



## December...Time For Summer Camp...

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...south of the equator that is, in Cape Town, South Africa. Alliance Redwoods has been sending a team to run summer camps for impoverished township kids in South Africa since 2002. As I write this our team of eight Americans and twelve South Africans are busy running day camps and multiday camps for over 2,500 campers between Thanksgiving and Christmas!



Alvinia

The "Bridge to Life" vision encompasses more than a local vision. We literally, with your support, are able to take Christian camping around the world. Check out [bridge-to-life.org](http://bridge-to-life.org) for more about our passion to serve as an

international training and sending center. What impact does this "training center" experience make? I will let Alvinia, a South African who came here for training this past summer and who is currently serving as part of the Camp South Africa 2009 team, answer that question for you. *"Traveling alone to California was a big and great experience for me. I haven't traveled this far and alone before. I'm not familiar with airports and stuff so it was an experience of a life time. Not many South Africans get an opportunity like this. I know now that this whole trip was God's plan for expanding my horizons and equipping me even more for His kingdom purpose.*

*On the day I arrived in San Francisco airport Abby came to pick me up. When I saw her I*

*burst into tears. I can honestly say it was tears of joy to see her and tears of amazement of how great God is. It felt like I was dreaming. But in the back of my mind I knew it was real. Driving to camp I was so tired from the flight, but I just couldn't close my eyes. I just kept on smiling and staring not saying a word. I kept on asking myself: "is this real?"*

*I had an awesome blessed time here in California. It has been great. Words can't describe my time here. I treasure and value everything I have learnt here. I'm definitely taking and using what I have learnt here back home. It's sad to leave but I'm thankful for the relationships that I have built here. When I came across that bridge another part of my life changed. When God touches your life, it will never be the same.*

*And that's what happened to me. Through this experience I hope to give*



Alvinia at CSA 2008

*a new hope to South African children. There is hope for our children. I will be pathfinder for our children...Acts 20:24 'However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus have given me-the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.'*"

## Check Out The New Bridge to Life Website

The Bridge to Life website is officially up and running! Want to find out more about camp being a training and sending center? Got a memory you want to share? Interested in reading what others have to say or seeing the Bridge to Life video? You can check it all out at [bridge-to-life.org](http://bridge-to-life.org) to learn more about this inspiring vision!



## Join The Bridge to Life Movement Today

**Your partnership is needed in three areas: CSA sponsorships, facility projects, and our international training center vision.**

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Please go to [bridge-to-life.org](http://bridge-to-life.org) and click on our 'online giving' page.

### 2) Check (one time or monthly gift)

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