



# Spring Newsletter

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## Jacob's Vision

No – not the Jacob of Genesis 28 but Jacob Luther Knight of Liberia's vision of the building of a nine classroom school with 3 offices, library, auditorium and chapel.

Jacob's purpose

*"...to help the poor and needy parent's children get formal education which will help to improve their future livelihood ... thus alleviating poverty."*

The original school began as a study class using the educational and relief supplies sent by CART. This study class was the children's only means of receiving any kind of education: the Liberian government's Ministry of Education gave it accreditation. So for more than 15 years valuable education took place in 2 successive leased buildings with continuous help from CART and sponsorship from its supporters. Recently the scholars were put out of their building and Jacob decided to buy some land and build a permanent school. A piece of land has been purchased and building was begun in January 2007. CART is naturally supporting this venture which will cost £35,000 of which £25,000 has already been raised. It will be a quite an achievement to see this plot of land transformed into the "Guildford Tompkins Elementary and Junior High School" a place to give knowledge, hope & empowerment.



*"Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone and set it up for a pillar."* (Genesis 28 v 18)

Can you help Jacob Luther Knight take up a stone and set it up for a school? We are appealing to our readers to **buy a brick for £5** to help Jacob achieve this present day vision and say with his ancient namesake, *"Surly the Lord is in this place."* (Genesis 28 v 16)

### **Sponsorship of children's education continues**

3 new supporters have enabled **2 more children** to be sponsored in Kenya: St Joseph's RC Primary School has taken over the sponsorship of a child in Liberia as well as a Kenyan child. Therefore currently supporters sponsor the education of **39 children** in secondary schools in **Malawi, 12 children in Kenya and 25 in Liberia.**

If you wish to contribute towards children's schooling costs, please contact **Brigitte Matthews 01484 687353** (Liberia & Kenya) or **Cynthia Feather 01422 357739** (Malawi).

### **In 2006**

**21 containers were sent to Africa or India**  
**average cost £5,500**

In 2007 6 containers have been sent to Africa to

Malawi	The Gambia	Ghana
Somaliland	Zimbabwe	Cameroon

**Is it useful for CART? Does CART want it?**

When it comes to the goods you wish to donate the answer is **usually YES**.

Items of all kinds are sent to Africa or sold in the shop to enable CART's work to continue.

We tried to make a comprehensive list of wanted items but it proved very difficult and very long so instead here a few items that are **not useful**.

- ~ Car boot sale leftovers ~ portable televisions ~
- ~ photocopiers ~ projectors ~ fax machines ~
- ~ prams ~ pushchairs ~ car baby seats ~
- ~ electric typewriters ~ very delicate glassware ~
- ~ damaged or dirty clothes ~ carpets ~
- ~ MDF furniture\* ~ chip board items\* ~
- ~ British history /British geography books ~
- ~ road atlases ~ paper backed books ~
- ~ diet or cookery books\*\* ~
- ~ records ~ pictures ~ photo frames ~ fridges\* ~
- ~ food with less than 6 months use-by dates ~

\* wanted for shop only but please ring first to see if CART has room  
 \*\* wanted for shop only

**If in doubt ring** Vanessa (01484 461800) or,  
 for house furniture, ring Susan (01484 423453).

And of course financial donations are always welcome.

Hope this is helpful.

**Quality goods ~ regular new stock**

at the **CART shop**

Open Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon

**Tel: 01484 423453**

**Kenyan Crafts**

Kenyan craftworkers now have **£1300** to help to support themselves & their families – thanks to you.

The goods make excellent presents.  
 They sell well after talks and meetings.  
 There are religious items on sale.

Contact Brigitte Matthews (01484 687353) for further details.

P.S. 24 Nativity scenes were ordered but we only have 3 left – ring if you want one. We hope to get more.

A bed has been fully sponsored for a year at St. Luke's Hospital, **Malawi** thanks to a very generous donation.

