

## GUTIERREZ



## Anita & Rick Gutierrez

**SOUTH AFRICA**

### LANGUAGES

English  
Zulu

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Health and Wellness,  
Training and Capacity  
Building

### BIRTHDAYS

Anita 6/24  
Rick 3/19



### LOCATION

South Africa



### ABOUT

Family doctors ANITA and RICK train and equip local missionaries, or Health Builders, to combat lifestyle-related diseases like HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, heart and artery disease, diabetes, and malaria in homes, schools, places of worship, and marketplaces.

Health Builders also receive training in

gardening and poultry skills so that they can promote good nutrition and create income, and they lead Bible study groups in their communities.

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Advertising vaccines at a Christmas party in rural Zululand.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

Days after the Omicron variant was discovered here, international borders slammed shut to South Africans. This upended the travel plans of many and added to economic hardship. A few days later, a generous donor contributed towards COVID-19 relief. We made the decision to translate our COVID vaccine video into Zulu and hoped that a voice artist from Johannesburg we last worked with in 2011 could do the video. Fifteen minutes later, our phone rang, and it was that same voice artist calling us to see if we had any work for him! Ten years later—out of THE BLUE! By dealing directly with the voice artist and translator, and retiming the video ourselves, the video cost us about 10 percent of the standard professional price. A Zulu friend reviewed the translation and video for us. He said, “The voice of this guy is fantastic, number one! The broadness of his voice brings the attention to the cartoon and makes you want to know what’s going to happen and what is he going to say.” The video was done just in time for four hundred people

at a Christmas party in rural Zululand. Omicron brought a renewed urgency to administer widely available vaccines. We advertised our vaccine videos in Africa on YouTube. In four weeks, we have had 20,000 views on the English version and 10,000 views on the Zulu version. Sometimes it seems that the way forward is impossible, but wherever we find ourselves, God shows the way and provides all that we need.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our “Discovering God Together” groups to encourage the families with whom we work.

Pray that the Lord will bless the fields of our partners with good fruit and vegetable crops.

Pray that our health promotion groups will help people here live better lives.

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### SCRIPTURE

*“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”*

Psalms 23:1 (NIV)