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## NEWSLETTER JULY, 2007

Welcome all 800+ supporters now on board, thanks, largely to the Jeremy Kyle show on the 15th May. A BIG THANKYOU TO YOU JEREMY for the excellent job you did out there for us all. As a result, we now have so many more supporters willing to fundraise and help in any way they can to support the Home. We mustn't forget Caroline Goldsmith who initiated the project in the first place. Thank you Caroline. Joan is totally overwhelmed with it all and, as ever, is still putting all her life and energies into serving these children.

### Website

New Site currently under construction! We now have a young Kenyan IT expert who has offered to re-design and host our website. Please be patient with us while we go through this process. In the meantime, if people wish to contact us, use our e-mail address above or write to us at the PO Box (above). We can send you out donation/standing order forms, electronically, or through the post. Our thanks go to Jamie McDermid, a 16 year old, who helped us write the first website. He has moved on to pastures new, but we are grateful to him for initially putting us on the map.

You will also have noticed that we have changed our email address to above. With the overwhelming response we had after the JK show, we had to use a more flexible email address. If, by any chance we did not respond to you, please e-mail us on this new address as, in the transition some of the e-mails got lost. We apologise for this.

We now have Bronwyn May (Who has been a volunteer at the home in Mombasa) on board as a trustee and it is thanks to her that we have audited accounts: UK charity status: and now, Inland Revenue tax concession status. Michael, Susan and I are sharing the work load in order to raise the profile of our charity and to respond to all the hundreds of emails that, thankfully, are still coming in. We all work full-time, so we hope you will be patient with us if things take longer than expected. We also wish to thank Steven of "The Plus Group" for designing, printing and forwarding us thousands of flyers to use at our fund-raising events. Also thank you Alastair for the lovely logo.

**Great News!** "Tumaini - Home of Hope" now has U.K. CHARITY STATUS 119126. Plus has received U.K. Charitable status from the "Inland Revenue. "

### **What does this mean for Tumaini?**

This means that we are now entitled to a 28% tax reclaim from the Inland Revenue on every £1 that has been donated to us by UK taxpayers, in accordance with the Gift Aid Scheme. We can reclaim the tax on donations from 14th April, 2007.

### **What does this mean for you?**

Whenever you donate from now on, you will be asked to confirm whether or not you are a UK taxpayer by completing a gift aid declaration. During the next month we will be requesting you to complete and RETURN a **Gift Aid Declaration** for previous donations you have made and it would be great if you could comply with the letter's instructions.

*Please note that tax can only be reclaimed on donations made by individuals who pay UK income or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount reclaimed on their donations in the current tax year.*

*There are further benefits to higher-rate taxpayers. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can reclaim tax relief on your gross donation at 18% (e.g. the difference between the higher rate of tax at 30% and the basic rate at 22%). We do hope that you will all respond to this.*

### **Update on Home**

The foundations are now being laid for the school. The Italian Airlines are funding the initial part of this project.

### **The children.**

You will be pleased to hear that Hope is getting better and she is having physiotherapy for her limbs. There are 21 children now in the Home, including two sets of twins, and all are doing fine. Elizabeth, (so affectionate to all the crew) will now be having a hearing aid and some speech therapy, thanks to the generosity of donors. Steven will also be getting some smaller glasses! Meeshak is now walking. Joan phoned me the other day and has asked me to say a **VERY BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OF YOU IN THE UK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY**. It is this support, I believe, which sustains her when she gets home at night, tired, alone, and feeling the weight of responsibility for these children so heavy upon her.

### **Adoption:**

We get enquiries about adoption. A useful link is [www.dfes.gov.uk/intercountryadoption](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/intercountryadoption)

### **Process with Referrals**

Some people have asked about the process of taking in children at the Home. Joan tells me that it is a very lengthy procedure. There is a lot of bureaucracy which is very time-consuming. The Social Services or referral agencies have to get death certificates of closest relative (mother, uncle, grandmother, etc) to prove the children are orphaned. The children have to be tested for AIDS/HIV. Then there is the process of getting legal guardianship, as Tumaini will be their Home until they wish to leave in adulthood.

