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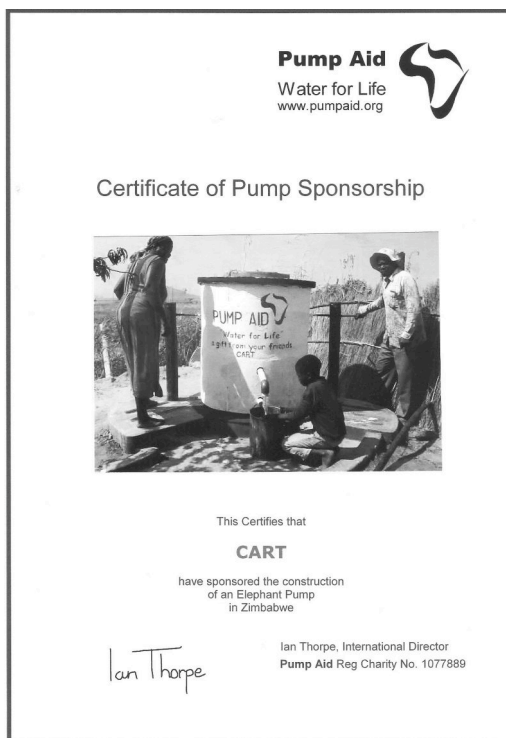


A Very Happy New Year to All our Supporters

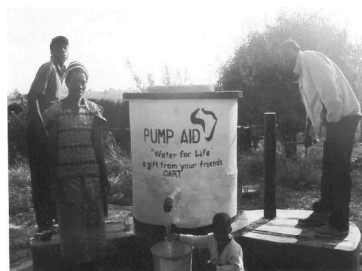


Well, well, well

In the 2005 Harvest Appeal we asked for contributions towards water pumps. So far your donations have enabled 3 pumps to be installed in Zimbabwe – an excellent outcome.



The so-called “Elephant Pumps” are installed by the charity Pump Aid in rural schools and communities to provide clean water for drinking and irrigation. The pumps are a simple design and can be maintained by the beneficiaries themselves who are involved at all stages of construction: they make bricks, collect sand and provide labour to dig a deep well and assist in installation.



17th December 2007

Further to your wonderful donation, I have the great pleasure of sending you your inscribed Elephant Pump certificates.

*Your pumps will have such life changing, positive impact for so many people. **Over 1500 children and adults will benefit every day** and we cannot thank you enough.*

Sincere apologies for the long delay in sending the inscription to you. I am sure you can appreciate the current situation in Zimbabwe is such that our work is very slow and difficult.

From all who benefit from their new pumps, I send heartfelt thanks and blessings.

With warm regards, Ros Hadden, for Pump Aid.

Newsletter publication dates

In 2008 the newsletter will be published as follows: winter in January/February, spring after Easter and autumn in October. The decision to do this was made after the autumn 2007 newsletter had gone to press so sorry if you thought the winter newsletter was late or that you'd been forgotten before Christmas. Any newsletter amendments please ring Irene 01484 318206

Updates and Appeals

3130 bricks were bought by you for the Liberian school – many many thanks.

Harvest Appeal 2007

As usual there has been an excellent & most generous response to the 2007 CART Harvest Appeal for **FOOD, EDUCATIONAL and FIRST AID ITEMS** and financial **DONATIONS**. Once again the workers at CART are touched by your kindness & carefully selected gifts.

A huge Thank You to the many churches, schools and individuals who

Thank you also to the churches, schools and individuals who sent financial donations to help with the transportation of the goods to Africa: CART received £1,998 from schools & £7,620 from churches which was sufficient to send two to three 40 foot containers on their way **Thank you.**

A further thank you to all those who gave harvest talks; or delivered or collected donations; or sorted and packed the most welcome donations. This real team effort ensures goods, particularly food items, are soon reaching their destinations.

