

SCHOOL-AID NEWSLETTER JULY 2004

FOUR SHIPMENTS LEFT CHALFONT ST PETER IN JUNE & JULY

1. SOUTH AFRICA 33 BOXES OF COMPUTERS & books
2. SOUTH AFRICA 27 PALLETS - 658 BOXES & school furniture
3. TANZANIA 20 FT CONTAINER - 450 BOXES & school furniture
4. ZIMBABWE 100 BOXES (due to leave shortly)

SOUTH AFRICA 15 JUNE 2004 –Thanks to CAPESPAN, CAPE REEFERS & Sold on Success in Cape Town, 27 boxes of computers are on their way to Zephania Secondary in Mapomulo Durban. Philip Wormesley Managing Director of SAFCOR-PANALPINA has kindly sponsored the overland transport. St Phillips Primary School in Ndumo Village Kwa Zulu Natal will also be the recipient of 6 boxes of books.

Louise Price at Altringham Girls High School was responsible for collecting the computers and she contacted us for help with transport. A group of pupils from Altringham Girls High School is visiting their twinned school this summer. Jayne Martin of **AFRITWIN**, who links schools in the UK with selected schools near Durban, happily introduced us and came down to London where she met Chris and Joy showed her around our HQ at Chalfont St Peter.

SOUTH AFRICA – 8 JULY 2004 – 27 PALLETS

CAPESPAN, our major sponsor, has now asked us to pack boxes for Cape Town onto pallets. Thanks to Lawrence Coyle & Keith Blamey, two experienced forklift drivers from the Clancy Group, 27 pallets were loaded in record time. Les Lee and Margaret & David Williams are our experts in stacking boxes and shrink-wrapping the pallets. This can be done in advance but needs adequate floor space. It is much more efficient than hand loading hundreds of boxes and the pallets fit neatly into a container at Sheerness and can more easily be unloaded at the docks in Cape Town.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPERS WHO PREPARED THE PALLETS & HELPED US LOAD

Chris Blake	Sandra Maizels	CLANCY GROUP
Tony Elderfield	Audrey Moxham	Lawrence Coyle &
Gordon Finch	Liz Orton	Keith Blamey
Barbara Fox	Roy Perry	CAPESPAN
Jeanette Green	Philip Rimell	Dave Hudson
June Jones	Alma Tate	Brian Apps
Les Lee	Margaret Williams	Ronnie Ford
Isaac Madziva	David Williams	

10 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS SHIPMENT AS FOLLOWS

Lucy Barrow

15 boxes 1 PALLET

Lucy is working in Cape Town, and is helping groups of needy young people. She collected over 200 pairs of trainers when she was visiting her home in High Wycombe. Joy and several of our volunteers saw an article about her in the Bucks Advertiser, and School-Aid was able to offer to transport the trainers to Cape Town. We have also added other boxes of donated items to help with her work.

Glendale Secondary School

90 boxes 3 PALLETS

Rocklands Mitchells Plain Cape Town
1380 pupils staff to pupil ratio 1:50

This school was introduced to us by Jenny Sanders and the completed fact sheet, gave us some ideas of suitable items to send. We tried to match these as best we could from resources available.

THANK YOU to members of the MCC staff at Lord's, especially Jonathan Hawke, Albert in the Lord's shop, & John Wright in the Pavilion, who provide boxes & precious LIDS!

Heathfield High School
Consta Road Heathfield Cape Town
923 pupils staff to pupil ratio 1:34

90 boxes 2 PALLETS

An extract from the Fact Sheet, which the school completed, states:-

*"It would be appreciated if you could donate whatever you can as it would be utilized 100%.
Our learners are struggling with literacy skills. A good book is always appreciated."*

Lwandle Museum –

58 boxes 4 PALLETS

Lwandle Township
Strand Cape Town

Lwandle is linked with Danes Hill School in Oxshott via Suki Turner, who went on holiday to Cape Town and took her two small children to visit this township. She saw their needs and has been collecting ever since. This is our second consignment to Lwandle

Andy MacDonald –

15 boxes 1 PALLET

St Cyprian's School
Cape Town SA

KNITTED ITEMS

Jeanette Green writes

"Two years ago the Head Girl of St Cyprian's School in Cape Town decided to do something about the Orphans with Aids. She got people knitting little jumpers as these babies feel the cold and then the Old girls also got involved.

We in the UK are collecting up as many jerseys, bootees, beanie hats and knitted squares as possible. There are scores of people knitting, as the items are light and easy to knit - acrylic wool is preferred in bright colours as it is easier to wash and dry.

These go to Cape Town and are delivered to the school by my brother. A teacher called Jacqui Ahrens co-ordinates the project and the jerseys, etc. are distributed personally to orphanages, hospitals and clinics over a wide area in Cape Town and beyond. This way we know that the items are going direct without getting "lost" on the way.

