

CHARITY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2012

Each time we visit the Gozololo School for the Needy in the township of Kwazi Mashu in Durban the numbers of children have increased despite Miriam the founder saying that she cannot take anymore. (She will not turn any child away). The number of children in the school is now well over 300 the majority of these children having been found wandering the streets or found living in horrendous conditions in the township. Without this school many would go hungry. The school does not receive any Government Funding and relies on donations.

Just a month before our recent visit three brothers aged 18 months, two and a half and three and a half years whose mother had abandoned them were found in the township with a Granny who could not cope. These three adorable little boys could not walk when they were found but after a month at Gozololo they were at last beginning to walk and were looking well.

Jenny Pearson who works in Community Relations at Waterside visited Gozololo and was extremely moved by what she saw and went and told an elderly friend in Scotland about it. To say we were taken aback was putting it mildly when Jenny contacted us a few weeks ago to inform us that the elderly lady had been left an inheritance and wished part of the inheritance £53,000 to go to Gozololo School. We cannot thank this lady enough who wishes to remain anonymous which we obviously respect.

As a result of this we are embarking on a major project with the work commencing in the next few weeks. We are going to manage this project with Jenny. The donation of this money coincided with the American Consulate giving the school a bakery which they had nowhere to put. We are going to construct a building for the bakery to be installed which will not only help towards feeding the children but will generate some well needed revenue. In addition the kitchen and toilets are going to be completely revamped including installing an industrial cooker (to replace their two small cookers) and two large catering sinks in the kitchen and putting additional toilets and replacing damaged ones. We are also going to replace the whole of the complex fencing to make the school more secure and safer for the children.

Again we cannot thank you all enough for your continued help and support in giving us donations of children's clothing, shoes, sports clothes including team football kits, toys, financial donations, knitting baby jumpers, hats and supporting Rhona's coffee mornings and buying her jams and preserves and raffles.

We currently have nearly a quarter of a ton of children's clothing to go out to South Africa to Gozololo and the Pinetown Crisis Centre but are still having problems with excessive customs duties. We would like to thank our MP Tim Loughton and the British High Commission in Pretoria who are raising this issue with the South African Government.



So where have all the donations gone to. After my visit to Yerevan in Armenia a full football kit has gone out through BMI Airline to Yerevan to be distributed via the British High Commission for disadvantaged children. Further baby clothing has been sent to the Sanyu Babies Home in Uganda the subject of our previous newsletter. We donated some children's underwear, baby jumpers and hats and cash for Christmas presents to All Souls Anglican Church in Salt Rock to be distributed to the township in Balitto, Kwazi Natal. Children's clothing to the Pinetown Crisis Centre. Football Kits and Children's Clothing for Denize McGregor and the BA African and European Team on a project her team carried out in a township in Cape Town. Cricket clothing thanks to the England, Australian and Indian Women's Cricket Teams which has gone to a cricket project in the Gambia, children's clothing to an orphanage in Lusaka and £700 towards paying for five children to go to school in Kwazi Mashu, Durban.

None of this would be possible without your help and support and we cannot thank you all enough. It would not be possible to thank everybody but we would like to give a special mention to the following: Lara Legassick, Nicholas Elwiss, Sue Taylor and family from Leicester, Doris and Marlene our jumper and hats knitters, Helen and Ralph Taylor, Rene Dyson, Christine Regale-Day, the parents from St Nicholas Play School, British Airways Crew and support staff at London Gatwick, British Airways Corporate Security, Faith and all the BA staff in Kampala in Uganda, Sussex County Cricket Club and our daughter Charlotte Director of Women's and Girls' Cricket, Clare Connor Head of Women's Cricket at the ECB, Don Miles, Adur Athletic Football Club, Graham Hill and Worthing United Football Club. We would also like to a special thanks to Jenny Pearson and the anonymous donor and to Mary Barry Head of British Airways Community Relations for her continued help and support.

IF IT MAKES JUST ONE CHILD SMILE OR BRING SOME SMALL HAPPINESS INTO THEIR DIFFICULT LIVES THEN IT IS

ALL WORTH.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Rhona and Terry