



ORPHAN CARE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER –APRIL 2009



Dear Sponsor

The Orphan Care Foundation enters its 12th month of “changing the future”. This is made possible with your help as sponsors and by others investing time and expertise into shaping the lives of children who would otherwise face a degrading existence without hope.

Highlights of April 2009:

The month of April was filled with great excitement as we discovered new opportunities to positively impact the community of Westlake:

- We handed out 200 Easter eggs to underprivileged children in crèches in Westlake.
- We had two very insightful meetings with “The Westlake United Church Trust” (WUCT) and “Badisa” - both are Christian NGO’s working in the Westlake. In future the Orphan Care foundation will support and work closely with them. They do amazing work under very difficult circumstances and are totally understaffed for the task.
- We are thankful for the help of two volunteers, namely a speech therapist and maths teacher who each see Bafana once a week to improve his English and maths skills.
- The dental care of 8 children has reached the halfway mark. We see lots of happy smiles and no more pain. Dr Everson is now officially a partner of the Orphan Care Foundation.
- We are extremely grateful for the amazing response and financial support we received after our

South Africa

currently has 1,500,000

Aids orphans and

will have 2,000,000 by 2010.

These are children who wake up hungry and desperate. When afraid, they have no arms to run into for protection. When hurt, there are no moms or dads to pick them up and dry their tears. Their lives are shaped by fear of the unknown and a desperate struggle for survival. They might never have the privilege of growing up in a home where they can think and play like a child. They must do without the loving care of a parent or someone to inspire and guide them; someone to help make their dreams come true; a house with food on the table and a fair opportunity to go to school.



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March newsletter.

- We have a new partner in the USA who has sponsored all the transport needs that were outstanding.
- We are also in contact with a person in Haiti who wants to start an Orphan Care program and contacted us for advice.
- We have started an awareness campaign for the Orphan Care Foundation on the new social media forum Twitter that is taking the world by storm. We have since received emails and followers of Orphan Care updates from a handful of influential people. Amongst these followers of Orphan Care Foundation on Twitter are "Joyce Mayer" and "John C Maxwell". You can also open a free account and follow the OCF at <http://twitter.com/OrphanCare>
- All our financial needs as set out in the past newsletters have now been met. This puts us in a position to take up our next major challenge in the Westlake community namely to search for partners to help us sponsor a Social worker dedicated to orphans and children in distress.
- The Westlake community consists of more than 6000 people living in a small, poverty-stricken neighbourhood, ironically in a very scenic wine-producing area of Cape Town. Those who are impacted most are children and the elderly. We find children living in the most horrendous circumstances, some locked up daily while parents go to work; - there are stories that can keep one awake for days.
- One of the keys to unlocking doors to assist these children would be the dedicated assistance of a full-time social worker. Badisa currently has a part-time social worker allocated to Westlake but this is inadequate, due to the size of the community. WUCT told us that a full-time social worker is urgently required to make a meaningful impact on the social needs of the community. They have an office available, but need funding for the salary of a social worker of R8000 per month.

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Kind regards

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