

More 2 Life

More 2 Life 4 All is a UK registered charity, sponsoring charitable projects in Africa, which we believe will make a difference to the lives of people living in poverty, suffering from disabilities and illness and/or being without access to education. At More 2 Life, we focus on small, individual projects where we are able, in co-operation with local partners, to closely monitor the projects and, particularly, the spending of all contributions. We are not only about helping the poor, the sick, the uneducated, but also aspire to give the more fortunate an opportunity to make a difference.

Please join us on this journey and register as a member of More 2 Life (www.more-2-life.org.uk).

This will enable us to keep you informed on our Projects.

No contribution is required to register and your details will not be shared with any third party.



Packaged equipment, ready for shipment



Loading of equipment

New Project this Quarter: *REPLAY*

REPLAY

We are extremely excited to announce the launch of our new project, REPLAY. Every year hundreds of pieces of rehabilitation equipment and assistive devices in the UK are discarded before reaching the end of its useful life. Wheelchairs, specialised seats, standing frames and sleeping systems easily costing £2,000 a piece are often abandoned when outgrown or replaced with a newer model. REPLAY is a charitable project to “recycle” and distribute high quality functional equipment to less fortunate communities that would otherwise not have access to such equipment to meet medical needs.

REPLAY supports, through its relationship with other charities, the sourcing, cleaning, servicing, packaging and shipment of equipment to poorly resourced areas by donating equipment to established local charitable projects. Furthermore, we work closely with such local charities to ensure that the needs of each community are matched with the catalogue of equipment sourced and shipped. Accordingly, equipment is sent to skilled coordinators involved with hospitals, charities or schools who ensure appropriate allocation and application of each piece of equipment.

REPLAY is initially focussed on distributing children’s equipment to some of the poorest areas of Southern Africa. The local partner in South Africa for this project is Malamulele Onward (www.cpchildren.org), an established charity committed to providing specialized therapy and services to under-resourced areas of South Africa and other African countries where children severely disabled by cerebral palsy (CP) have little or no access to rehabilitation therapy.

What makes this project even more exciting is that we are able to satisfy the desperate needs of our own Masincedane home for medical equipment of this kind.

REPLAY aims to ship at least 2 containers annually. A 20 ft long container holding more than 100 pieces of equipment with replacement cost exceeding £100,000 can be shipped and delivered for less than £5,000. Having already secured enough equipment to fill a container, the first shipment is scheduled to leave the UK heading for South Africa at the end of April 2009 (subject to the availability of sufficient funds).

REPLAY project is managed and run by Ockie & Marizelle Raubenheimer and Lindi Dalton. Ockie has also joined More 2 Life as a Trustee.

We need 40 people to contribute £20 per month to ensure at least 2 shipments per year.



Nancy (right) with a helper at Masincedane



Priscilla (second from right), with visitors at her home for the HIV Orphans



Ivonne (right) shows the cooking facilities for the feeding scheme



Ockie and Vuyisile Msweli our local partner for the feeding scheme

Project Updates

Masincedane

Through the contributions by our members, we are able to pay basic salaries to all the workers at Masincedane and, accordingly, ensure the continued caring by these committed and loving women. We have also recently contributed funds to the purchase of more beds for the children.

Ockie Raubenheimer (new Trustee for REPLAY) recently had the privilege of visiting the Masincedane home. Ockie was amazed by the wonderful work being done by Nancy and her team of helpers to care for and improve the lives of the children in the home.

The need is still great and we are determined to increase our monthly contributions to support all the needs of this wonderful place of caring.

Home for HIV Orphans

We are thrilled that, Simamkele Maqazima, was "adopted" by a member of More 2 Life in January 2009. Through More 2 Life we are currently supporting 3 of the HIV orphans being cared for by Priscilla Ligwa. Priscilla is caring for 12 HIV orphans in her small 4 room house in Gugulethu.

Priscilla is in desperate financial need and we would very much like to support more of the children, as well as, offer her financial and physical help to do much needed renovations and refurbishment to her home.

Feeding Scheme

The Feeding Scheme, which was launched in 2008 on the back of a small monthly commitment of only £100 by More 2 Life, is running successfully, feeding the street children of Nyanga. Our local partner (Vuyisile Msweli, a volunteer worker associated with a charity group called, Mantombi Consulting), is doing wonderful work setting up the scheme and developing it into an "After School Club".

As part of this initiative, a Christmas Party was organised for all the street children of the area on 19 December 2008. The Platinum Brass Band played carols for the invitees. The party was attended by approximately 1,300 children accompanied by 200 adults. There were sweets, cakes, fruit and toys to share. A local farmer, Naas van der Merwe, and his family took it upon themselves to prepare presents for the children! This event was made possible through the joint efforts of the local community, charities and individuals. More 2 Life had the privilege of being part of this day as the main financial sponsor.

Despite the heartbreaking reality of not having enough to serve the needs of all the children, it was a wonderful and peaceful day, that made a difference to the lives of many children.

For more information on these Projects and the financial goals, please visit our website on www.more-2-life.org.uk.