**Gifts of clothes** ~ We are very grateful for donations of good quality clothes to send to Africa or to sell in the shop but we want you to be aware that unsuitable or surplus clothes inevitably have to be sent for recycling; this raises much needed funding to send containers.

**First Aid Kits**



*"The nearest clinic is 20 miles away so the children get no treatment if they are taken ill."* (Headteacher, Nambiru Primary School)

*"I am writing to request medical supplies for our school clinic for First-Aid."* (Charity Yabu, Nirande Primary School)

We have a supply of these boxes. If you, your church or school would like to turn one into a first-aid kit please contact the shop (01484 423453). Alternatively you could fill a shoe box or an empty biscuit tin.

First Aid items include:

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

**Thought provoking** - sent via an e-mail from Austria

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank or in your wallet and spare change in a dish ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

**NEWS FROM AFRICA**

**Sierra Leone**

A container funded by Lindley Evangelical Church was sent to Sierra Leone at the end of 2005 and its contents distributed during 2006.

Altogether 139 individuals and organisations benefited from the goods on this container; beneficiaries included were 4 hospitals & clinics, 24 schools (including Marampa Islamic Secondary School) and a large number of churches. The following are extracts from some of the letters of thanks.



Bethlehem Ministries Mission (House of Bread) we *“express our gratitude and appreciation to CART for the items shipped to the Coordinator of Orphans Outreach Evangelistic Ministry Freetown Sierra Leone. It is our privilege to assist in the distribution as well as to benefit ourselves. ... Two maternity delivery beds were given to two hospitals.”* OEM distributed items to 10 churches.

Calvary Charismatic Ministries, Freetown *“... thanks and appreciation for the gesture of love showed to us by giving us household accessories, clothing, water purifying kits, toys etc. We feel so proud and thankful to you for such gifts. May God richly bless you ..... Rev. Gerald Kester-Campbell.*

Lunsar Health Centre: *“I do hereby register our appreciation/ acknowledgement for the generous gift to our Health Centre which*



*came at a time when we were still looking out for helping hands after the unit was vandalised during the past rebel war. I once again say a big thank you for this important gift.”*



*“I wish to acknowledge receipt of an Examination bed and two boxes of Assorted First Aid Kits...These gifts are warmly appreciated.”*  
Insp. C.S.P. Mansaray, Admin. Officer Police Hospital Kingtom.

*“I write to acknowledge receipt of writing materials and text book....These will contribute to the educational development of the recipients. ... Principal, Prince of Wales Junior Secondary School.*

*“I deeply appreciate the effort of your organisation in giving us such learning materials. I pray God continues to bless you as the pupils access the knowledge in them”.* Principal, Marampa Islamic Secondary School.

*“I just want to thank you for the development of our villages. Now we know that we can compare our village with any other village in terms of schooling, learning materials and health provision.”*

Faradugu Koya Chiefdom Project.

**More e-mailed thoughts**

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can read this message you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Grateful thanks to  
Greenhead College for the  
reproduction of this newsletter.

Thank you for the donations of sanitary products for Zimbabwe. We will continue to collect these to send to Zimbabwe.

### Zimbabwe

From Bryony S Pichanick, Chairperson and Co-ordinator NORTHSIDE DESTITUTE CARE ~ Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2007

The year 2006 has seen hugely increased hardship and struggle, as inflation in the country has soared to be the highest in the world. Hunger is commonplace. Poverty has hit most families, and the effects are seen amongst the poorest of the poor whom we serve by loss of weight, worn and torn clothing, no shoes, and inadequate shelter. Children are no longer in school, as fees, uniforms and bus fares are not affordable. Unemployment is currently at 80%. People are desperate to work, but there is little available.

As DESTITUTE CARE ministry, we have continued to meet weekly with the 5 groups of people whom we reach. These people live in plastic and cardboard shelters, in the city dumps, open places of the city, and the large Destitute Holding Camps. We preach the Gospel to them and meet many different physical needs.

