



THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

November 2010
Christmas Edition

This month, our newsletter is full of the excitement of Christmas and all the great parties and fundraising opportunities that we have been fortunate enough to take part in this November. We feel very blessed to be able to communicate all the great things that are happening at JCF to our friends and family and hope you enjoy reading about them.

THE FESTIVE SEASON IS UPON US

Jingle bells, jingle bells...it's that time AGAIN!

Time to take out the trees and decorations for the year is coming to an end and we are approaching Christmas time, a time for getting together with family and enjoying warm hearty meals! At JCF we celebrate Christmas by holding Christmas parties at both our centres, Faith and Hope, and Come Unto Me. This is also a special time for the children to share the Christmas spirit with our friends from all over Zimbabwe and the world over. This year our Christmas parties will be held on the 10th of December at Faith and Hope and for Come Unto Me (Karoi) on the 15th December 2010. All of our friends are invited to share the day with the children. At the moment we are organising the events to be a success and we are also appealing for donations in cash or kind towards the Christmas parties. Any input will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas spirit extended to the children of JCF

Outside the JCF bubble of celebration, the children have been invited to many parties to celebrate this

auspicious occasion. Extending the spirit of Christmas, the children from the Faith and Hope Centre have been incredibly blessed to have been invited to many parties to celebrate the joy of the gift of Christmas. On Monday 29 November, Chisipite Senior School interact held a party for an array of children, including those from JCF and this Saturday 4 December, they were welcomed to celebrate Christmas with the members of SODA (Society of Destitute Aged). Gateway School has also opened its arms to our children and they will be attending this party on December.

We're going crackers for Christmas!

Miracle Missions, a charitable trust that supports orphans all over Zimbabwe, have invited JCF to take part in two great days where we get to contribute to the production of 20 000 crackers for orphans all around Zimbabwe. Charlotte Haggie attended the first cracker making day in which she spent the day meeting others from various charities around Harare and Zimbabwe as a whole. The second day was held on Friday 3 December and, as a result of our involvement, the children of JCF will benefit by receiving a portion of the crackers made at this occasion. Thank you very much to Miracle Missions for including us in this fun project.

SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The month of November has been busy for JCF with regards to the awareness raising and material support for our work. The following activities took place and, thanks to many of our friends and to the staff of JCF, they were a success.

A great morning out for all



The children enjoying boerewors rolls after their long walk

The Soroptimists hosted a charity “Walk/Run” at Mukuvisi Woodlands on the 21st of November 2010 to raise funds for Just Children Foundation and SODA. A great number of people turned up to support the cause including a number of our own children from Faith and Hope Centre from the ages of 10 years upwards. Staff from Faith and Hope and Shelter of Joy attended and sold veggies harvested that morning. When the children arrived, the walk had already commenced with some having started at 8 o’clock.

Charlotte and Mama Kas also led the way for JCF. Apart from the good exercise, the children enjoyed the wide variety of animals at the nature reserve. After a healthy but tiresome 12km walk, the children were treated to breakfast to rejuvenate their energy levels. Besides the element of fundraising, it was a good day for everyone to enjoy the outdoors.

We greatly appreciate all the work the Soroptimists do in organizing such events and also for their constant support of the work at JCF.



Staff members selling JCF grown veggies at Mukuvisi Woodlands

A lovely day for a fair

Yet again, the hand of God was upon JCF as another opportunity to fundraise was presented to us in the form of a fair organised and presented by Lovely Linens’ owner Sandy Parvin. The fair, which ran from 25 to 27 November at 14 Aintree Road in Highlands allowed for JCF to benefit from a certain percentage of takings from the entrance fee to the fair. Exhibitors came from all over Harare to show and sell their beautiful wares which were 100% locally made to promote local indigenisation from grass root levels. The JCF staff worked tirelessly, including all morning on Saturday to ensure that the gate ran smoothly and that everyone who entered the fair learned a little bit about JCF.

We are grateful to the Parvin family for awarding us with this great opportunity to raise funds for projects over the Christmas period, attract more donors and remind some of those who knew us from the old days that we are still there. Apart from the gate takings, the organisation also benefited from generous donations and a great deal of exposure to potential donors.

