



# Newsletter

LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST UK

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## GOOD NEWS FROM

HOPE & AFRICA

In the Newsletter 4 last April we mentioned our very early contacts with Jenny Dick of HOPE Africa, which is a social responsibility initiative of the Diocese of Cape Town. The LTPT aim has been to inform Jenny about the work being undertaken in the Dalukhanyo Pre-School, largely voluntary and on a minimal budget.

Early this year, with Uluntu Africa involvement, Jenny has visited Dalukhanyo several times. Now we are delighted to report a major breakthrough.

In an e-mail dated 11 September, concerning the Extended Public Works Programme of the Department of Social Services in Western Cape Jenny wrote that: 'we managed to register staff members onto the EPWP programme ...and the staff have received their first stipend this week ..... and will be paid on month end'. Also she wrote: 'we might consider doing an appeal for the crèche in the near future'.



## HARVEST OF HOPE

Weekly 10 boxes of vegetables purchased by LTPT are delivered to Dalukhanyo Pre-School via this township micro-farm project. A recent e-mail thanked us for our 'wonderful and generous support' and indicating that through 'Abalimi's hands-on approach, at least three thousand families who live in poverty benefit from eating their home-grown produce'. Of course the families also benefit from the sale of their surplus produce.



*Caroline Lesiter and Joanna Bavaris, a German student undertaking her gap year working as a volunteer in the Harvest of Hope project*

## CARDIFF HALF MARATHON



Sam Pickles, running for LTPT, was one of 18000 runners on Saturday 14th October. To the strains of the Welsh National Anthem the run started on a fine, sunny day with many thousands of spectators along the course.

This was Sam's first marathon and his time was an excellent 1 hour 48 minutes - his next big challenge will be the London Marathon next April!

Friends and relatives have been very supportive and, with gift aid, to date £700 has been raised for Dalukhanyo Pre-School.

Thank you to all who supported Sam.

## SUBSCRIPTION DINNER AT ALBERTO'S

Twenty four people attended this dinner in Hemel Hempstead, including Councillor Mrs Penny Hearn, the Deputy Mayor of Dacorum, and Stephen, her husband. Later, following very encouraging words from the Deputy Mayor, an interesting and very moving account was read out from Alice Toft, about her several weeks of experience of helping the poor in Cape Town two years ago when she was eighteen. This was a very happy occasion, with tasty Italian food and good company and LTPT funds benefited to the tune of £223. Thank you to all who attended.



## VISIT REPORT AND AN EXCITING IDEA

We have just returned from SA where we spent six days in Cape Town. We were accompanied by two friends, Malcolm and Caroline Lesiter who will prepare a special Newsletter on our visit, as they saw it.

We went to the Pre-School and were given a marvellous reception by the children, dancing and singing. We were given 'thank you' cards, one of which we will use for a 2013 Christmas Card. We saw the upgraded kitchen, the small garden and the latest improvement, new mattresses and blankets for the children's sleep time, paid for by LTPT as previously reported.

We had asked Uluntu Africa to buy first aid supplies and new fire extinguishers and these were presented to the overwhelmed staff by Liesel and Louise from Uluntu.

Over lunch with others at the Eziko Training School we met Jenny Dick of Hope Africa, the Diocesan initiative. In terms of future prospects for LTPT support for pre-schooling in Langa.

LTPT Friends have enquired whether the Trust can and should do something to help other pre-school initiatives in Langa Township. It was interesting therefore over the Eziko lunch to learn about some Dalukhanyo developments which would fit into the wider aims of the Trust. What is envisaged is that, perhaps with an enlarged site, the current three single storey wooden buildings would be replaced with a sturdy two storey structure.

Whilst housing the current pre-school in better facilities, the new building would have the space to be an early years' centre for the community, with the brief to reach out to other pre-schools giving leadership and training.

This is an exciting project, which could only get off the ground with significant support from within Cape Town. It would need to be conceived and planned for carefully, and professional project management and financial control would be essential. If it is possible that these requirements could be met, LTPT would set about raising funds to cover, say, between a third and a half of the cost. A financial context is that a large new hospital in a nearby township cost Rand 6,000,000 ie just under £500,000, so we can deduce that a small early years centre would be much less. This may seem to be a dream-world project, but if the conditions are favourable in Cape Town it is perfectly feasible for LTPT to raise £30,000-50,000 over a two-year period.



*The children have produced 'thank you' cards, one of which we are planning to use as a basis for a Christmas card for 2013.*

*Liesel and Louise from Uluntu present fire extinguishers and a first aid kit supplied by LTPT to Yolisa the school administrator.*



The Next subscription dinner will be at the Saffron Restaurant, 7pm on Wednesday 12th December (NOT Sunday 9th!). An Indian meal will be prepared by our neighbour Ali Ullah. The price is £17 each, £5 of which will go to the Trust. Please quickly let us know if you can join us.

Later on, 20th February, there is to be a dinner at Restaurant 65 in the High Street in Hemel Hempstead, which will be attended by the Mayor of Dacorum, Councillor Bert Chapman and the Lady Mayoress. We are reserving the whole restaurant, and as there are only 26 places, please let us know provisionally if you wish to attend.



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