Several schools and churches requested a copy of the Powerpoint CD to use. Feedback on this would be appreciated – 'Phone Irene 01484 318206 or Vanessa 01484 461800 or e-mail cart@cartyorkshire.co.uk

School & University Sponsorships in Malawi

Currently here are **38** sponsors and **47** children. The government in Malawi pays for primary education. It costs between £20 and £30 per TERM for a secondary school education. The difference is because some schools are run by private individuals and others by teachers recognised by the government (but not paid for). All schools seem to achieve similar results.

There is a university in Malawi but some students go to Zambia or South Africa to further education. The Malawi sponsors pay £30 or £90 per year and this amount includes something towards uniform and pens, paper etc.

For more details or to join the sponsors contact **Cynthia** 01422 357739 Thank you. ><>

School Sponsorships in Liberia & Kenya

CART supporters now sponsor the education of **13 children in Kenya and 25 in Liberia.**

For further information, please contact **Brigitte on 01484 687353**

Sponsorship

For any of the sponsorship schemes *all donations*, whatever their size, are *greatly appreciated*. All unspecified monies are pooled together to send a child to school.

A new venture ~ Sponsorship of children’s education in Cameroon.

Cameroon is struggling to provide a decent standard of living for its people and, as usual, the only way out of poverty is the education of its children.

CART has agreed to work with Batoke Unique School. CART has already sent computers, books, desks and chairs to this school. The school is staffed by a dedicated young team of teachers inspired and motivated by a headteacher who is very ambitious for his pupils. He has a tremendous financial struggle, as many of the 200 children come from such poor families that they cannot afford to pay the small school fees. However they are not turned away as the teachers are prepared to forego their salaries to maintain the children’s education.

- School fees are approximately £60 per child per year
- School dinners cost approximately £10 per child per school year

If you are willing to contribute towards this campaign please contact **Brigitte on 01484 687353**

There is a UK representative who regularly visits the school and who will provide feedback.

In 2007 a total of 23 containers were sent to Africa or India ~ cost to CART £90,000

	Shipping costs	Extra costs and notes
Malawi	£5500	£1326 inc. motor cycle service
Ghana	£4500	
The Gambia	£2900	Funded by Ann Prince
Cameroon	£3100	£3313 on costs and drugs
Somalia	£4700	
Zimbabwe	£5800	
India	£1700	Funded by "Salt of the Earth".
Ghana	£4500	
The Gambia	£3400	
Benin	£2650	
Togo	£3100	
Liberia	£3850	£388. Container funded by Ralph Thoresby School
Malawi	£5000	£1152
Cameroon	£2900	
Tanzania	£3550	£325 Customs duty
Uganda	£6200	£1050. Container purchase, loading car (to be recovered). Cost of container partly funded.
Malawi	£4800	£1535
The Gambia	£1800	20ft container funded by David Raithby
India	£1900	
Eritrea	£4750	
Zambia	£5500	
The Gambia	£3150	Funded by Ann Prince
Ghana (north)	£5000	

Shop Sales ~ 2007 total

This year takings were **£58,305**. This is a 13% increase on 2006.

A magnificent total and just reward for all the hard work of the shop managers and staff in making the shop so successful.

Thank you all

A further testament to the quality of your donations – thank you.

Kenyan Crafts

In the last 12 months, we have sold another £400 worth of crafts but there are still plenty for sale: soapstone items, jewellery, carvings etc. Thanks to all those who bought from CART. All the money from the sales is sent back to Kenya for the craftsmen and women to support their families.

Anyone interested, please contact Brigitte Matthews (01484 687353).

We are continuing to collect sanitary products to send to Africa (Zimbabwe in particular). A single packet can cost half a week's wages as they are regarded as a luxury and heavily taxed.



First Aid kits needed

Bandages; plasters; antiseptics; ointment; lint; soap; cotton wool; non prescription drugs; etc.

If you need a small box please contact the shop (01484 423453).

The Diocese of Upper Shire in Malawi is still in need of a set of **Eucharistic vestments**. If anyone has any please ring 01484 461800.

WANTED

Any bits of old candle – whatever their size – they will be put together, melted down and made into new candles.

Of course whole candles are needed too!!



