

SIM HOPE FOR AIDS / PROJECT POSITIVE RAY



Formed in partnership with SIM Hope for AIDS, Project Positive Ray (PPR) was established in 2001 to combat the HIV pandemic in the KwaZulu region of South Africa through an HIV Prevention program and Home Based Care program. Project Positive Ray serves the local Zulu community by conducting educational workshops both in schools and local businesses, trains volunteers to practically serve HIV/AIDS sufferers through home visits and actively promotes a simple yet effective AIDS prevention message to thousands about the seriousness of the AIDS pandemic in South Africa.



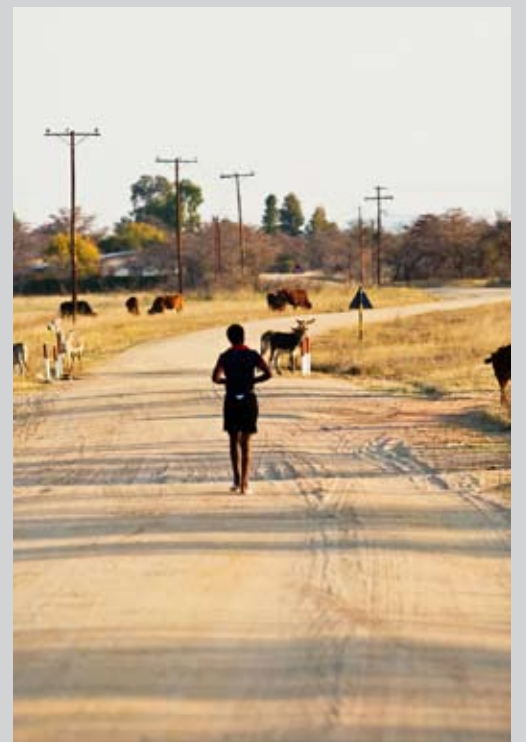
HOME BASED CARE PROJECT

PPR also operates a broad network of Community Workers who lovingly take care of those infected with HIV within their own communities. The HBC program educates patients and families about living with HIV along with encouraging community members to be tested. The Community Workers also assist with transportation to clinics and hospitals, food aid, bathing, physical care as well as spiritual and emotional support.



HIV PREVENTION PROJECT

The key message of their HIV Prevention Program is the ABC approach: A = Abstain B = Be Faithful and C = Commitment. PPR volunteers work throughout the community by visiting homes, schools and businesses to spread the message. The program also strongly encourages people to be tested for HIV and be aware of their status to prevent further spread of the disease. PPR also operates a mobile HIV Testing unit, in conjunction with another NGO, to offer the community a convenient and confidential testing alternative to government HIV testing clinics.





Saturday Day 1	Depart Australia for Johannesburg, South Africa. Arrive Johannesburg - customs and immigration. Depart for Nelspruit. Arrive at Kruger National Park and stay in game lodge. Meet Jacques and Hannes.
Sunday Day 2	Rest and acclimatize from jet lag. Spend some time on safari in game reserve. Take time to get to know Jacques and Hannes and begin to unpack Afrikaans world view and basic history.
Monday Day 3	Depart Kruger. Fly Nelspruit to Durban. Drive to Port Shepstone and settle into accommodation. Meet Project Positive Ray (PPR) team. Pair up LJ participants with a PPR team member. Get to know you activities and dinner. Take time learn about the Indian and Zulu basic history and sub-cultures in South Africa.
Tuesday Day 4	Morning briefing about PPR. Each LJ participant to engage in two 1.5hr visits with a Community Care Worker to two AIDS patients. Evening debrief with LJ participants.
Wednesday Day 5	Visit to Louisana. Interaction with informal settlement community members. Get to understand some of the broad community and cultural dynamics. Visit Bosie and her collective to see what can be done by community members with an innovative approach to meeting the needs of the community. Evening - discuss the cultural norms in Australia and organisational context. Begin to create ways to motivate cultural change back at home.
Thursday Day 6	Visit local factory where an Indian employer has 400+ locals working in the textile manufacturing industry. Discover the impact HIV/AIDS is having on industry. Lunch and afternoon at Oribi Gorge. Nature walk and relaxing. Evening meal and debrief.
Friday Day 7	Spend the day preparing a meal for a celebration party to be held within an informal settlement context for 100-200 locals. This is a way to recognise genuine relationships and to say 'Good Bye' to new PPR and community friends.
Saturday Day 8	Drive to Durban. Fly to Johannesburg. Depart Johannesburg for Australia.
Sunday Day 9	Arrive back in Australia.



Location	Distance (km)	Travel
Perth, Australia	0	
Johannesburg, South Africa	8325	Plane
Nelspruit	299	Plane
Durban	676	Plane
Port Shepstone	117	Drive
Durban	117	Drive
Johannesburg, South Africa	566	Plane
Perth, Australia	8325	Plane

*The information in this itinerary is to be used only as a sample guide. Each company participating in a Leadership Journey can tailor their itinerary to suit their needs.