Should anyone like to donate wool or knit I have the pattern and can email or fax it to anyone requiring it." Jeanette Green 01494 866794 Fax/tel

Sporting Chance

24 boxes 2 PALLETS

Sports Science Institute Building
Boundary Road
Newlands 7700 SA

Brad Bing helps to run this charity, that gives disadvantaged children a "Sporting Chance" and we have sent him sporting equipment and sports clothing.

Stanford Primary School

70 boxes 2 PALLETS

Hermanus SA

Via FOOD 4 THOUGHT

Wendy Hewitt, Jane Dowie-Dunn and friends are setting up a Pre-School North of Hermanus (See *article & photos on website*). Wheatfields Infant's School, St Albans is linked with this exciting project. Pupils & staff have raised funds and collected a number of items to be sent out.

Jane writes:-

"Chris, we are so tired that it feels as though a little man has been pouring sand into the tops of our heads. We have scrubbed and painted, nagged and pleaded and have been totally overwhelmed by people's help when it penetrates just how vital pre-primary education is for the success of our very new democracy. With funds registering rock bottom, a near-by ecology estate donated 75 metres of game fencing for the school perimeter and a local farmer is cutting 30 gum poles this weekend. – Aren't people amazing?"

OUR FIRST SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY

The proceeds of our flea market today and for the foreseeable future will go towards feeding the children a balanced diet of breakfast, mid morning snack and lunch. Thank you and the team for your unstinting efforts, as many of the children “skip” breakfast and then see the adult members of the family only later in the evening and a typical meal could consist of stiff maize porridge and wild spinach and if lucky, fatty meat.

6th June:

Our new school has the most wonderful vibe. Our two teachers work together harmoniously and efficiently and are proud of their status and school. David’s heart, in his six foot two frame, melted into gooey toffee when he, Merle and I arrived there at 7.30 on opening day. Those bright shiny faces, the huge grins from ear to ear and sitting on real chairs just the right size. Yes, we do still have a long way to go, but we have made a start and not surprisingly we are being noticed. A sub committee to organise and run the flea markets, is being formed by Sarah Gordon, a young mother of three children and Judy Brown a new comer to the village from Kwa Zulu Natal who is not deterred by the threat of hard work has volunteered to come aboard.

Thank you for your encouragement from so far away. I tend to make everything sound rosy but there are very low moments and your letters do make a difference. Kindest regards, Jane.”

Tiger Kloof School

33 boxes 2 PALLETS

Vryburg SA

Craig Morris & pupils from Wellington College and Windermere packed these boxes. They are linked through the Round/Square organisation.

Umqhele Secondary School -

201 boxes 8 PALLETS

Ivory Park Township

Jo’Burg SA

51 boxes + letter board (From South Wales Region)

This is our second shipment to Umqhele Secondary School and continues our link with Llanhari Secondary School and our South Wales regional centre. Janis Mowlam will organise collection and onward transport to Johannesburg via Gavin Wilson of “FastnFresh”.

(Please see our website article on arrival of goods from first shipment together with photos)

Blue Cross Aids Clinic

22 items 2 PALLETS

KNOPPIESLAAGTE

Nr Midrand Gauteng SA

Les Lee has arranged this link with Bill and Christine Dinage in Birmingham who provided computers, wheelchairs, clothing & sewing machines from HM Prisons Stafford & Wythhall Baptist Church. These Items are going to the Blue Cross Clinic for children with HIV / AIDS. This is a useful contact as he can provide similar items for us if required.

TANZANIA – 21 JULY 2004 – 20FT CONTAINER

Thanks to the High Commissioner HE Hassan Omar Gumbo Kibelloh and Middle East Cargo we were able to load a large volume of school furniture, books, and other educational resources into a 20ft container. Hand loading is very labour intensive and we are grateful to the friends listed below for their muscle power and support.

Over 400 boxes are destined for the Rombo Development Trust Fund in Dar es Salaam. This is a charity, which is being supported by the First Lady HE Anna Mkapa, who is married to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

An extra 105 boxes will be going to three Secondary Schools in Bagamoyo; Kikaro Lugoba & Kiwangwa. Special thanks to Alma Tate who helped Chris list and number these boxes at short notice. We were pleased to be able to send 6 boxes of scientific equipment from LABAID, to Adolec Secondary School in Karagwe District, via FADECO.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING TO HAVE COLLECTED & DELIVERED ITEMS

David & Liz Orton

Jane Wilson

Rhydian Williams

Chris Blake

Denise & Tim Lamb

Rowena Paxton

Richard Lowe

Joy Baker

Chris & Roger Knight

