

African Children's Choir to perform in township



Photos Courtesy Life Christian Church

The African Children's Choir, above, dance with joyous exhilaration at a previous concert. Below, the African Children's Choir show off their beautiful smiles. They will perform over the weekend in West Orange.

The internationally known African Children's Choir will perform on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at The Life Christian Church, 106 Harrison Ave.

The choir's extended performances are uplifting and inspirational and will be followed by a brief message from Pastor Terry A. Smith, senior pastor of The Life Christian Church. There is no entrance fee, although audiences will be given the opportunity to provide a donation for the choir at the end of each celebration service.

The African Children's Choir performs around the world, showing the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child, while shining a spotlight on the desperate plight of the orphaned and abandoned in Africa.

The choir has joined with many international humanitarian projects and raised their voice at such events as the Clinton Global Initiative at

Carnegie Hall, Nelson Mandela's 46664 Concert in South Africa, London's Live 8 and at Westminster Abbey for Queen Elizabeth II.

They are often joined for special performances by star recording artists such as Josh Groban on this year's "American Idol Gives Back" show, Wyclef Jean, Mariah Carey and Paul McCartney.

"Thanks to these remarkable children and the generosity of their audiences, more than 7,000 children are being provided with a quality education they would have otherwise gone without," said Smith. "Meanwhile, their families and thousands of others in their communities are receiving help in the form of food, medical care and counseling."

Smith said that many children from the first choirs have come full circle and are now working to create a new Africa. Many are now leaders in their communities — doctors, teachers, social workers and engineers.

