

## C.V. FOR SYLVIA JEAN ANDERSON

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**Place of Birth:** Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

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### PROFILE

**Family** – Married in 1994 to Paul Anderson. Four children – Daniel (1996), Emma (1998), Scott (2000) and Abby (2004).

### EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

- 1993 Bachelor of Science in Zoology – University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 Master of Arts in International Development (Cum Laude) – Eastern University, PA America. The 11 modules studied were: Economic Development of Developing Countries; Programme Planning, Management and Marketing; Community Development; Theology of Poverty; Leadership and Empowerment; Cross Cultural Skills and Understanding; Development Field Practicum; Introduction to Microfinance; Advocacy, Public Policy and Human Rights; Relief and Mitigation for Disasters and Complex Humanitarian Emergencies, Applied Research and Evaluation.
- Proficient in MS Programs and Speed Typing

### WORK HISTORY

**1995 – 2000** Teacher at Dominican Convent High School in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Taught Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

**2001 – 2002** Private tuition, providing extra lessons for secondary school pupils in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. In Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

**2003 to 2015** I have done various volunteer work while raising our four children and more recently studying my Masters degree.

**2018 Jan – Aug** Director of Woza Moya in the Ufafa Valley. I, unfortunately, had to stop for health reasons.

**2008 to present** consulting work with Manna Consulting

### VOLUNTEER WORK DONE IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 2003

#### 1. Scripture Union Zimbabwe

- ✓ Training gap year volunteers in presentation of Scripture Union's Life Skills programmes created in response to the HIV/AIDS crisis.
- ✓ Presenting the above-mentioned Life Skills programme at various schools in the Bulawayo

area.

- ✓ Running camps for children of all ages and economic backgrounds, including physically challenged children.
- ✓ Running holiday clubs in poorer, high density areas in and around Bulawayo.
- ✓ Assisting to run Marriage Enrichment weekends also created in response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis

## **2. Other in Zimbabwe**

- ✓ Running a weekly Bible teaching programme with children at a local Primary School.
- ✓ Running a children's holiday Bible club for primary school children.
- ✓ Helping to establish and run an abandoned babies project under the local Baptist Church in Bulawayo.
- ✓ Chairperson of the Development Committee for a local Primary School that was struggling to keep going during the economic collapse in Zimbabwe.

## **3. South Africa**

- ✓ Working with iThemba's Asidlale programme, training and mentoring preschool teachers in the Mpumaza community on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. Assisting iThemba to adapt this Asidlale programme to create less dependency and increased community empowerment and ownership, making the project more sustainable.
- ✓ Working with Dlananathi. Training with them to train caregivers in local communities in various programmes using play therapy to give psychosocial support to orphans and vulnerable children in their care. Co-facilitation of local and regional trainings in play therapy with other Dlananathi staff members.

## **WORK WITH MANNA CONSULTING**

- Co-facilitation of a 3 year Strategic Planning Process with Justice And Women (JAW).
- Co-facilitation of an Appreciative Enquiry Evaluation Process with Soul Action Durban involving more than 40 of their members, leading to provision of recommendations for future programming. Documentation of this report.
- Facilitation of a community dialogue and research process for a new project with iThemba Projects.
- Ongoing donor research regarding available funding opportunities for various organisations.
- Ongoing provision of vision and direction to Manna Consulting as a Director.
- Ongoing administrative support for Manna Consulting.
- Ongoing writing and editing of proposal and evaluation documents for various organisations
- Presently conducting an evaluation for Tear Netherlands of the Partnership Programme of the Africa Co-operative Action Trust (ACAT)

## **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

- Enjoy being in the outdoors hiking and camping
- Swimming and cycling
- Reading
- Bird watching
- Fishing

## REFERENCES:

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iThemba Projects Programme Co-ordinator

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