



THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

September 2010

FAITH AND HOPE CENTRE



The Flower Project at Faith and Hope Centre

Update on Faith and Hope Centre

In our August newsletter, we highlighted that urgent renovations need to be carried out at Faith and Hope Centre. To date this has not been accomplished but we are working with some of our partners and friends to ensure that this project is done with the urgency and attention that it deserves. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project as it remains a top priority of JCF at this point.

We are pleased to report that since our last newsletter we have been able to acquire 100 day-old chicks for our poultry project. The chickens are in their fourth week now. This project enables the children to get training in looking after chickens as a business project. It is also a way of raising funds at the centres for other activities as well as providing chicken for the children's meals.



The Poultry Project at Faith and Hope Centre

The centre was experiencing problems with its borehole but we are happy to report that the problem was seen to and the centre now has an uninterrupted supply of water. This had also begun to affect our garden. But as can be noted in the picture below it is beginning to look up.



The garden under drip irrigation at Faith and Hope Centre

The team at Faith and Hope Centre has planted maize using the Foundations for Farming method. They have been trained in this method at Celebration Church through the Agricultural Domain. The maize will be under irrigation until

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the rains come. Once the rainy season begins, a larger area of land will be allocated for maize.

Fruit trees have been planted at the centre courtesy of our friends, the Soroptimists. The trees are doing well and will provide fruit both to be sold and to be consumed by the children.

COME UNTO ME CENTRE (Karo)

Update on Come Unto Me Centre



Some of the older girls at Come Unto Me Centre

There are currently 70 children living in residential care at Come Unto Me Centre. Three children were reunited with their families during the month of September. One young man came to the centre when he was 9 and has been reunited with his father after 7 years. Members of staff who saw him after reunification testify that the young man is very happy to be at home with his father.

We are hoping to improve the garden at Come Unto Me Centre once the borehole is up and running again. Below is a picture of the water tank currently installed at the centre to store water in case of water problems.



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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 children at Faith and Hope Centre had a great day out on 25th of September as they were able to attend the Police Commissioner's Fun Fare. This is held annually by the Zimbabwe Republic Police as a fund raising event. We would like to thank the Police Commissioner for allowing 22 children and 5 members of staff free access to the festivities on the day. The children reported that they had a wonderful time.



Children with a counsellor at Faith and Hope Centre

Two of our children living in Tynwald have been training in Motor Mechanics at the Munhumutapa Technical College. One of them has recently been gainfully employed and we are delighted in his success.

Herbert, a young man who was on our Education Programme in Chikomba, has just been recruited by the Zimbabwe Republic Police.

On 17th of September, Brandon Nyoni came to visit the Shelter of Joy in Luck Street. He passed through the centre in the 90's and had come back to thank Mr. Kasimonje for believing in him and encouraging him to believe that he could make it.

Brandon was on the streets with his mother and siblings but was giving his mother problems. She came to see Mr. Kasimonje seeking help to get Brandon back into school and make something of his life. He was 7 at the time. Mr. Kas took him in but he was then sent to another home where he was able to enroll in school. Brandon ran away from the home several times but each time, Mr. Kas would take him back to school. This went on for years but Brandon finally decided that he could make something of his life.

Brandon has worked hard since he left the centre and is now young man ready to go to university in South Africa. He returned to JCF to say thank you for our belief in him and our encouragement that led him to where he is today. He will be starting his studies in January 2011.

It is stories like this that keep us going at JCF, even when challenged with the many issues faced in this work. When we realize that we can touch a life and make a difference, we are energized to do more. Thank you to all of you who make stories like Brandon's possible.

DONATIONS

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

We thank Innscor for the generous donation of bread every week for the children in our centres.

Mukomberanwa Trust (Mercy Corps) have bought school shoes, satchels and stationery for all school going children at Faith and Hope Centre and they provide funds every month for needs at the centre.



Children ready to go to school in their new school shoes

Mr and Mrs Nyenya and Mary Nyenya

This family has been a blessing to the work of the Just Children Foundation for a number of years and they still continue to bring vegetables for the children every month without fail. We want to thank God for them and pray that God continues to bless them in all they do.

Donations Received in September

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

The De Bruin Family
Mrs S.G. Chella
Jill Schroffner
Sorooptimists
Adam Beck
Innecity Lunchtime Fellowship Group
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Redha
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Mr. Isa
Mr. Chimbani
Miss Lalla
Trosh Rama
Mrs. Katandoka
Rumbidzai Hakata
Jude Eze
Glen Lorne Fellowship
Kim Doyle
Mr Lee
William Ford (Australia)

UPDATE ON JCF STAFF

We would like to pay tribute to the staff members at JCF for the good work that they do with the children despite the very difficult financial environment they are currently operating in. There has been some staff movement with staff leaving the organisation.

We are happy to report that our Reunification Officer, Rumbi Chinyati, has been blessed with a baby boy and mum and baby are doing well at home.

Unfortunately one of our staff members, Albert Mushanyuki, lost his baby on the 29th of September. We continue to pray for him and his

wife that God would uplift them in this difficult time.

Nancy Fraser, one of our carers at the Come Unto Me Centre lost her mum at the end of the month. She and her family are in our prayers.

Mrs. Grace Slava Chella – Chairperson of the Board
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Mr. Maxwell Masengere – Treasurer
Mrs. Grace Dzangare
Mrs. Jill Shroffner
Mrs. Fungai Tutani

The Board of Governors of The Just Children Foundation

We would like to introduce you to our Board of Governors:

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Due to its enormity, our project of focus this month continues to include the installation of showers at Faith and Hope Centre, both in the main house and in the boys' cottage. If you wish to donate to this project in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Martha Damu, our Projects Manager, on the number below: 0912408795 or Mrs. Nomathemba Kasimonje on the details provided below
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Current bathrooms at Faith and Hope Centre

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