*A container arrives*



It is painful to witness the suffering of the people every week. DESTITUTE CARE has been able to give clothing items soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, blankets, shoes, sewing machines, sewing items, candles ..... a host of other items. We are able to do this due to the goods which we receive in containers from England, from OPERATION SUNSHINE and CHRISTIAN AFRICA RELIEF TRUST (CART). THANK YOU, CART and OS !!!!!!! These items are not affordable to those whom we serve. The most desperate also receive food on a weekly basis.

The goods given out in our meetings bring hope to many families, especially to those who have no means of support whatsoever. Although we do our best, it seems far from adequate.

*Receiving maize meal*



*Loading furniture etc. for rural schools*



We are grateful to TOBACCO SALES LIMITED, for the continued free use of their large warehouse, and to BAK STORAGE for free storage of our goods, and containers. IRVINE'S DAY OLD CHICKS has continued to provide invaluable subsidised transport, in a country where fuel cannot be easily found. We get tremendous co-operation from these companies, and their generous assistance over many years has been a blessing to hundreds of thousands.

*Building a Blair toilet*



The church has brought hope to many and will continue into next year the same. Thank you to all who support ..... We need your continued support into the New Year. We thank God for His very great provision for another year.

### A Borehole in India ~ February 2007

Thanks to a generous donation from Julie Woodhouse of Horbury Bridge CART has at last been able to respond to a long-standing request from Dr W.S. Vedha our consignee in Tamil Nadu, South India. After the devastation of the tsunami of 2004 and the monsoon floods of 2005

Dr Vedha appealed for funds to provide a borehole so the people in the affected area could have clean drinking water. Pictured are the pump house and the ten foot deep water tank which it serves.



**Zimbabwe ~ another annual report ~ NEW HOPE VILLAGES ~ Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2007**

The 2006 has been a very full year for New Hope Villages (NHV) 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, 120 kilometres east of Harare, 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.



In October of 2005, the Government allocated land to the Graduate Trainees of NHV. This was a tremendous milestone, as the families had been waiting for many years for their allocation. The year 2006 has seen the 6 families, who have been trained in Agricultural Self Sufficiency, given plots in the vicinity of the Training Village and fully resettled there. There was much joy over this event, as people finally saw their dreams realised. They have become landowners and homeowners in their own right for the first time in their lives. The years of living in plastic shelters in the open places are a thing of the past. Each family was given a two roomed brick house, a thatched brick kitchen, a Blair Toilet and a thatched bathroom. This was built for them by NHV to give them a good start in their new life of Self Sufficiency.

Each has 6 hectares of arable land, plus communal grazing rights. It is a joy to visit them and see the peace and contentment they now have and observe how enterprising they are as individuals starting a new life. They thank God continually for His bountiful provision for them when they had no hope.

We thank STANBIC BANK for supplying the borehole and hand pump for water for the resettled group. This water supplies 54 households and a school. We also thank IRVINE'S DAY OLD CHICKS for providing the essential transport to carry building materials for the houses for the new settlers. This has been a huge task. Also for regular transport of goods for the village and rural schools in the area.

At the same time the Training Village has maize, groundnuts, beans and other crops to be planted. Seven new families have already been moved on for their turn in Training in Agricultural Self Sufficiency. Everyone keeps chickens and learns how to harness oxen for ploughing. We maintain a herd of 20 cattle.

We continue supporting poor families and orphans in the area. Many thanks to OPERATION SUNSHINE and CHRISTIAN AFRICA RELIEF TRUST (CART) in England for the containers of clothing, seeds, tools, sewing machines, bicycles, furniture for schools and stationery, beds, clinical goods and so many other items. So many have been blessed with these and have a better lifestyle as a result. We continue to supply local clinics in the area with medical items from the containers. Thank you again for beautiful desks and chairs for the schools.

