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Did you know?

We collect Foreign currency and any British small change.

All our projects in Swaziland are progressing well. Last month we were given a financial boost with a £5,000 grant from the Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust towards the new classrooms at Forbes Reef.

Forbes Reef Primary School

Improvements at Forbes Reef Primary School has become a real collaboration with the local community. The local community have dug out the foundations and pits for the new toilets and the foundations for the two new classrooms. This saves money and ensures that local community are involved with their school and can take pride in the school and its future success.

Below is a picture of the toilet block nearing completion.



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.

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A picture of the foundations that have been dug for the two new classrooms by the local community is below. The foundations are being put in this week.



The kitchen that we refurbished last year is now functioning well. Below is a picture of children receiving their lunch in the new facilities.



Uniforms and Shoes at Nkanini Primary School

Every year we buy new uniforms and shoes for OVCs (orphaned and vulnerable children) at Nkanini Primary School. This year 120 children received new shoes, jumpers, dresses or shorts. This year we were able to

buy long trousers rather than shorts for the cold winter. The children were given their new clothes after school and some had to wait while we completed the purchases but told the teachers that they would 'wait as long as it took' as they were so desperate for new clothes.



Mother and Baby Club

We have now been running the Mother and Baby Club for 9 months. As well as bringing significant benefits to the health and well-being of mothers and babies it has also allowed the team at The Rocking Horse Project and the Baylor Clinic to identify areas where they can support mothers and babies more in the future. These include:

- Mentoring nurses and lab technicians on competencies with blood drawing in young infants. The team have also managed to procure specific needles for small children.
- Nutritional education as most infants were found to be iron deficient.
- Developmental education as many young children who are HIV positive are not exposed to typical developmental play and reading. The team are providing education to mothers on reading and are also giving the children a new book on their birthday.
- Microfinance to set-up their own businesses and support in the preparation of documents (such as CVs) to allow them to apply for jobs. By being able to have an independent income they are more likely to be able to support their children.

We look forward to supporting the continued success of this project.

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 just completed a project with KI in which four male apprentice carpenters repaired desks at three schools. One hurdle for the project were budgetary constraints in schools that prevented them paying for the materials needed to repair the desks. However, even with the budgetary constraints the apprentices managed to repair a total of 225 desks. To find out more about KI please go to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kwakha-Indvodza>).