

We're delighted to announce that LIYANA will have her world premiere at the [LA Film Festival](#) this June!



Many of our friends know that our son and daughter-in-law have been laboring on this film for eight years now. You can get more information, and of course become “a follower” at their official website, [www.liyanathemovie.com](http://www.liyanathemovie.com)

Here's some comments from their blog:

**We're grateful to the programmers who have been such champions of LIYANA, and so thankful to all of our supporters over the years. We're humbled by LAFF programmer, Stephanie Owens' [comments on the film](#):**

***"Amanda and Aaron Kopp's debut feature is an innately collaborative effort, featuring the talents of story advisor Gcina Mhlophe and animator Shofela Coker. Mhlophe eschews the bleak orphan cliché, guiding the children through narratives that are distinctly their own and that reflect the breadth of their creativity. Live action footage and charismatic interviews set the stage, while Coker's distinctive animation brings the children's epic tale to life."***

**Here's the [official announcement](#) and info on when individual tickets will go on sale.**

YES!!! We'll be there, along with five of our New Life Homes youth (we hope!!), and two board members from New Life Homes, Swaziland. Our young people have never traveled outside of Swaziland, but the LA Film Festival and supporting foundations want them there. After all, they are the main contributors to this amazing film. Our students can't stop smiling!!

Following this debut, there's more film festival selection committees lining up invitations, from different continents as well as others within in the USA. Aaron and Amanda will continue to be extremely busy with this project for a year or more.

As a not-for-profit undertaking, their vision has been to see funds raised for the education of New Life Homes' youth. One of the most difficult hurdles we face is financing tertiary education.

Please pray:

--Getting documents in place, and in time, for these youth to travel is somewhere between impossible and unlikely!

--May the vision stated above be fulfilled in God's way and time.

--May all of our youth see the Hand of God on their lives!

Thanks for your support,

**Peter & MaryJean Kopp**