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Since our last newsletter in August there has been a lot happening in Swaziland on our many different projects and so here is our quarterly update.

Hawane Primary School

We have now delivered the crockery needed for teaching domestic sciences at the school (see picture below).



The school buildings and toilets are now significantly improved compared to what we saw when we visited 12 months ago. At the end of August we held a handover meeting with the Headmistress and School Council. Below is a picture of the children who were top in each year. Two of them baked cakes

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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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to be shared amongst themselves as a reward for coming top. We hope this is a fresh start for the school and for the children.



Baby Club

In August we decided to support a Baby Club to support HIV positive mothers to look after their HIV positive babies. So far two baby clubs have been held and it has been a resounding success. We had 11 mums at the first meeting and 13 at the second meeting. The mums shared tips on how to get their babies to take their anti-retroviral therapy (ARVs) as the taste is very bitter. They also discussed how to disclose their HIV status to their partner (one mum related how she hid her HIV status from her partner and he did likewise) and how to persuade their partners to get tested.



Forbes Reef Primary School

The 28 sewing machines that are used for teaching home economics have now been repaired. Work has started on the school kitchen which is in a dreadful state of repair (see below) and putting ceilings into the classrooms.



Some of the toilets are also in desperate need of repair and this will also be done.



Carpentry Business

In 2016 we trained 20 young people in various trades. Two of the young people were trained as carpenters and we then gave them paid work repairing school furniture. This has now developed further and we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a not for profit organization in Swaziland called Kwakha Indvodza that aims to empower the youth of Swaziland. In the MOU we have agreed to financially support Kwakha Indvodza to provide vocational training and on-the-job apprenticeships in carpentry for at least 8 out of work school leavers and to use the apprentices to repair school furniture. We are selecting schools in two regions of the country. This will provide a trade and income for these apprentices and will allow us to make very cost-effective improvements to a large number of schools.

Preschool Teacher Training

Last year we worked with an organization called Bantwana to provide refresher training to pre-school teachers across Swaziland. It was a great success and when we visited Swaziland we visited one of the preschools where the teacher had been trained. We have agreed to fund a further four workshops which will have the following aims:

- Explore the research that supports the importance of play for young children

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- Learn ways to connect play and learning so that children are supported with engagement and inquiry
 - Consider a variety of playful learning experiences in literacy and maths for play and group times
 - Explore ways to involve families in seeing the connection between play and learning

Grants and Fundraising

We have just received another grant from the King/Cullimore Trust of £5,000 to be used as we see fit.

The Annual Changing Futures Quiz will be held on Friday 26th January 2018 at Goring Village Hall. Tickets are £12.50 and include a Ploughman's. Please contact Sarah Chambers (sarahchambers@btconnect.com) if you would like to book a table.