

Vision Trip to South Africa

Mid-April 2026

Join encompassKids for an exciting 2-week trip to see what the Lord is doing through Courage Youth and Setshabelo Family and Child Services.



Come to the Trip Table to learn more!

**Mark your calendars now and join us for
an experience you will never forget!**

For more information and/or to get your name on
the list, fill in the **“I’m Interested!”**
form above

Or contact Paul Scholten:
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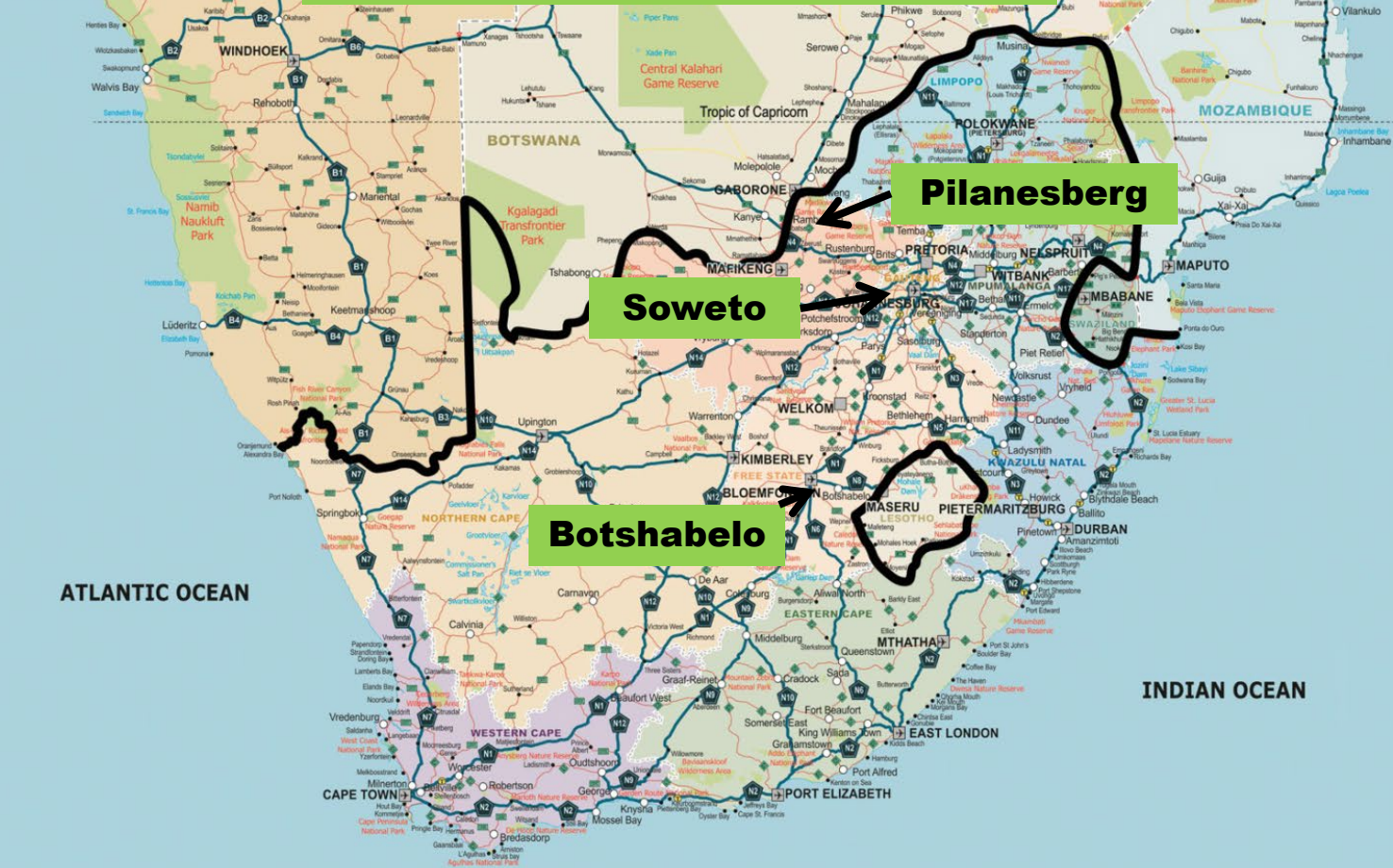


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SOUTH AFRICA

National West Coast
Tourist Recreation Area



Soweto

Pilanesberg

Botshabelo

ATLANTIC OCEAN

INDIAN OCEAN

The image features a group of diverse children, many with their hands raised in a gesture of joy or participation. Overlaid on this scene is the 'encompasskids' logo, which consists of the word 'encompass' in green, 'kids' in blue, and a stylized heart shape formed by red and yellow curved lines. A small 'SM' trademark symbol is positioned to the right of the logo.

