

ORPHAN CARE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2009



Dear Sponsor, supporter and friends

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Highlights of June 2009:

We now have 60 orphaned and vulnerable children in need of help for a better future.

June was filled with amazing support and encouragement from those of you who have newly joined and opened your hearts, finance, prayers and voluntary assistance to help meet the children's needs.

It is extremely uplifting to be a part of a growing family of people sharing the same vision. I salute you all! Your support from around the globe is a big encouragement. Thank you Michele Kim Carter and Megan Schiebe from Austin Texas USA for your support. This was indeed a month of breakthrough and growth.

The month started with distribution of winter clothes to 52 of the 60 children. Elwin Buchel (professional cinematographer) and Lorien Bolus (film editor) volunteered their services to the OCF to make a short promotional film of our work and challenges in Westlake. It was exciting for me to see the project from the start: The filming, the hard subsequent work, resulting in a punchy message created by a professional artist with a heart for children. The creative impact of powerful audio-visual effects neatly explains what our activities are really about. We now have our own little film to cry out for help on behalf of those with no voices! I will let you know as soon as we publish it on YouTube.

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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Pastor Lucinda Dooley of Hillsong Cape Town joined us on one of these township visits that lasted till evening. She is a brave mighty woman of God, showing no fear, and gained first-hand experience of the situation that these children face every day and their needs. An excerpt of this video clip was then shown at a Hillsong "day for women" to an audience of more than 2000. Lucinda made a request for assistance and 120 women pledged their support.

These women will be members of a team with a far bigger vision than just Westlake, a vision to trust God to guide us, to love, teach and impact more children, to help build a nation of God-loving boys and girls who would otherwise be a lost generation.

This response and support will now enable us to make a significant sustainable impact in the lives of those children. These are seeds of eternal value and will bear fruit of hope, dignity and love. We are in a process to co-ordinate these volunteers to make full use of their generous offer.

Our plan of action:

- To continue the identification and employment of a full time social worker. We have pledges of R5000 and need another R3000 per month sponsorship for a social worker salary. We have no fulltime staff. All helpers, including myself, do this work on a voluntary, uncompensated basis in our spare time. We need a full-time professional to look after the children's needs, and co-ordinate the services of volunteers for various activities.
- To get more understanding of each child's spiritual, emotional and physical needs.
- To implement a responsible, transparent, personalized process to connect sponsor funds with needs of children.
- To implement a child support program – where the children will participate in after-school activities in the community hall of WUCT in Westlake. At this point we will invite all those who have indicated willingness to help to volunteer specific activities that fit their expertise and talents.

We also need the voluntary assistance of a doctor and clinical psychologist to assist us by offering occasional consultations at their rooms to children in need of such services.

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- Winston Churchill -

Kind regards

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