### **Visiting the Home**

Joan welcomes all visitors. Her address is **PO Box 10478, Mombasa, Kenya. Tel: 00254 (or, from UK +254 733736956)**. Joan has a friend with email access. His email address is: **crispintambwe@yahoo.com**.

**Directions to the Home:** The Home is situated in Bamburi, north of Mombasa town (about half an hour's drive from the airport). Look for signs for the Bamburi Cement Works, which is just off the main highway (Mombasa to Malindi/Kilifi road.) Turn left at this point and head towards the cement works. You will pass it on your left - a couple of miles on and a couple of roundabouts later; you will see a sign for the Home on the right hand side of the road. Go down this narrow track and you will hear the children laughing - follow these joyful sounds! **If anyone is going out there soon, please get in touch with us so that we can send out our business cards to give to Joan.**

### **Baggage Allowance:**

We get lots of enquires about getting extra baggage allowance so that tourists can take clothes, medication or toys, etc. directly out to the Home. Most airlines are compliant (not BA though) but would require some official documentation from us. You need to check their policy and apply well in advance. If they are willing, then email us and we will forward an appropriate letter to provide to the airline. Some people want to send something special out to the Home and often another tourist will take it (i.e. we have just put one supporter in touch with another to send Joan some ink cartridges and a mouse for her computer). I am hoping that this can be done through our website, through a chat room facility in the future.

## Voluntary Work

Many, many people are wishing to volunteer their time to help at the Home. There are two ways you can do this:

1) on an informal basis, by visiting the Home and helping out for an hour or two. You would need to check this with Joan and Elizabeth, the matron. People usually stay at one of the nearby hotels on the north coast and visit the Home bearing gifts as well!

2) On a more formal footing through an organisation called i-to-i. They operate from the UK. Their details are: [www.i-to-i.com](http://www.i-to-i.com) Tel: 0800 011 1156. Email address is: [info@i-to-i.com](mailto:info@i-to-i.com)

They are fully booked with volunteers for the next 18 months, but they offer other placements in the neighbourhood (equally fulfilling and worthwhile) and you can always visit Tumaini on your days off!

## Standing Orders and Donations

We have received about £10,000 in donations and standing orders amounting to several hundreds of pounds a year. This is a wonderful achievement, but as the Home is totally reliant on donations, we need to keep up the momentum. Could you be very careful when completing the Standing Order/Donation form. Often we only get half a bank address or no post code or a 'difficult to read' email address. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE DETAILS AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE**, so that we can write back to you to acknowledge your donation plus add your email/postal address to our database to forward you future newsletters. Thank you.

## FundRaising

We are hoping to get together a useful fundraising pack to support any events you are putting on. Some organisations will require us to send a 'permission to fundraise' document and we can do this for you in advance of your event. We have some beautiful flyers which we can send out to you. We would need your land address for us to send you a quantity. We are also designing a poster which you can use if you wish. Please keep us posted if you are thinking of putting on an event.

**WELL DONE** to **Sam Bird** who successfully completed her parachute jump and raised £835 for the Home. Well Done also the **Beaver Club**, raising £52 on their cake stall. Many people are doing a fantastic job. We acknowledge your hard work and want to support you at all times. Joan has a long wish list for items required for the Home. I have asked her to send me an up to date wish list which we can share with you when she has re-written it. As part of our requirement for the Charity Commission we are obliged to reconcile monies we send against items that are purchased (which include invoices/receipts from Mombasa).

## DVD of Jeremy Kyle Show

We have now received a copy of the DVD. If you would like a copy (must be for own personal use, say ITV), then please send us a small donation to cover cost of DVD plus postage plus something for the orphanage. £10.00 (or more if you want!). We will also need your land address. Also useful to have telephone number in case we need to get in touch with you.

## CD of photos

Again we can send you a CD with lots of photos of the children and the Home. Donations as well please. Thank you.

**A very big thank you to all of you who have supported Tumaini Children's Home. The children will grow up to be good ambassadors in the fight against discrimination and abuse inflicted on people who are HIV infected. These children have a chance and with your continued help, more children will find their way to the Home and be given the opportunity to change from sickness and trauma to joy and good health.**

**You only have to visit to know that IT WORKS. Best wishes, Mary Leadbetter: Michael O'Leary: Bronwyn May: Susan Filby – Trustees.**