
- HIV/AIDS Orphan Care
- HIV/AIDS Hospice Care

## How You Can Get Involved

Is God inviting you to support the ministry through prayer, hearing/sharing the story or supporting financially?

As Mission Society missionaries, we are required to raise all of our financial support and rely upon churches and individuals to partner with us as investors in the Kingdom.

**To contribute financially:** go to <http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/stotler> for links to online giving by credit card or bank draft or to download a mail in form.

**To learn more about our story:** go to <http://www.stotlersinafrica.blogspot.com> and by emailing us at [stotlersinafrica@gmail.com](mailto:stotlersinafrica@gmail.com) to sign up for ministry newsletter.

