

Summer Team SA—Project Gateway

General information on South Africa

Capital:	Pretoria
Currency:	South African Rand (ZAR)
Population:	42.7 million
Language:	Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu.
Religion:	Christian 68%, Muslim 2%, Hindu 1.5%, indigenous beliefs and animist 28.5%.
Climate:	Summer: November to March Winter: June to August.

Generally the climate is hot and dry, showers occur in the summer in the eastern plateau and in the winter in the western cape. During the day temperatures generally range between 15-26 °C.

Life Expectancy:	Male: 44.39 years Female: 43.98 years
Under-5 infant mortality:	62.18 per 1,000
Living with AIDS:	5.3 million (21% of population)
Literacy:	Male: 87%, female: 85.7%

Summer Teams to Project Gateway

The Summer Team primarily serve practically whilst at Project Gateway, helping with painting, simple building and renovation work, such as designing murals on classroom walls or helping to construct a playground in a local township area. You will also have opportunities to visit the various Project Gateway community projects.

You will have plenty of time to explore the beautiful areas surrounding Project Gateway, with a 3-day safari included in this Team's time away.

The team will stay in the accommodation block at the Project Gateway Centre, which is a converted prison cellblock. The bedrooms are carpeted and furnished and have tea making facilities. There are also kitchen facilities, a living room and a dining room where you will be able to cater for yourselves as a team. There are showers with hot running water, and laundry facilities on-site.

Dates: 22nd– 24th July (training) 31st July—30th August
(Team) Cost: £2200

For more information: www.projectgateway.co.za



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The Vision

“Project Gateway” is a church-based, not for profit organisation, serving the city and surrounding communities of Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The project was formally established in 1992, when the historic old Pietermaritzburg prison became available as a base. Today, Project Gateway operates under the leadership of Pietermaritzburg Christian Fellowship, working in partnership with other local churches. The aim of the project is to equip and empower local people through education, enterprise and care activities, addressing physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Gateway Christian School

This school aims to provide good quality education, at affordable fees, in a Christian setting.

Enterprise Development

The aim of this project is to raise up well-equipped entrepreneurs with sustainable businesses. The programme includes training in business skills and practical job skills, marketing support and mentorship for new businesses. Participants start to generate income at an early stage in the programme with a view to channelling training into the establishment of a small business.

Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The centre provides assistance and support to people who find themselves in a pregnancy related crisis. A schools programme also operates, aiming to educate teenagers.

Overnight Shelter

For a token contribution, homeless men and women are given a secure place to sleep and a simple meal on a nightly basis.

Duduza Home

Offers love, care and nurture in foster families for young children who are terminally ill. Young children, especially those who are HIV positive, are looked after by their own mothers or by caregivers in a place of comfort and safety until the time of their death.

Esther House

Provides secure, short-term accommodation for women in distress. Women and their children seeking refuge from abusive situations are cared for whilst longer term accommodation is secured. Counselling is facilitated and training in basic skills such as cooking and sewing is offered.

Karen Millen Fashion School

In partnership with Karen Millen and the University College for Creative Arts in the UK, the Fashion School trains talented local students in fashion design, as well as mentoring them in life skills. The emphasis is on sustainable personal development.

Core Services

The central offices of Gateway are always busy fundraising and administrating the wider work of the project.