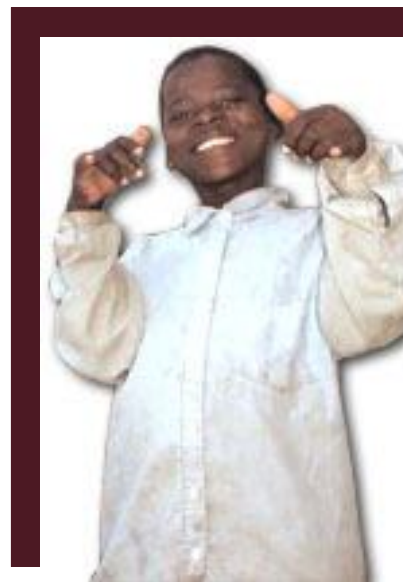


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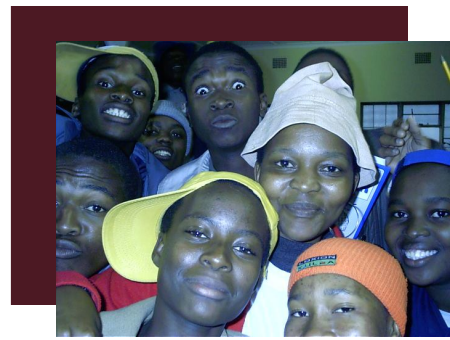
How you can make a difference here:

- Assisting during the children’s study (including 1-on-1 tutoring) and free time (for example with music and sports)
- Teaching (formally or informally)

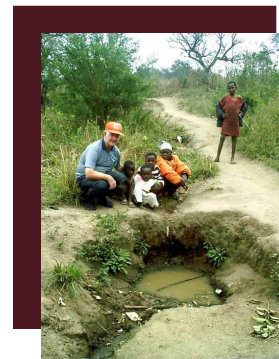
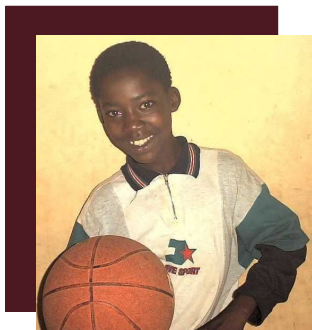
From the community: **“Besides working on our many different structured projects, there is also a place for simply playing cards or a game of football with some of the boys in our care... It is really up to each volunteer to find their niche and do their best to enhance to lives of the boys or the quality of the projects.”**

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What does the host community do?	MYC is a residential centre for over 100 children. It provides them with a safe place to live in a family environment, as well as education through a drop-in school, a bridging school (for those coming off the street) and a vocational training centre. In addition it has feeding programmes and activities for youth , including choirs and dance groups.
Who do they serve?	Street children and AIDS orphans. HIV/Aids is the biggest tragedy to hit Swaziland with over 40% of the adult population testing positive. This is devastating the country and leaving the care of many orphans to grandparents, already over-stretched extended families, or institutions. That said, Swazis continue about life in a positive and cheery way, focussing on the moment and leaving the future to sort itself out.
What do they want from a volunteer?	Good communication skills , patience and tolerance, a sense of fun , good planning skills and a level of independence .
Other information	Volunteers live in a separate building, with space for up to 11. There is access to internet nearby and good transport links (including to and within South Africa).



Swaziland– Quick Facts

Capital	Mbabane	
Location of Host Community	Manzini	
Language	Swazi, English (both official)	
Religions	Zionist 40% (a blend of Christianity and indigenous ancestral worship), Roman Catholic 20%, Muslim 10%, other 30%	
Population	1.1 million (UN, 2007)	
Climate	The rainy season is in the hot summer months (December to around March), whilst winter months are generally rain free.	
Development issues	HIV/AIDS– with over 40% of the adult population infected. This has led to a large number of aids orphans, street children and a shortage of teachers etc.	

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