

School-Aid UK

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2006

NEWS FROM AFRICA

SIERRA LEONE

Late in 2005, 170 boxes were sent to Sierra Leone in partnership with Leonard Cheshire International and Working Partners. Textbooks and reading books, nursery equipment, and sewing materials went to the Centre for Conflict Recovery and the Freetown Sierra Leone United Nations Student Association Homes. Women and children in these homes are offered vocational training alongside their school courses.

SOUTH AFRICA

Three containers totalling nearly 50 pallets and over 2000 boxes have gone to South Africa in 2006.

Supporting projects in Cape Town, the Western Cape, and Johannesburg, the goods were requested by secondary and primary schools, two sporting NGOs, and several local community projects including one of School-Aid's newest partners the Grannies & Orphans Against AIDS project in Kayelitsha supported by the British High Commission.

One of the South Africa shipments, Project Lollipop, was most generously supplied, packed, and shipped by John Lewis Partnership and sent to the Skeen Primary School. Skeen is a local centre for other schools, offering resources and sporting facilities.

ERITREA

In partnership with ANSEBA, School-Aid shipped a container in

June with over 450 boxes of textbooks, reading books and reference books, to primary and secondary schools, and community libraries in Keren.

KENYA

In March eight large boxes of school clothing were provided to the Widows & Orphans International Group based in Kisumu, Western Kenya for the childrens' home.

School-Aid donations have also gone to partner projects with Habitat for Humanity in south Africa, to the Tariro Project in Zimbabwe, and to Malawi.

NEWSFLASH!

LEONARD CHESHIRE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN KENYA

Ten schools in Swindon have just been linked with a group of schools near Kisumu in Western Kenya, in partnership with Leonard Cheshire International. A shipment will go out to Kenya early in the autumn to supply five schools with books and other equipment, alongside the LCI team who will provide teacher training and curriculum support to the Kenyan schools.



LETTERS

"Thank you so much for your clothing/equipment support during the recent Western Cape Cricket League Championships. Friday's finals went off extremely well and the kids had a blast"

■ Brad Bing, Sporting Chance, Cape Town



"Everyone was delighted. Ingqayisivele's Principal has been waiting anxiously for the books for the library. Thank you for this delivery, which invigorates these schools of over 2000 children each with fresh hope"

■ Janis Mowlam, School-Aid volunteer, Johannesburg

"Thank you once again. There is always need for more. The knitting project is still going on where the ladies knitted some beanies for HIV/AIDS babies at the maternity hospital"

■ Mymoena Scholtz, New World Foundation, Cape Town

"We the Happy Boys Football Club would like to thank you for the donation you offered to us as soccer team. Surprisingly! The colours yellow and black are the suitable colours for our team.

Your support won't go unnoticed and we appreciate it big time".

■ Joseph Gumede, Happy Boys Football Club, Qotho, South Africa

LINKING SCHOOLS NEWS

School-Aid is just packing a second shipment for Khanya Primary School in Cape Town. Boxes were packed by the pupils and teachers of Herne Hill School in London, and delivered to the School-Aid warehouse for onward shipment to Cape Town. The Headmaster of Khanya, Richard Noqala, is in regular contact with Dominik Magyar, Headmaster of Herne Hill, who has already visited Khanya and a return visit is planned.

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP GOLDEN JUBILEE TRUST OFFERS SCHOOL-AID A SECONDMENT

Colin Bignall of John Lewis Park Royal, is just coming to the end of a six month secondment to School-Aid.

Colin has been instrumental in completing the warehouse set up in Hedgerley and in getting UK operations in order. His contribution to School-Aid has been enormous.

School-Aid is very grateful to Colin and to the John Lewis Partnership for their ongoing support.



NEW TRUSTEES

School-Aid is delighted to welcome three new trustees. **Cuthbert James** is in charge of Security at John Lewis Park Royal.

Chris Thomas is former headmistress of the Elm Tree School in Cardiff, and has been instrumental in setting up School-Aid's school linking programme.

Janis Mowlam has been School-Aid's representative in Johannesburg and recently returned to the UK. Janis put in place many of our ongoing school projects in the townships and has been highly influential in guiding our strategy in South Africa.

A WELL TIMED DONATION

School-Aid is delighted to have received a grant from The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust which enabled us to move to new premises at Hammer & Harp Farm in South Bucks. We are so grateful for their support.

We are also very grateful to other trusts and friends for their anonymous financial support.

HAMMER & HARP FARM SUMMER DINNERS A SUCCESS

Ailsa Wood of Hammer & Harp Farm is offering her catering expertise for another fantastic summer fundraising dinner with live music by the Glamsters at Hammer & Harp Farm. Tickets are still available for July 28th, please ring the office.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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- WAREHOUSE
- ADMIN
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- Fresh Produce Terminals, South Africa
- The John Lewis Partnership, UK
- Oval Insurance, UK
- The Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Clubs of the UK and South Africa
- The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the 95 schools and organisations who have donated goods to School-Aid over the past six months. We are very grateful for your support.

For a complete list of all donating groups, please visit our website www.school-aid.org

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