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Welcome to our second newsletter of 2016 which provides an update on our ongoing projects in Swaziland and our fundraising efforts in the UK. All the projects summarized are in collaboration with Swaziland Schools projects (SSP) and have been funded by a grant from The King/Cullimore Charitable Trust. Many thanks again to our experienced team on the ground in Swaziland who continue to work hard to make it all happen!

Teacher's Accommodation at Nkhaba

As part of the King/Cullimore grant it was agreed to refurbish teacher's accommodation at Nkhaba Primary School. In Swaziland teachers often live during the week on school premises. This is because many schools are remote or teachers have to travel a long way from their homesteads. By offering good accommodation at the school the school can often attract the better teachers. The accommodation is now complete and ready for the teachers to move in.



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Pre-school Building at Ntjanini

Nitjanini pre-school is in one of the poorest rural areas of Swaziland. Most are subsistence farmers or work in the mines in South Africa, Over 90% of the women are widows, most of their husbands having died of HIV or HIV-related diseases such as TB. Some women also died as a result of the pandemic and as a consequence there are many orphaned children. Despite the extreme poverty the community have managed to build some primary school classrooms and have started on a pre-school. The aim of this project was to give the community a helping hand to complete the building of the pre-school and thereby provide a start in education for children aged 3-5 years of age. We have now completed the building of the pre-school. The opening ceremony and handover to the community was yesterday. It included handing over some educational toys. Unfortunately there were no children due to the school holidays, apart from one inquisitive child (shown below).



Vocational Skills Training

In Swaziland there is a big shortage of suitably trained builders, plumbers, electricians etc. Young people leaving school have very few options in terms of learning a trade. We have agreed to collaborate with a local organization in Swaziland called Young Heroes (www.youngheroes.org.sz). Young Heroes was set up in 2006 and supports over 1,000 orphans with monthly stipends, healthcare and vocational and business training. We have provided Young Heroes with a grant for their Skills Training Empowerment Programme (STEP) to train 20 young people. The training will last 12 months and trainees can choose from agriculture, carpentry and joinery, electrical installation, metal work, motor mechanics, plumbing and upholstery. Ton Vriend recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Young Heroes that was extensively covered by the Swaziland press.

Fundraising

Many thanks to Goring Surgery who raised £17.13 by having one of our collection tins by the till.

The Masked Ball took place on 30th April and raised an amazing £3,600. 100 people attended and had a great time dancing the night away. A lot of people put a great deal of hard work into this, no-one more than Vicki Hamilton who made it happen. Thanks to Rhys, Rory, Alex and Amy Hamilton and Shannon, Danusia, Fiona, Sarah, Rosie, Brian, Pete, Adam and Scott and for the many others who helped with the decoration, setting up and clearing away.