



Infinite Family: Keeping in Touch

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Next Online Open House, a 30 minute webinar on video mentoring

**April 15 at 7pm
April 16 at 11am**

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Infinite Family Opens New Site in Soweto

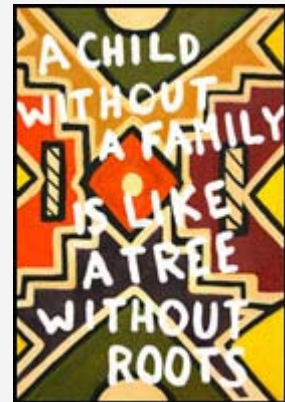
Infinite Family, with lead sponsor Bombardier, celebrated the grand opening of its fourth computer lab for video mentoring in the Johannesburg area on February 16, 2010 at Tsogang Sechaba in Soweto. The first 10 children were

introduced to Infinite Family's interactive internet platform, the Ezomndeni Net, at the lab back in October 2009. Today, 25 children are writing blogs, exchanging email and participating in video conversations with their mentors each week.

Tsogang Sechaba, which Ma Tony Gloria Bodibe opened in 1999, has evolved from carrying meals in wheelbarrows to its school children to feeding daily meals to over 1000 HIV/AIDS-affected children from Ma Tony's Soweto home. Ma Tony heard about Infinite Family two years ago and has worked tirelessly to create a computer lab for the children ever since. The pile of bricks in her garden that once represented the private living space she was dreaming of building for herself is now the foundation for the IF computer lab. With food and supplies on her bedroom floor, maize meal and files around the living room and a shipping container with a stovetop in the front yard, Ma Tony has turned over her personal space to support the needs of the children surrounding her in Soweto. With Ma Tony's help, access to the IF computer lab is already making a difference for these kids!

Connect this April at Blvd!

Infinite Family invites New Yorkers to attend our first CONNECTIONS fundraiser on Tuesday, April 6 from 6-8 PM at **blvd**, <http://www.blvdnyc.com/>. The event is an opportunity to mingle with other professionals while supporting Infinite Family's technologically-innovative approach to mentoring. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door; price includes passed hors d'oeuvre and open bar. Your support allows Infinite Family to reach children affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa via a unique video mentoring program now helping nearly 200 teens and pre-teens. Location: 199 Bowery at Spring Street; <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/100515> for tickets.



Infinite Family Launches Online Anytime Video Mentor Training

Infinite Family's extensive mentor training program moved to a more accessible, portable and effective format this January as we launched Online Anytime Training. IF mentors now log on anytime and anywhere to participate in their training as the classes and course work were captured and transformed into a series of videos the mentors can access when most convenient to them. Mentors gain insight into the culture, the technology and the kids, all at their own pace. Once completed (along with an interview and background clearance check) mentors are matched with a waiting child in South Africa.

In its first two months, 40 new video mentors logged onto Online Anytime Training. If you are interested in becoming an IF video mentor and participating in Online Anytime Training, contact us today at info@infinitefamily.org.

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