The Pre-school has had another successful year with up to 40 children attending at a time. The children are given a meal before going home, as many are poorly fed and rely on this meal. They are given clothes and shoes throughout the year. Beautiful toys come in the containers and we have also been able to help other Pre-schools in the area with toys and furniture.

The Village Church has continued to grow in attendances on Sundays. Thank you OS and CART for the chairs. We gave over 1000 children Christmas Packets and Shoeboxes.



It has been a hard year for the country, yet a very satisfying year for NEW HOPE VILLAGES. It has been a year of successful resettlement and training for the people, as well as spiritual growth for the churches. God's provision has always been there in a time of national shortages. We give thanks to God for His continued provision and protection for the year.

Thank you all our faithful supporters ..... together we are doing the work.

Bryony S Pichanik

*Church on Sunday*



**Richard Galliford** of Ghana Outlook, which works closely with CART, was awarded an **MBE** in the Queen's New Years honours list for the development work in Ghana with which he has been associated over a number of years. We at CART congratulate him on this well deserved recognition.



**Zambia ~ January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007**

The container finally arrived at 0800h this morning and what a delight it was to open it. The beds and lockers are wonderful and will go into our TB Ward which we are presently refurbishing, as well as going into some smaller wards in the main hospital. We are an 82 bed establishment. What was really good was that the mattresses came along with the beds. In the past we have had donations of beds but without mattresses (not from CART.) To use them meant using old mattresses until new ones could be afforded and transported from Lusaka 800km away!

The computers with some printers too are a wonderful addition for the school. We are only partially electrified but hope to do the whole school over the next year or 2. We have at present 10 donated computers but no printers which means I have to do much of the school's admin work.

The nappies too are a god-send not just for our babies but the bigger ones can be used for incontinent AIDS patients. We have also been looking after a new baby for the past two nights. The mother is very sick and there are no relatives near at hand so we have had the little soul sleeping between us. Unfortunately he only naps for three hours at a time. We have been using cloth nappies up till now and that took us back to our own children's time. It will be wonderful to get rid of the nappy bucket and use the disposables. Thankfully we did not have to bother with bottles with our children. What a palaver!

Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the container both financially and materially, to those who worked to fill it and to those who did all the paperwork and behind the scenes work. The materials you sent will be a blessing to many people and we thank you all for the work you do to the glory of our Lord and for extension of his kingdom here on earth and in particular in this remote and impoverished part of rural Zambia.

With every blessing .....Keith & Ida Waddell

**Brighthouse Gala**

CART has been present at this fun event for the last three years and raised much needed funds. In 2006 our "Teddy Tombola", bric-a-brac stall and a couple of games raised over £900.

The Gala is held on the last Saturday in June. Please come and support this real family event.

If you could help for an hour or 2 on **Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007** please ring Vanessa 01484 461800

*Donations for the tombola, produce stall (cakes, jams, biscuits, rhubarb etc), bric-a-brac, toys & books gratefully received.*



*Who will buy? .....*



**Who do I contact?**

**Shop:** Susan or Norma 01484 423453 (shop hours)

**Donations & Collections of furniture for the shop:**  
Susan 01484 423453

**Donation, Delivery & Collections of goods for Africa:**  
Vanessa 01484 461800

**Newsletter:** Irene 01484 318206

**Mailing list amendments:** Irene 01484 318206

**Computers:** Jeff 01484 658961 or Kirti 01484 534912  
or Robert 01484 307083

**Sponsorship (Liberia or Kenya) or Kenyan crafts:**  
Brigitte 01484 687353

**Sponsorship (Malawi):** Cynthia 01422 357739

**Talks &/or presentations on CART:**  
Vanessa 01484 461800

**Trustees:** 01484 461800

**Treasurer:** Alan 01484 865244

**Any other general enquiries:** Vanessa 01484 461800

If there is no one for you to speak to please leave a clear number and message – **we'll ring back.**