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## Man of SIN

Bryan Levinson brings together HIVers all over the globe with Strength in Numbers

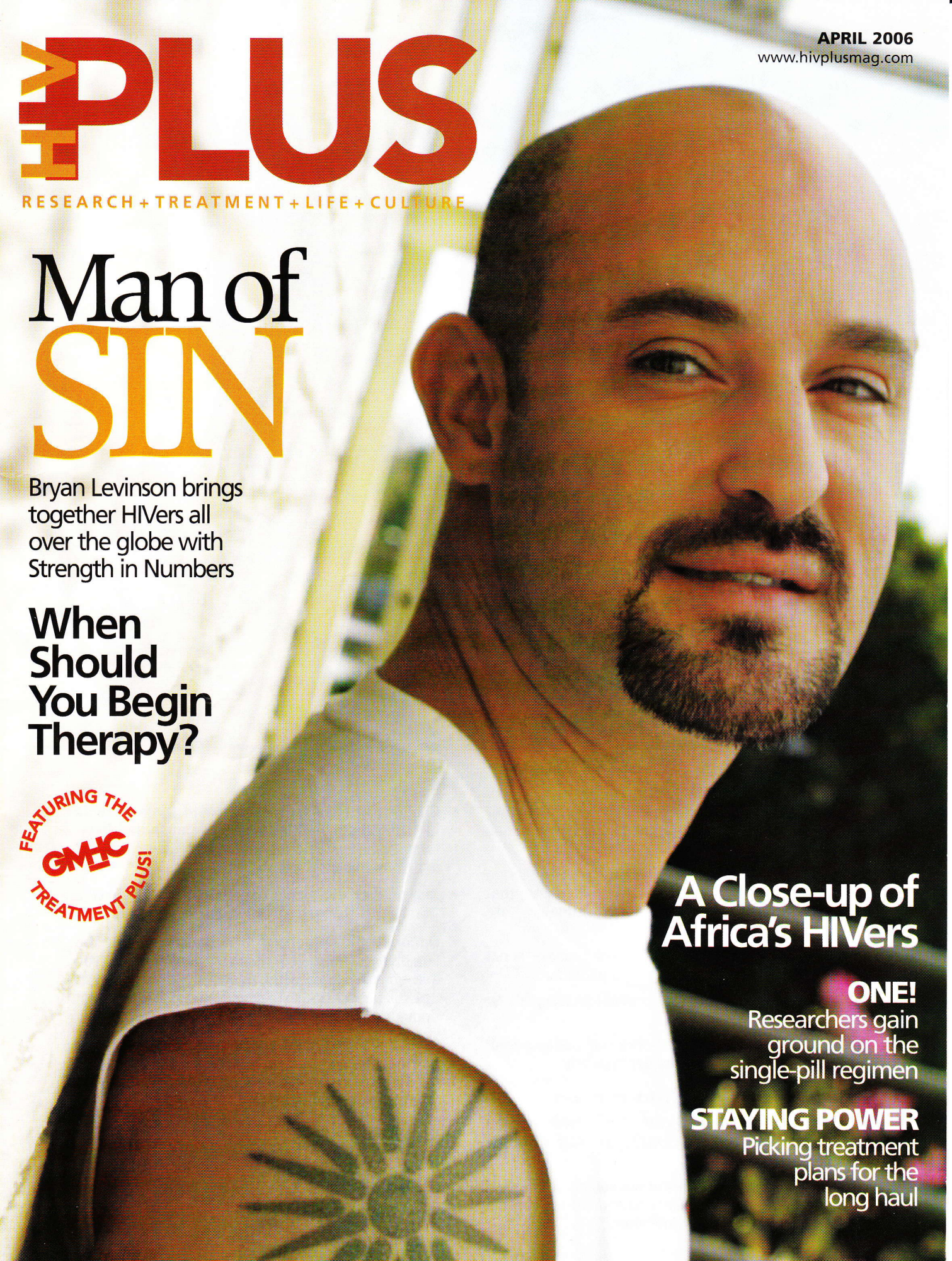
### When Should You Begin Therapy?

FEATURING THE  
**GMHC**  
TREATMENT PLUS!

### A Close-up of Africa's HIVers

**ONE!**  
Researchers gain ground on the single-pill regimen

**STAYING POWER**  
Picking treatment plans for the long haul



# AfricaLive

In a new traveling exhibit, famed photographer Dorit Thies and AIDS Healthcare Foundation show the world how antiretrovirals can turn lives around. *HIV Plus* presents three of the exhibit's photos as well as four of Thies's behind-the-scenes work

## UNITE AND CONQUER

Eric Gumbi, wife Buselaphi Maphumulo, and 5-year-old son Sphelele all receive antiretrovirals at AIDS Healthcare Foundation's Ithembalabantu Clinic in Umlazi Township, South Africa. Three other children in the family have not yet been tested for HIV antibodies.

**A MOTHER'S LOVE:** Doris Luthuli was determined not to let 33-year-old son Phumlani die, so she pushed him to the clinic in a wheelchair because he was too weak to walk. One of Phumlani's two children has also tested HIV-positive, so other family members put in the effort to ensure the two adhere to their treatment regimens.





**SMILES ALL AROUND**  
Three girls who live  
at an orphanage in  
Masaka, Uganda,  
where AHF supplies all  
necessary antiretrovirals.

**CLOSE QUARTERS**

A Masaka girl stands at the  
entrance of her family home,  
one of three connected one-  
room enclosures where  
entire families live.



**If a picture really does paint a thousand words,**

AIDS Healthcare Foundation hopes a traveling photo exhibit of African AIDS patients tells volumes about the successful impact treatment programs can have in poor nations. Debuting at the Prince George Gallery in New York City on March 1, "AfricAlive: Portraits of Success" includes life-size images and biographies of 35 AIDS patients in South Africa and Uganda who receive free antiretroviral therapy from AHF clinics.

South Africa's Buselaphi Maphumulo, one of the photo subjects in the exhibit, says she would have died without the treatment she received. "I even sent several friends to the clinic," she adds. "My family is so proud of me—that I stood up—so now they say they have no fear anymore. They will go for treatment."

And treatment is desperately needed, stresses AHF president Michael Weinstein. Although powerful combinations of antiretroviral medications have been available in Western nations for a decade, about 95% of the world's HIVers still have little or no access to treatment. In Uganda and South Africa alone there are 530,000 and 5.3 million HIV-positive people, respectively, very few of whom can afford medication on their own.

Weinstein says he hopes the traveling exhibit—shot by world-renowned photographer Dorit Thies—will serve as a wake-up call regarding the dire treatment needs of the millions of HIVers like those pictured and the renewed hope the medications provide. After closing in New York City, "AfricAlive" will visit Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Amsterdam. Organizers also hope to have it travel to Toronto to coincide with the 16th International AIDS Conference, to be held in August.

For exhibition dates and locations visit [AIDShealth.org](http://AIDShealth.org), and to see more of photographer Thies's work visit [DoritThies.com](http://DoritThies.com).

—BOB ADAMS



**TEACH A MAN...**  
Selling fish from nearby Lake Victoria helps to provide some income for Masaka's poorest families.



**CHILD'S PLAY**  
Masaka's children rely on the simplest forms of entertainment to keep their days occupied.



**RURAL CONNECTIONS**  
Small hut villages line the road used to travel from Kampala, Uganda, to Masaka.