Village South Africa has a unique opportunity to use your gifts to serve in South Africa. We are looking for interested medical providers who are available to travel November 17- 26. We serve in rural villages of the Transkei and at Jehovah Jireh Haven, the children’s home we support in Alexandria. Our mission is to bring basic medical care and support to people that desperately need assistance from caring, passionate and self-motivated medical personnel.

The Transkei region is the “National Geographic” South Africa where families still live in mud rondovals and mamas carry water on their heads showing unbelievable strength and balance. In contrast, Jehovah Jireh Haven has approximately 100 children and is located next to a township in small town with access to some modern conveniences.

The Transkei and Jehovah Jireh Haven have no consistent outside resources for medical care and our presence is key to meeting a variety of basic medical needs. The local clinics are understaffed with limited resources and our work is critical to help provide support to meet the health care needs of both adults and children.

Once on the ground in South Africa our liaison will be Rufus Luttig. Rufus was born and raised in South Africa and is an advisor to the Village South Africa Board of Directors. He will provide lodging, meals, transportation and translators. Medical supplies, equipment and support staff will be at each location we serve.

Cost: $2,500-3,000 \*price may vary based on your location due to the cost of airline tickets (Mary can confirm) This cost includes your airline ticket, in-country transportation, lodging and meals. You may choose to purchase additional trip insurance. Mary North, our travel coordinator will help you every step of the way! Since there are a limited number of positions available and I suggest anyone interested contact Mary as soon as possible at mbnorth48@gmail.com.

This trip will combine both work and play so that you can experience all that this beautiful country has to offer. We will have an overnight safari, and will spend time at Rufus’ ranch, HuntSA ([www.huntsa.com](http://www.huntsa.com)) , which offers a peaceful setting to debrief and help create strategy for how to best continue to serve the people we met even after the trip is complete. We will all share in fellowship and Thanksgiving dinner on the ranch and it will undoubtedly be a Thanksgiving you will not soon forget. If you would like to bring a non-medical professional companion on the trip you are welcome.

As medical director and pediatrician of 20 years, I can say without a doubt this will be a life changing opportunity whether you have participated in previous medical missions or this will be your first experience. As we travel, you will see South Africa in all its raw beauty and directly impact the heath and well- being of many people.

I have traveled all over the world and I can tell you without a doubt that after this experience you will be forever changed and that South Africa will leave you longing to return. This is a direct and intimate one on one opportunity to share your talent and compassion with a people that need it most.

Village South Africa is a non-profit 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. Visit [www.villagesouthafrica.com](http://www.villagesouthafrica.com) for more information or contact me directly with any questions at hightechmd@gmail.com.

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Medical Director

Village South Africa

**Medical Missions Trip November 2016**

November 17 Day 1 Leave USA fly into Durban

November 18 Day 2 Arrive SA, settle in

November 19 Day 3 Medical Outreach in villages, evening in Port St. Johns relaxing on the river

November 20 Day 4 Medical Outreach in Villages, Magwa Falls sightseeing

November 21 Day 5 Leave Transkei and arrive in Alexandria spending time on the sea

November 22 Day 6 Jehovah Jireh Medical Outreach

November 23 Day 7 Jehovah Jireh Medical Outreach, travel to Rufus farm

November 24 Day 8 Debrief on Rufus farm

November 25 Day 9 Schotia overnight safari with day and evening game drive

November 26 Day 10 Return to USA leaving from Port Elizabeth