Multichoice magazine campaign - “...so much more”



JCF was awarded a great opportunity by Multichoice Zimbabwe to raise awareness of the work that we are doing. We have been given a platform to attract potential donors and remind our friends that we are here to stay and still need their support. Multichoice have invited us to distribute the Dish Magazine with our brochure attached to increase the consciousness of JCF and the plight of the children that we are attempting to assist. The campaign, which started on the 30 November will end on 6 December with JCF being exposed to Dstv’s client base of close to 10 000 subscribers who receive the Dish Magazine. People have been very generous in their donations in the time that we have spent at Multichoice so far and we wish to thank Multichoice We hope to

reach a lot of people in Zimbabwe, from individuals, to corporate and Christian bodies.



JCF staff members outside the Multichoice office giving away DISH magazines and JCF brochures

DONATIONS

We would like to thank our friends and partners who continually stand with us and give of their time and resources.

In addition to those mentioned in the stories above, this month we would especially like to thank

All our UK donors who continue to tirelessly carry out fundraising activities for those that live so far away from them but who depend greatly on their kind and generous donations.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Mama

Once again, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Mama family who have been the providers of the very smart new bathrooms and kitchen at the Faith and Hope Centre. We are hoping to have our final inspection this week and to be able to register the centre in the coming month so that more children might be taken from the streets and supported within the care of JCF.

Donations Received in October

We would like to thank the following who donated to the work and also thank those who prefer to remain anonymous:

Innscor Africa
Jill Schroefner
Chipo Madzima

Ben Burr and Colcom Pies

Julia Mama

Fife Avenue Spar

Esnath Kawara

Graniteside Chemicals

Miranda Sigauke

Dudzile Ndlovu

Simone Goto

Inner City Fellowship

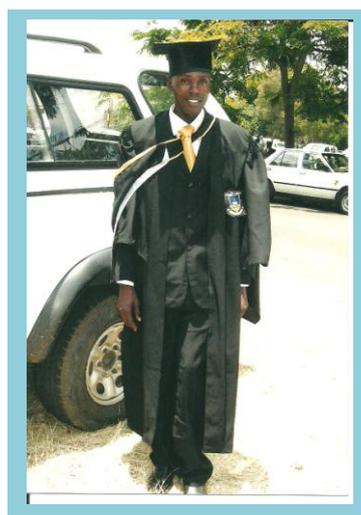
All those who took part in the sponsored walk hosted by our UK trustess

UPDATE ON JCF STAFF

We would firstly like to thank all those staff members who have worked tirelessly in the preparation and attendance at our marketing and fundraising campaigns over the last few weeks. The staff have given of their time and resources to ensure that we are able to communicate our name and our work to the public.

Staff stretch their brains

Last month, we informed you of two staff members who had graduated with flying colours from various courses. This month, we are happy to announce the graduation of Thembi Gumbo, one of our counselors, from University of Zimbabwe, gaining a Honours degree in Social Work. He attended his graduation ceremony with Martha Damu and Cyprian Tsikayi, two of our staff members who were very proud to witness Thembi making this step into the next chapter of his life. We look forward to watching Thembi use his knowledge and experience in his work at JCF.



PROJECT OF THE MONTH

After the excitement of the renovations taking place at Faith and Hope Centre, we have found that the process has highlighted a severe rat problem in the house. It would be devastating if the children had to share their smart new quarters with an infestation of rats so we are working on getting quotes for a fumigator to come and take care of the problem. 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.

Please also see the additional supplement at the end of this newsletter providing an illustration of the great changes that have taken place at Faith and Hope over the last few months.

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Exciting progress of Faith and Hope Renovations

The renovations at Faith and Hope Centre are currently being wrapped up and we are so excited that the children can spend their Christmas holidays in a clean, homely environment in which they can really take pride. We are also very excited to be able to register Faith and Hope as a centre so that we can house more children there and they can all be legally cared for under the JCF banner.

We have provided before and after photographs below for you to appreciate the magnitude of the project that has taken place in the last few months.



Old bathrooms at Faith and Hope Centre



Very smart new bathrooms and tiled bedrooms for the children to enjoy