Quality goods ~ regular new stock

at the **CART shop**

Open Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tel: 01484 423453

Grateful thanks to **Huddersfield Technical College** for the reproduction of this newsletter.

NEWS FROM AFRICA

Liberia

The Liberian school is almost ready. Jacob is hoping to finally open the school at the end of March.



First coat of paint



Constructing the septic tank.

CART supporters have raised and/or given the money for this wonderful school to be built. Despite the cost being well over the original budget the money has been found and the children have a permanent school which belongs to them. What a superb effort all round. The total building cost was £55,136.

CART has still to find £6000 to repay the interest free loans and £2000 towards the costs of paint, door locks & cement. If you wish to contribute towards this we would be most grateful Please send donations to the Treasurer, CART, PO Box 554. Huddersfield HD1 9ZQ



Cutting tiles



The Guildford G Tompkins Elementary & Junior School, Monrovia, Liberia.

News from Kenya

We were very relieved to receive, a few days ago, an email from our Kenya correspondent, Margaret Nganga, the first since the beginning of the political troubles.

This is what she writes: *“We are all dismayed and concerned at the turn of events which have left most of us traumatised, injured or homeless. As of now calm is gradually returning but the harm done will take years to heal and recover. Although not any member of Saidia has been hurt or killed as I write this, many of us have to contend with living in refugee camps in the several schools and churches or show ground. It isn’t easy for any of us - the things we have witnessed, we had previously thought that they happened only in Darfur or Rwanda e.g. ethnic cleansing, killings and rape of women and young children. We can only pray and hope that an amicable solution will be found, and soon, as tensions are very high. Schools have not yet reopened.”*

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and all in her organisation as well as all victims of the situation.

An Appeal for Tunu

Tunu is one of the primary school girls sponsored by CART in Kenya. Since last February she has had two lengthy stays in hospital where she was admitted as an emergency after her left hip joint became infected.



Tunu in hospital

It was feared then that her left leg would have to be amputated. Fortunately, the infection was caught in time but although she spent nearly 3 months in hospital, the problem returned in July and Tunu had to go back to hospital for more treatment and investigation. She has now been diagnosed as suffering from septic arthritis, which entails expensive treatment: the equivalent of £80/month in drugs. This regular outlay would be a huge burden for most families in Kenya, but it is even more so in the case of Tunu.

This courageous youngster, who now has to use crutches, is an orphan, the third child of a family of 4, supported by her eldest brother, Eric. What is more, she is not letting her situation affect her schooling more than necessary: in spite of being out of school for a whole term, and thanks to peripatetic teachers at the hospital, she still managed to be 10th in her class of 30+ pupils (she used to be 3rd) much to the surprise of her teacher.

If you are willing to help Tunu and her family by making a contribution, however small, towards these medical costs, please contact Brigitte on 01484 687353 or by email: matthewsbrigitte@yahoo.com

Ghana



Joseph, our Ghana Outlook consignee, & his wife, Vivienne.



Demonstrating using Aqua boxes

News from Ghana ~ October 2007 ~ Floods affect Ghana



Unloading chairs

Akaappab Anyansa and her four young children are among the estimated 260,000 people affected by recent floods in Ghana. Luckily, she did not lose her two-room house, but she has been sharing her room with her neighbours since their house collapsed. Already struggling to survive in a region where poverty and acute malnutrition is endemic, she now has to share her small stock of millet with nine people. They barely eat one meal a day.

“I boil green leaves and grass, and add salt and pepper. That is all I can give the children, but it doesn’t seem to be enough for them,” said Ms. Anyansa.

In a nearby community, farmer Aveabila Aduko worries about the future of his children’s education. The floods killed his livestock – four goats and some guinea fowls. Now, the only thing left to eat is a pile of guinea corn that should last two weeks.

If relief supplies don’t arrive, the father of seven is afraid he’ll have to take his children out of school. “The rain destroyed my crops. If I am not able to farm to make money, I won’t be able to buy school books,” said Mr. Aduko.