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**Our passion and focus is to serve
Orphans, Vulnerable Children,
Youth and Families of South Africa!**



Setshabelo Family and Child Services

Future Begins In The Family



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COURAGE YOUTH

SOUTHERN AFRICA RIVALS COLLABORATION

Trip Dates – Mid-April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Apr	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Leave for South Africa	11 Arrive Jo'burg SA ~ 9 PM
Probable itinerary open to trip participant input						
12 Grace Bible Church Soweto Tour	13 Courage Youth (CY) Introduction	14 CY pgm + Cultural Immersion	15 CY Staff Relationship Building	16 Pilanesberg Game Park (PGP)	17 More PGP then drive to Bloemfontein Free State	18 SFCS Engagement with staff and pgms
19 Township church and home visits	20 Fly to Cape Town & orientation	21 Robin Island and CPT sights	22 CPT + Fly home in the evening	23 Arrive Home	24	25
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CULTURAL IMMERSION

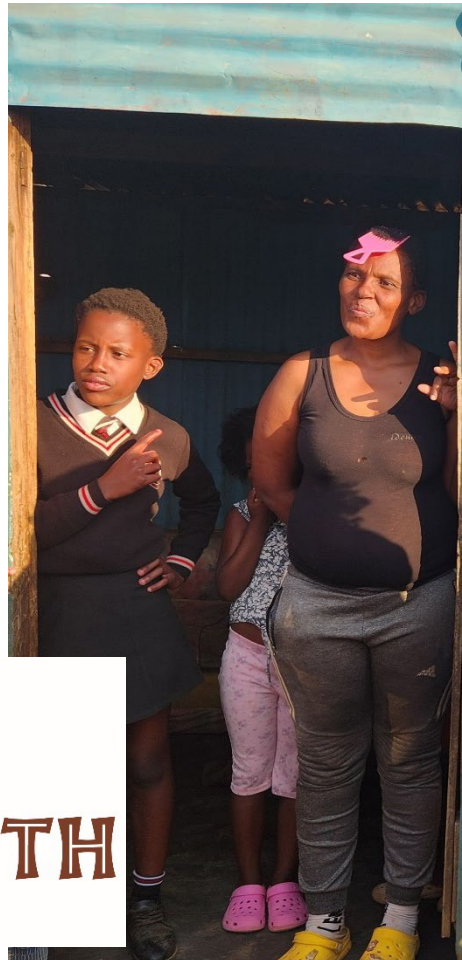




COURAGE
SOUTHERN AFRICA
HIV/AIDS
COLLABORATION



YOUTH



Pilanesberg National Game Park







Future begins in the family

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Nelson Mandela Imprisoned at Robben Island



Robben Island – 19 years



**Robben Island May 1963 – March 1982; then Pollsmoor Prison, etc - Released February 1990
Total prison time 27 years**



Purpose Of The Trip



We go to be and not to do! Listening, learning, building relationships and encouraging our South African colleagues is more central than any “tasks” we may accomplish.



We cannot over-estimate the value to our South Africa colleagues from our encouragement and partnership thru these relationships.











To grow spiritually as individuals, as a team, and in our own congregations and community by experiencing God at work in the challenges in other parts of the world, and then seeing how that influences our everyday lives and work here in West Michigan. The mission’s benefit is equally realized by both us and the South Africans.



What we do after the trip is even more important than what we do during it, from ongoing advocacy to prayer and financial support.

Basic Trip Information (Ask Questions 😊)

-  You don't need special capabilities or skills – just be willing to be a good team member with a desire to learn, experience and make new friends.
-  Reasonably good health because the pace is quite aggressive.
-  A current US Passport. No South Africa VISA is required.
-  Only Hepatitis A & B Vaccinations are required. Tetanus shot is recommended. Malaria meds are not required.
-  Lodging is clean, mid-range hotels and guest lodges.
-  Water is good throughout South Africa. We also always carry bottled water.
-  Food is generally western restaurant fare, with opportunity for local specialties.
-  Trip cost will be \$4,000 to \$4,500 per person - airfare, transport, food, lodging.

Background Resources



The Covenant – James A. Michner



The Long Walk to Freedom Autobiography by Nelson Mandela /also a Movie



Invictus – Movie about Nelson Mandela (played by Morgan Freeman)



Love, Money, and HIV – Sanyu A. Mojola



Orphan Justice – Johnny Carr



The Hole in Our Gospel – Richard Stearns



White Dog Fell From The Sky – Novel by Eleanor Morse



Born A Crime – Trevor Noah, his personal story of growing up in Soweto



End Game (2009 film) – The covert negotiations to end Apartheid



Searching for Sugarman – 2012 film Rodriguez a Detroit musician a huge hit in SA

A bright, hope filled future for children, youth and families in a flourishing, post-AIDS South Africa



**We fight for strong loving families and thriving lives
for the orphaned, abandoned and abused kids in South Africa
through the encompassing power of God's love**