



THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JULY – AUGUST 2011

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION



I pray this newsletter finds you all well. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and prayers. This work would not be possible without you all.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you all on the passing away of Mr. Joseph Schroffner on the 10th of August in his home country, Austria, while on holiday with his family. Uncle Joseph was married to one of our Board Members Mrs. Jill Schroffner (fondly known by all in JCF as Aunty Jill). Joseph and his wife have been supporters of JCF since the beginning of the Ministry in 1998. They have both been unwavering in their support to the children and the staff. We will specially miss Uncle Joseph at all our Christmas Parties because they have been greatly involved in these as a couple. To Uncle Joseph we say may your dear soul rest in peace and to Aunty Jill and family we say our prayers and love are with you during this difficult time in your life, but we know the greatest comforter is God Almighty and may you experience his peace at this time which surpasses all understanding.

In the month of July we were blessed by the Taylor family, Curt, Christine, Shani and Kate. This family has been supporting JCF for years now and they have made it a point to visit JCF at least once in two years all the way from the US. They continue to be a blessing to us. Read more about their visit later in the newsletter.

Mr. Stellan Backlund from Sweden's UN Association of Ornskoldsvik also visited us in August. Mr. Backlund and his wife, Margareta along with their friends have also been part of the work in JCF for years and we are ever grateful for their continued support.

Unfortunately we were not able to host our golf tournament as anticipated on the 5th of August, but we are grateful to those who had responded positively. The tournament has been moved to 9 December and we pray that as many of you our friends will be able to assist us in this fundraiser. We appeal to you all to help us even with expertise in organising this tournament.

Starting with this newsletter and the upcoming newsletters we will be introducing our members of staff to you.

FAITH AND HOPE CENTRE

Registration

We are awaiting registration by the Department of Social Services. Their officers came to inspect our centre and we now await hopefully for their final registration of the centre. We will keep you all updated on progress.

The children at Faith and Hope Centre were treated to an outing at Lion and Cheetah Park by our friends the Taylors.

Below is a picture of staff members, volunteers and children with one of the oldest tortoises at the Lion and Cheetah Park.



Staff, volunteers and children at Lion and Cheetah Park



Shani with the older girls at Come Unto Me Centre – Karoi

COME UNTO ME CENTRE (Karoi)

Update on Come Unto Me Centre

The Taylor family paid for the tiling of the bathroom at Come Unto Me Centre



The bathrooms after tiling

Mushroom Project

The mushroom project at Come Unto Me Centre is continuing. The centre has been approached by the Ministry of Home Affairs to train some of their staff members on mushroom cultivation. It has now become necessary for us to expand the mushroom project because demand from children and the surrounding community has increased.

Birth Certificates

A number of children in our care do not have birth certificates. Frantic efforts have been made however with age estimates being done for at least 16 children at Come Unto Me. Applications for their birth certificates have been forwarded to the Department of Social Services. However the process of age estimates is continuing for the remaining children.

EXCITING PROGRESS OF JCF CHILDREN

The New School Term

Tinashe our child at Chinhoyi University is back at school for his second year.

At the time of writing this newsletter the children in our centres were preparing to go back to school for the third term. We keep praying for provision for all their fees to be paid.

DONATIONS

We are continually grateful to our friends in the UK for their support on a monthly basis through the UK Trustees. We just want to let you all know that we really appreciate you all and may God continue to bless you.

We were honoured to have the Taylor family visit us once again. They have been visiting us for the past few years since 2001 and we are always blessed when they come around. Most of our children know the family and are always in for a treat when the Taylor family visits. We praise God for their amazing love for the children and the staff members as well.



Food donated for the children by UFI Ministries

Above is a picture of the donation that JCF received from Prophet and Amai Makandiwa and the UFI Ministries Family. JCF is very grateful to God for this donation as it came at a time when it was really needed the most. Most of the foodstuffs were transferred to our home in Karoi where we have the majority of the children under our care. The donation also consisted of a consignment of clothing which benefitted the children in our homes as well as those on our co-fostering programme.



Bales of clothes received from UFI Ministries

We are thankful for the Iranian Red Cross Clinic which continues to provide medical care for our children free of charge. Christina and Curt Taylor paid for one of our children to receive medical attention for a swollen ankle. We are also thankful to Dr Guramatunhu who attended to the same child for an eye infection free of charge. The infection has since disappeared.

Still on the health of our children we are grateful to Kuwadzana City Health Clinic who continue to monitor the health care needs of our children at Faith and Hope Centre.

The Ten Foundation paid for the fixing of the sewer reticulation at Come Unto Me Centre which had been a problem for quite a long time. We are very grateful to them for this.

Our children at Faith and Hope Centre were treated for a day at the Harare Annual Agricultural Show. We thank the organizers of the show who gave all our children, house parents and children of staff members complimentary tickets to attend the show. This is always a popular annual event especially with the children.

In the months of July to August we would also thank the following who have donated towards the work of JCF:

- The De Bruijn family for financial support
- The Schoffner family for mealie meal and swings
- The Taylor family for groceries to Come Unto Me Centre, tiling of bathrooms and a digital camera and others
- Diplomatic Wives Association – groceries, dolls and toy cars from Spain
- Stellan Backlund of UN Association Of Ornskoldsviks – Sweden - \$2,000
- Rainbow Tourism Group for bed sheets, bathroom towels and bath mats.
- Innercity Lunch Hour fellowship for 106 bars of washing soap
- Another Touch Ministries for groceries
- Costham Trading (Mr. Li) for groceries
- Patricia Muronda and Perpetua Mukwecheni
- SODA
- Mrs Mudondo
- Ratidzo – DVD Player for CUMC
- Mr. Gasho and Mr. Nyandoro - vegetables
- Mr. Mamombe – saw dust for cooking at CUMC
- Mr and Mrs Mubvumbi for clothes
- Jenni and Oli (UK) for clothes
- Veronica Breakfast – clothes and shoes
- Holly Hudson – bags and clothes
- Adam Beck
- Mrs. E. Chinyamakobvu – clothes
- Miracle Missions – clothes
- Nyenya family for continual supply of vegetables
- Karoi Town Council

And many others who are anonymous and some we may not have listed here. We thank you and may God bless you all.

UPDATE ON JCF STAFF

Meet JCF Staff

In the months to come we would like you to meet the men and women who have committed to serving the children in the care of JCF. Below are two senior members of staff.



Christianah Sabawu – Senior Centres Administrator
(Longest serving staff member 1998)



Martha Damu – Projects Manager

Other Staff News

We are happy to report that Mucha Mahemu wife to our Bookkeeper Prince Mahemu has been fully restored to health and is now up and about. We praise God for her healing.

One of the mothers at Come Unto Me Centre, Agnes Kamumvuri was involved in a vehicle accident. Please pray for her total healing, she is currently at home where she is steadily recovering. Please also continue to pray for John Gupa who is still recovering from the accident on the 25th of May.

VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers with Kate and Shani Taylor

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thank God for all our friends who continue to stand with us in this Ministry
- Registration of Faith and Hope Centre
- For God to release finances for daily running expenses of the organisation.

SUPPORT FOR JCF

If you wish to give to the work of the Just Children Foundation we kindly ask you to use the following details for any transfer of funds:

Account Name: The Just Children Foundation
Bank: Standard Chartered Bank
Branch: Robert Mugabe Branch
Account Number: 8700202438900 (US\$ Account)
Swift Code: SCBLZWHXXX

CURRENT PROJECTS

Revival of our chicken and rabbit projects in both centres. Please contact our projects department for more details on how you can assist.

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