UNICEF has sent teaching and learning material and furniture to the affected areas and together with the government is planning campaigns to encourage parents to keep children in school. “The affected flooded areas are already vulnerable in terms of education because of high levels of poverty,” said UNICEF Ghana Education Chief Peter deVries. “All the mud-structured schools are being visited to make sure that they won’t collapse.”

Although the rainy season is almost over, health officials fear that the flooding will mean an increase in malaria. Every year, malaria kills at least 20,000 children in Ghana alone.

The final container of 2007 was sent to Ghana to be taken to the north by Joseph Achana to help relieve some of the suffering caused by the floods.

Zimbabwe - from Bryony Pichanik 19.12.07 & 3.1.08

2007 has seen another active year for NEW HOPE VILLAGES. NHV is a programme that takes destitute families, who live in plastic shelters in the open places around the city of Harare, to the New Hope Agricultural Training Village, and trains them for two years in Agricultural Self Sufficiency. Once fully trained, the families are resettled on their own land in the Government Resettlement Scheme. NHV applies for land for the Graduate Trainees. Once on the land the Graduates are given full support for one year, to enable them to resettle successfully. The support includes the provision of accommodation, toilets, borehole and hand pump, food, and all agricultural inputs. The children are placed in local schools and all costs are paid by NHV.

2007 saw the Agricultural Training of the 7 new families. In 2008 they will be ready to move onto their own land to be resettled permanently. They have learnt to grow crops, manage livestock, and all have acquired a considerable number of chickens. The Graduates from last year have worked hard on their new land, and have proudly beautified their new homes in the resettlement.

STANBIC BANK sponsored a new hand pump in an area where many families have gone without clean water for a long time.



Kanyimo's new home

We continued to put school furniture, books and stationary into many schools in the area surrounding the village. Thank you to OPERATION SUNSHINE and CHRISTIAN AFRICA RELIEF TRUST in England for sending hundreds of desks, chairs, shelving, cupboards and the other items, in pre- paid containers for the schools. Such a blessing! Children and staff who once sat on bricks on the floor are now comfortably seated behind desks. The schools are grateful to CART for the many tins of paint which were sent and have given the buildings a smart and pleasing appearance. Some tins also went to paint Shearly Cripps Children's Home in the rural area. We are grateful for the many agricultural and building tools which came in the containers, which have been hugely appreciated by the rural people to whom they have been distributed. Many have received clothing and seeds from time to time from the containers, as well as sewing machines.

Thank you to IRVINE'S who have generously transported the school furniture and many goods to the rural area for the people there, as well as all our agricultural inputs for our training programme. This is an invaluable help in times when transport is one of the most expensive commodities in the country and very difficult to find. God bless IRVINE'S !!



2007 ended with a Christmas Meal for our children, sponsored by UTTERMOST MISSIONS. On the day 1222 children arrived for the Meal, others being prevented by swollen rivers and continuous rain in the area. All morning they sang and listened to choirs and testimonies among the various church groups attending. They loved it all and enjoyed eating plentiful and lovely food cooked by our church women. An ox was bought as well as chickens and rice. Even the sweets brought from outside the country were sufficient. It was a great testimony in the area to God's provision in hard times, and many good reports about it came in.

The good rains we are currently experiencing are a promise of better things to come, the drought having broken. It remains to thank God for his bountiful provision and protection in harsh economic times. We do all to His glory and in His strength and provision. Thank you to all who support this work by their giving the poor are given New Hope and the lost are being found.
In His Service Bryony and Team.

India We were delighted to receive the consignment from CART-UK organized by the noble efforts of Murray Frankland, SOTE (Salt of the Earth charity). We received the consignment of Wheel chairs – 203, Bi-cycles – 131, sewing machines - 40, typewriters - 6 and baby prams - 6. This consignment was very useful and benefited a larger section of the society: differently abled persons, Elderly and the underprivileged.

This consignment got with the noble efforts of SOTE from CART has made a considerable change in the lives of the people in our region, especially the differently abled and elders. We are ever grateful for all the support rendered by SOTE and CART through the supply of these materials.