

THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION



I pray this newsletter finds you all well, our friends and partners throughout the world. I would like to thank you all for your amazing support for this work.

On the 28th of October 2011 we had our AGM and we are grateful for the few friends and partners who were able to attend. This was a time for our Chairperson to highlight the successes and challenges that we faced as a Ministry in the past year. But she also thanked all our partners who donated in cash and kind. In the past year we have had significant donations that included a borehole pump for Faith and Hope Centre, extensive renovations to the main house at the centre to meet requirements for registration. The sewer system was fixed at Come Unto Me Centre, extension of drip irrigation project among others.

We are grateful that at this AGM we were able to present our audited reports for 2009 and 2010 and we are grateful to the UK Trustees for assisting us in paying for these audited accounts. These are available to all our partners upon request.

At the close of the month of October we had a visit from our Trustees in the UK, namely Anthony Harper (Honourary Secretary), Winston Weir (Honourary Treasurer) and John-Mark Newton who is no stranger to the JCF staff and children. We are grateful for their continued support and they were able to visit our centres and mingle with the children. We are also grateful for the donations in cash and kind that they brought during this trip. May God continue to bless them all.

Also at the time of writing this newsletter we would like to thank the Soroptimists who were preparing to host an early Christmas treat for our

children at Kuimba Shiri near Lake Chivero. More news on that event in our end of year newsletter.

As the festive season is approaching we appeal to all our friends and partners to kindly donate towards the hosting of Christmas parties for our children in Karoi and Snake Park. In the past these have been made possible by generous donations from our friends and partners and we pray this year will be the same.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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FAITH AND HOPE CENTRE

Registration

We continue to wait on the Department of Social Services for our final registration. We pray this will be complete by the end of this year and we would appreciate your prayers as well so that we find favour with the authorities.

Projects and Faith and Hope

We are grateful to Standard Chartered Bank Karigamombe for their continued support to JCF and efforts towards empowering the organisation to be self sustainable. They donated 200 day old chicks to kickstart our broiler project along with chicken feed.

The rainy season is upon us and land preparation is underway to plant maize for the children to enjoy as part of their meals.

COME UNTO ME CENTRE (KAROI)

Update on Come Unto Me Centre



Donation of The Gwata Stove

We are grateful to Ten Foundation who have made available to Come Unto Me Centre a 4 plate stove named The Gwata Stove (after the inventor) and new cooking pots. The stove uses wood as an alternative to electricity for cooking. With the power shortages being experienced throughout the country these stove we believe will make life much easier for the staff at Come Unto Me Centre as they prepare meals for the children. We however would also like

to appeal to our friends to assist in the sourcing firewood and transport to the centre.

Mushroom Project



Children at CUMC Assisting with the Training in Mushroom Growing

At the time of writing this newsletter, Sheila who heads our Come Unto Me was on her way to the Democratic Republic of Congo to conduct training on the cultivation of the oyster mushroom. We are extremely proud of Sheila as she has also been able to fund raise for the centre by training people from the neighbouring community of Karoi. We pray that God will be her shield and protection throughout her time in DRC. More of that trip in our next newsletter.

What is even more exciting however is that the children at the centre are now enjoying mushroom as part of their meals.



Sheilla With Some Of The Trainees In Mushroom Cultivation

OTHER PROJECTS AT CUMC



Children Helping out Staff in the Vegetable at CUMC

Staff and children at CUMC are becoming increasingly proactive in ensuring that they grow as much food as possible at the centre for the nourishment of the children. This is evidenced by the flourishing vegetable garden, the cassava plantation and mushroom project.



Children and staff watering the cassava crop at CUMC

Water at Come Unto Me Centre



Preparations are underway to upgrade the borehole at CUMC and a trench has been dug to make way for the installation of a pump which will supply water to the tank in the section that houses the boys at the Centre. We are grateful for the continued support of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith who are initiating this project.

EXCITING PROGRESS OF JCF CHILDREN

The New School Term

Payment of school fees for our children is underway thanks to the UK Trustees for availing the funds for this. As our team in the Education department prepare to travel throughout the country to pay the fees for all the children under our co-fostering and education programme please remember them in your prayers for special protection.

Africa Lotto

We are grateful to Africa Lotto once again for paying for the school fees for our children at Come Unto Me Centre in Karoi.

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 are also grateful to Lisa Chiriseri and her organisation Street Exit Strategies and the family at

His Presence Ministries for facilitating the donation of shoes for our younger children. Below are the shoes that we received from them. May God bless them for their amazing love for the children.



Donation of Shoes from Street Exit Strategies

We are also grateful to the Lions Club of Karoi for their donation of clothes and food for the children.

- Mr and Mrs. Chifamba – Karoi
- Mr. L. Katsvete
- Rydings School (Red Cross)
- Mr. Nziramasanga
- Peter Muliya
- Karoi Town Council
- Spirit Embassy
- Roman Catholic
- Harare International School
- Bethel Assembly
- Sekuru and Mbuya Nyenya
- Rudolf and Nechtilet Bilfinger
- Lawrence Kubhabha
- Moses Suwali
- Inner City Lunchtime Fellowship
- Mr. Nyakudya

UPDATE ON JCF STAFF

Meet JCF Staff

We introduce more of JCF Staff in this edition of the newsletter



Loveness Gombe – Personal Assistant to the Executive Director



Prince Mahemu - Bookkeeper



Shepherd Mabasa – Accounting Assistant

Other Staff News

- Cyprian (our logistician and driver) was blessed with a baby girl in September
- Albert – our assistant boarding master Faith and Hope Centre was blessed with a baby boy in the same month.

VOLUNTEERS

We thank for the volunteers we had in the last quarter of the year namely:

- Getrude Nyamunokora
- Tapiwa Mangombe
- Pamela Mutize

They have helped JCF with the re-establishment of some of its network partners.

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: SCBLZWHXXXX

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