

# PIAF FELLOWS' FLYER

News and views for and by current Princeton in Africa Fellows.

April 2008



## BE A MENTOR!

PiAf is launching a new mentoring program for the 2008-2009 fellowship year.

Each 2008-2009 PiAf Fellow will be matched with a PiAf alumni mentor. Mentors will act as sources of support and as additional resources during the Fellows' year abroad.

Mentors' responsibilities will include checking in periodically with mentees and being available to answer questions new Fellows may have about their experiences.

All PiAf alumni (including current Fellows who will conclude their fellowships in Summer 2008) are welcome to apply. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2008.

For more information, please contact PiAf Alumni Coordinator Louise Lamphere Beryl at [louise.beryl@gmail.com](mailto:louise.beryl@gmail.com).

## HAPPY BDAY

April 2  
Lisa Frist

April 7  
Hilary Robinson

April 9  
Cherice Landers



## PUBLICATIONS



In its February 2008 issue, *Direction Magazine* published "NGO Fleet Management: A Perspective on Leasing," an article by 2007-2008 PiAf Fellow Joe Falit. Joe is Partnership Manager at Jacana in Mozambique. For the full article, go to [www.fleetforum.org](http://www.fleetforum.org)

**Other Fellows:** Have you published articles or photos, too? Please let us know! Email [piaf@princeton.edu](mailto:piaf@princeton.edu)

## JOIN OUR GOOGLE GROUP!

Current Fellows and all PiAf alumni are invited to stay in touch with each other and with PiAf through the PiAf Alumni Google Group. Africa-related events and job openings are also frequently circulated. Don't miss out!

Email PiAf Alumni Coordinator Louise Lamphere Beryl at [louise.beryl@gmail.com](mailto:louise.beryl@gmail.com) for more information.

# NOTES FROM THE FIELD

by Ritu Kamal, '07-'08 Fellow at mothers2mothers in South Africa

Working directly and indirectly with disadvantaged HIV+ women in South Africa has been an opportunity for me to make a real, albeit small, effort at making a difference in the world. Though often very challenging, the last seven months have been an incredible source of knowledge (about both Africa and myself) and inspiration. A few highlights:

**Hermanus:** The world's best land-based whale-watching spot. *(left)*

**Princeton Journeys visits m2m:** As part of their tour of South Africa, 15 Princeton alumni visited Cape Town in March. Viwe Mgudlwa-Somtsai (holding the right end of the banner) and Unathi Papiyana (holding the left side of the banner) spoke to the alumni about their lives as HIV+ mothers and about counseling other HIV+ pregnant women through the m2m program. PiAf Board member Frank Strasburger, who led the alumni tour, is pictured between me and Unathi in this photo. *(left)*

**Penguins!** I have seen more exotic animals in South Africa—lions, cheetah, leopards, springbok, seals, ostrich, whales, sharks—than ever before in my life! *(below)*



**m2m Helpline Call Center:** Where phone counsellors staff South Africa's first toll-free helpline dedicated to PMTCT (prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV). The phone counsellors, or Mentor Mothers as we call them, are HIV+ young mothers who have been trained to counsel callers and provide information about PMTCT, ARVs (antiretroviral medication), and HIV/AIDS. *(right)*



**Classic Cape Town:** Changing huts on Muizenberg beach, which is very popular with surfers but also, sadly, with sharks. *(right)*



**Cricket:** South Africa beat Bangladesh in this Twenty20 match at the Newlands cricket grounds. (I live about 5 minutes from the stadium). South Africa hosted the world's first international Twenty20 tournament last year. India won the tournament and the World Cup, which pleased me beyond words! *(far right)*

