

South Africa Rural Education Inc.

South Africa Rural Education Inc. is a volunteer run 501(c)(3) U.S. nonprofit charity raising funds to support and enhance nonprofit education programs in underserved, poor areas of Southern Africa. We support **Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika (The African Butterfly)** a nonprofit led by two people who excelled doing educational work for **Philangethemba NPC in Molweni**, Kwazulu Natal, until it closed end 2022. We met these young teachers in Molweni in 2017, admired their work since then. <https://www.facebook.com/SouthAfricaRuralEducation/> for information on their activities.



The Toy Library, Molweni



Lower Molweni, Valley of a Thousand Hills

Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika began operations in 2023, using what was the Philangethemba campus and Computer Training Center, providing free education support, computer training and Youth Development programs for all schools in the Molweni area I. UL is staffed by young people with a passion to help the community of Molweni benefit through its education and youth development programs. Their Mission is to work hand in hand with the community to create intentional Leadership and promote education, career development for young people, ECD Teacher training. A local expert assists them with financial control, an accounting company does payroll, compliance.

The Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika website gives information:

https://63a7548e7cfbc.site123.me/?fbclid=IwARORR96hFT-WJx0kI9LT2drl_bea05G3cfniMbfL3bDEXvqQxZDx56yHNw

Follow their activities on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088361665378>

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Please donate to South Africa Rural Education Inc, to support Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika

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An invitation to ministry in South Africa by Helena Champion

South Africa Rural Education raises funds for Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika and other education programs in impoverished rural areas of Southern Africa. Philangethemba closed their operations in Dec 2022 and a new nonprofit organization Uvemvane Lwe-Afrika has taken over their premises adjacent to the high school in Molweni and is fully operational, staffed by some of the excellent and gifted young people who worked at Philangethemba. Their purpose is to promote education, provide youth programs, and AIDS prevention education. They need support for their Early Childhood Development program to provide preschool care and training, as well as the Youth Development program. See their website:

https://63a7548e7cfbc.site123.me/?fbclid=IwAR0RR96hFT-WJx0ki9LT2drl_bea05G3cfniMbfL3bDEXvqQxZDx56vHNw

Helena's story and call about why this matters:

Many Epiphany parishioners supported and volunteered for Books for South Africa, either as adults or middle and high school students from 2000 to 2014. They helped to create many rural libraries, including one created in Molweni in 2008 by St Agnes Outreach and Philangethemba. Epiphany parishioners also raised funds for Ekuvukeni AIDS clinic in KwaMashu, KZN.

Supporting education in Africa matters to me because I grew up in South Africa, saw how poor people live and believe education and literacy are important in helping people overcome poverty and achieve democracy. Many poor and unprivileged people in Africa respect and want education and are willing to walk miles to school every day, if a school is available, even if the school is under-resourced. I feel called to help these people.

Decades ago, I graduated from the University of KwaZulu Natal with a science degree, worked in SA for three years, then immigrated to Canada and then to the United States. I had a rewarding career here but stayed in contact with friends who are active in education in Africa. When visiting my hometown in 2000, local newspapers reported that many schools in rural and poor areas nearby had no books for students to read. My friends confirmed that many areas were still very under-resourced. That situation continues to this day, except where community groups, often churches, have focused on helping schools and youth.

In 2000 I found people here in Winchester who shared a vision to send books to Southern Africa. The Parish of Epiphany and Winchester people donated used children's books and volunteers sorted them. At first, we mailed them and later we sent them in 40-foot containers, thousands of books in each shipment. This was the beginning of **Books for South Africa, Inc.**, which sent over 300,000 donated children's books to schools and communities. For 15 years, various churches and organizations in South Africa distributed the books and worked with South African charities to create rural libraries. In 2015, Books for South Africa was succeeded by the *African Story Book project, which provides e-books in about a hundred African languages.*



The Teen Library built 2008 in the Lower Molweni (Valley of Thousand Hills) to house books we sent.

In 2017 I visited Molweni again and saw firsthand how much Philangethemba had expanded, since I last visited them in 2007, continuing their vision to empower the Molweni community to collaborate on child care and youth education at all levels. They asked me to help raise funds. I founded South Africa Rural Education Inc., a non-profit, volunteer-run U.S. charity, to raise funds for education programs in impoverished rural areas of Southern Africa. **PLEASE SUPPORT US!**