



THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NOTE FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION

I would like to wish all of you, our friends and partners a happy new year and pray that this year will be a fruitful one for you and that all your hopes and desires are granted you.

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the children and staff at the Just Children Foundation for your tremendous support throughout 2010. We are most grateful and amazed by your wonderful love and giving. This would not have been easy last year had it not been for your cooperation and great support.

We were faced with so many challenges but we managed to overcome most of them by your support. We want thank God for great friends like Andre and Julia Mama who took up the challenge to ensure that renovations at Faith and Hope Centre were carried out and now the centre is about 95% ready for registration.

We thank all our friends who enabled us to throw Christmas parties for the children in both Karoi and at Faith and Hope Centre. We thank, Innscor, Colcom. The Soroptimists, Headmaster and staff of Kuwadzana 8 Primary School, Celebration Church, Karoi, Save the Children and many other people.

We look forward to working with you all in the year 2011 as we continue to empower the children under our care to enable them to become better citizens of Zimbabwe.

May God bless you all for your amazing love and support.

**In His Service
Nomathemba Kasimonje**



Children and guests at the Faith and Hope Christmas Party



Friends entertaining the children and guests at the Christmas Party

FAITH AND HOPE CENTRE

The month of January and February has been a very busy for all JCF Staff as they all had to converge at Faith and Hope Centre for “a clean up operation”. With the advent of the rainy season centre and it’s gardens had become overgrown with grass. The staff from head office and those at the centre worked tirelessly to ensure that the centre was cleaned up. We are also happy that new vegetables have been planted in the gardens.

Drip Irrigation at Faith and Hope Centre

Our friends in the UK have enabled us to expand our drip irrigation project at Faith and Hope Centre. They helped us to obtain equipment to expand the area under irrigation to 2000 square metres. We are grateful for this.

Poultry Project

The poultry project at the centre is ongoing and we are happy that this project is now sustainable and we currently have 400 chickens at various stages of growth. We are preparing to acquire 200 more and this project is destined for greater heights. We say well done to the Projects Department.

COME UNTO ME CENTRE (Karo)

Update on Come Unto Me Centre



Saskia Dean talking with some of the children at Come Unto Me Centre

There are currently 70 children at Come Unto Me Centre and they are all doing very well.

RUDO CENTRE

The Rudo Centre still requires finishing touches so that it can be registered.

We are praying that we get these resources in place so that we complete the works needed at the centre so that it might be opened to abandoned babies in Chitungwiza as soon as possible.

EXCITING PROGRESS OF JCF CHILDREN

The New School Term

We are grateful that all the children are back in school this term. ***However what continues to be of great of concern is that most of their fees have not been paid. We thank God that the school heads have cooperated with us and allowed our children to go to school while we raise money for their school fees.*** We are praying and hoping that this money is raised soon and our children will not be disturbed in their studies.

The Children at Faith and Hope are all very well and we are happy to announce that now all our children in primary school have been enrolled at Kuwadzana 8 Primary School. We thank God for this because the previous school they were going to was a long way away from the centre and so the children had to walk very long distances to and from school. We are grateful to the Headmaster of Kuwadzana 8 Primary School.

Talent Musariri is among the children who transferred from Kuwadzana 6 Primary School where he was a school prefect. We are also proud to report that when he transferred to Kuwadzana 8 Primary school he was again made a school prefect. It is very encouraging to see that our children are being recognized for good behavior and leadership qualities.

Reunifications

We are happy to report that 3 of our children were reunited with their families. This makes us happy as an organization because we believe firmly that children belong in families.

Grade 7 Results

Three of our children who wrote their grade 7 examinations at the end of last year did well and so we say congratulations to Tamari, Phillip and Lucia. They have all managed to secure places for form 1.

Tinashe – Chinhoyi University

We are happy to report that Tinashe one of our children did well in his first semester at university and he is back in college now. Well done Tinashe, we are proud of you”.

DONATIONS

At the beginning of the year we sent out letters to all our friends who stood with us in 2010. If you didn't receive such a letter please accept our sincere apologies but we want to assure all our friends and partners that you are all very important to us and we value your support.

We thank the following for support from December 2010 to February 2011

- Innscor
- Kuwadzana 8 Primary
- Mr. Masengere
- Multichoice
- The Mama Family
- Gemma Parvin
- Nemchem
- Stabile Mangena
- Mrs. Jinya
- Esnath Kawara
- Mrs. Chipata
- Mr. Malaya
- Microsoft
- Patience Mantiziba
- Mrs. Kandemiiri
- Patrick and Saskia Chella
- Mrs Chirombe
- SODA
- Adam Beck
- Lina Chitate
- The Soroptimists
- Innerscity Methodist Church
- Bridget Padamombe
- Inner City Morning Prayer Group
- Jude Eze
- Rumbidzai Nyahunzvi
- Tina from Krismac
- Natalie Detering
- Glen Lorne Fellowship
- Jill Shroffner
- Anne Martins
- Anonymous givers

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: SCBLZWHXXXX

UPDATE ON JCF STAFF

We say congratulations “makorokoto” to Idai and Shelton Maguri on the birth of their baby Victoria. To all of us Victoria is a miracle baby and we rejoice with Idai and Shelton and give all the glory to God.

It is very great sadness that we announce the resignation of our Reunifications Officer – Pastor Rumbi Chinyati. She has had to make this very difficult decision for the sake of her family. She is currently at home taking care of her son. We are grateful for the time she was with us and her immense contribution in the lives of the children that we work with. We wish her all the best for the future.

VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for the volunteers we had last year who helped out with various activities in the organization. We are especially grateful to Charlotte Haggie and Duduzile Ndlovu who helped immensely with fundraising activities. We pray that these amazing young women will continue to work with JCF in the future even from their different stations.

At the beginning of the year we were again blessed to have a number of volunteers join us at JCF. Most of them are students from institutions of higher learning through out Zimbabwe and are pursuing Social Studies. These are:

- Bridget Gota
- Privilage Ndlovu
- Rodgers Zengeni
- Admire Gokoko
- Ennie Gatsi
- Respect Mugodhi

Most of them will be with JCF for six months and they are helping the children with extra lessons and their homework.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would like to appeal to our friends and partners to stand with us in prayer for the following:

- Availability of funds for the daily running of the organization including meeting the food, educational and hygienic requirements for the children.
- Successful registration of Faith and Hope Centre
- Completion of the Rudo Centre
- Improvement on the remuneration of staff members and their welfare
- That God would raise more and new partners and friends to stand with us and support the work that we are doing that we are able to assist more children in need.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

We would like to improve the toilets and bathrooms at Come Unto Me Centre. We kindly appeal to our friends to help us in this endeavour. If this is a project that you would like to assist with, please contact Martha Damu, our Projects Manager, on 0772408795 or email her at marthadamu@gmail.com.



The Current Bathrooms at Come Unto Me Centre, Karoi

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