

Thanks for praying!! Our group of seven travelled very smoothly, --by road through South Africa, by air through Dubai to Los Angeles, then back again to Swaziland. Ten days gone, with almost six of those consumed in travel! Yikes!!

Our New Life Homes youth projected a great deal of class, even though encountering countless "first-time" experiences. The ocean got the second most votes for "the best part." They got in it as often as possible over the four days we were on the ground in LA.

But really best of all was the premiere of Liyana, and the responses spilling out from all over since. All our gang were warmly received, and greatly honored. Phumlani said, "It makes me feel like I'm a hero!"

Apparently others thought the project was heroic too. The juried award for "Best Documentary" was granted to Liyana!! Aaron and Amanda, all who worked on the film, and especially our youth are totally excited. Praise be to God!

"Los Angeles Film Festival 2017: Liyana wins the Documentary Award" --www.huffingtonpost.com

Please go to Facebook, "Liyana the Movie" to see links to the many reviews of Liyana, as well as comments from those who were present, some who supported the project, as well as Aaron and Amanda's remarks.

Next, we're off to the Durban International Film Festival where Liyana is scheduled for her African premiere, 13-23 July, via three screenings, plus a lot of love out-poured. We're planning to take a group of 18 of us, --two house-mothers, 14 teenagers, plus Mary Jean and me. We'll drive down on Friday, 14 July, some six hours by road. The first screening will be Saturday, 15 July, but we'll return on Sunday, the 16th. All our youth are in school with some preparing for national exams in a couple of months.

We're pleased with many other developments as well. One is that we've finally settled on the vehicle we need to transport some of our teenagers to a better performing school, -- an extra half-hour's drive. We even get to use it this next weekend to get a large group to the Durban International Film Festival, Africa's largest, longest in existence, and most respected.

A special thanks to our financial supporters.

These recent (and very happy) developments have brought unexpected costs. The van is also costing a little more than we expected.

Peter & Mary Jean Kopp

Thanks for your interest, prayers, and support,