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## Did you know?

We collect Foreign currency and any British small change.

This month Changing Futures is 10 years old. With your help and support and the support of many volunteers over the last 10 years we have made a massive difference to children and young adults in Swaziland. This newsletter provides a summary of our achievements over the last 10 years and an update on some of our current projects.

## Changing Futures – The First 10 Years!

In August 2008, during a family holiday in South Africa and Swaziland, we saw the plight of many very poor and disadvantaged children and decided to do something to help. We came back and set up Changing Futures to see if we could change the future of as many children as possible in Swaziland. We believed that by increasing access to education and providing suitable facilities for children once they were in school we could make a difference. This was how Changing Futures was born.

Over the last 10 years we have raised over £200,000. This has been possible because of the support of a fantastic team of local trustees and loyal volunteers. In Swaziland we have a team of volunteers who manage our projects and ensure that every penny raised goes directly to support the children of Swaziland. To give you an idea of some of the projects we have been involved in here are some of our successes:

- Paying for the school fees of over 500 primary and secondary school children
- Providing school uniforms and shoes to over 50 orphaned or vulnerable children (OVCs) each year for 10 years

## Regular Donations

If you do feel you are able to contribute a regular amount on a standing order please let us know. £5/month goes a long way in Swaziland.

## Receiving this Newsletter

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- Building 2 pre-schools
- Building 7 new classrooms
- Renovating and repairing many classrooms, toilet blocks and teacher's accommodation
- Providing resources for schools including maths and science equipment, computers and home economics equipment
- Providing school furniture for more than 15 classrooms
- Renovating three school kitchens
- Refurbishing a school library
- Providing skills training (e.g. carpentry, motor mechanics) to 40 teenagers
- Providing training programmes for 120 preschool teachers
- Funding a Mother and Baby Clinic for HIV positive mums and babies to educate them in caring for their HIV positive children

There have been many other large and small projects and we have an ongoing programme that includes building more classrooms, providing play equipment for a pre-school and providing more school uniforms and shoes for orphaned children.

The main inspiration for Changing Futures came from my wife, Caroline. She was particularly touched by the plight of the children, many of whom were orphaned and living in poverty. Caroline was a Primary School teacher and it was her idea to focus on education. Caroline died in 2014 of cancer. What we have achieved in the first 10 years is a fitting legacy to the inspiration she gave us all.



## Forbes Reef Primary School

The building of the two new classrooms has progressed very quickly over the last three months. The roof is now on and the classrooms are about to be plastered.



The new toilet block is also nearing completion.



We have also installed new ceilings in the teacher's accommodation which will help greatly in making them warmer during the cold winter months.

## Carpentry Apprenticeship

Kwakha Indvodza (KI) is a male mentoring organization that was set up in 2012 and aims to create healthy, resilient and more equal communities guided by positive and informed make influences. We have continued to work with KI

and recently completed another carpentry project that benefited both schools and five new young trainee carpenters.

At three primary schools a total of 177 were repaired. The project gives the young men the practical experience they need to gain employment and also provides a very cost-effective solution for schools to repair the desks without the need to purchase new ones.

There are many schools where the school furniture is in a very poor state of repair and we are currently looking at ways in which we could fund an expansion of the project.

To find out more about KI please go to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kwakha-Indvodza>).

## Fundraising

Changing Futures will be holding their annual charity walk on Sunday October 21st. Enjoy a 10k ramble through the Chiltern countryside with lovely views and winding paths through Autumn woodland and help change the future for some very poor and vulnerable children in Swaziland.

We will be starting at Stoke Rowe Village Hall at 9.45, returning for a lunch of homemade soup and bread and cheese. The cost will be £15 and every penny raised will go to Changing Futures. To register for the event please email Vicki Hamilton ([vhamilton@doctors.org.net](mailto:vhamilton@doctors.org.net)).