



Mary & Hope

To all the friends and fundraisers of Tumaini Children's Home

Dear Everyone,

First of all welcome all new supporters. Many are people who hope to eventually visit the home; others have visited the Home recently and a few who will continue to support Tumaini Children's Home, while saving up for their next visit!!!

I was in Mombasa in January and am pleased to report that the Home is everything one would want it to be. As you walk down the little track to the gates of the Home, you can hear tinkling laughter and shrieks of joy. Never have I heard these children cry or quarrel. It is amazing. They share all the toys, sweets and popcorn and are so loving towards each other. It was awesome and very humbling.

The following is an extract of a report which Joan dictated to me prior to my departure at the end of January to all of you supporters:-

"Firstly a Happy New to you all. I do hope you enjoyed your Christmas festivities. We did here with the children. We now have 17 children. One of the children called "Hope" has been very sick and was a sick child when she came to us. We think her age is between 3 and 4 years. She looks anorexic. She is HIV Positive with a CD4 count of 300. She is on the anti-retroviral medication. The doctors at the hospital are calling her the 'miracle child'. The children are now doing fine. Those with low CD4 counts are on anti-retroviral medication and the children that have a higher CD4 count of 1000+ are growing fast and are looking very healthy.

The children attend school within the Home. We pay for a teacher in the mornings and another for the afternoons. The children are now learning fast - in Swahili and English. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the building of the new on-site school will start in the not too distant future. We are waiting for the return of **Captain Roberto** of the Italian Airlines (Who will be funding the project) to make his decision on whether to start the foundations and two classrooms. Drawings and registrations have all been passed.

We now start a new year which means we have been open now for one year. I hope we are going to be able to get the school under way and also the second storey of the Children's Home, so that we can then open the Home to the community for counselling and testing for the virus. The staff are doing tremendous work and when we have the visitors they are very impressed with what they see. They are amazed that the children are so healthy.

A VERY BIG THANKYOU ON BEHALF OF ME AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH TUMAINI CHILDRENS HOME.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

Yours very thankfully,

JOAN SMITH."



Joan & Children

I was pleased to meet several volunteers - many of them out there for several weeks. Joan deals with the organisation called i-to-i. Their website is www.i-to-i.com Email address in UK is: uk@i-to-i.com Phone no. is +448703332332. Their office is in Leeds and the person to speak to is a lady called Clare. The Mombasa contact is: Alice Wathika, email is: awathika@gmail.com. It is a wonderful way to spend some time visiting a new country as well as doing something really worthwhile.

The latest arrival at the Tumaini "Home of Hope" is Moses – pictured here:-

There are 17 children at the Home ranging from 12 months to 6 years. Many people ask what they can take to the children or the home when they visit, or just want to send presents. Lots of clothes can be cheaply purchased or made for the children using local labour and materials.



They like blowing bubbles, also popcorn, ice-cream, lollypops (you can get these at the local store out there). Posters for the walls would be nice - of animals, Disney, etc., Musical instruments, i.e. flutes: harmonica: keyboard, etc. Some tee shirts or shorts (about 6 boys around the age of 5). But basically Joan has said she needs cash to finish purchasing cots, bedding, and other necessary items. Soon there will be additional needs for equipment and stationery for the new school. When the school is completed the current classrooms are to be transformed into dormitories and the process of equipment and bedding starts all over again.

I have been asked to pass on full details of Tumaini Children's Home to the Hunter Foundation. Last year Tom Hunter (one of Scotland's richest) visited Africa with Bill Clinton and Jack McConnell. Ann Currie, one of our supporters, in Scotland, contacted them requesting their funding help. They are currently running support programmes in Rwanda and Malawi. I am waiting to hear back from them so keep your fingers crossed!

Ann has recently held a St Patrick's Night Dinner and a report and photos are again included in the later newsletter.

I have been informed of various fund-raising efforts and events taking place across the country. Well done! If you are holding any event that we can share with our supporters please E-Mail details to Michael. We may be able to help find sponsors!

It would be nice to have some report about these events, with a few photos as added bonus, which we could include in the next newsletters. I am having 1000 **Tumaini flyers** printed off; by kind donation of one our supporters – if you would like us to e-mail you a PDF copy please contact Michael. If you are running an event and would like some of the flyers or photos to support you, please phone or email me and I'll get them to you. Also please feel free to email me or Michael with stories and pictures, or accounts of your visit to the Home. This is what keeps it all alive in the grey days after the holiday and help Michael when editing the newsletter.

Please feel free to phone me if you have any queries or questions.

My telephone number is 01303 268350/07714064293. You can email me on mary@tumainihomeofhope.com or Michael on michael@tumainihomeofhope.com.

Many of our supporters are keen to show a DVD or a CD of photos when fund-raising or just to view themselves. We have a DVD which shows the Home as it was a year ago with the children dancing. This was done by a couple from Wales. We are compiling a CD of all the photographs collected by various visitors to the home and are about to have a DVD writer to copy the DVD. We can post these to you, but would ask for a donation. We would need your land address to send you either of these - E-Mail Michael.



Bronwyn has just visited the home and has a vast collection of 121 superb photographs that she has added to "Snapfish" website and will soon be added to www.tunmainihomeofhope.com for all of us to share. Anyone wanting the full details of the Snapfish site click the link below.

Bronwyn (Here with a smiling Hope) has written a short account of her visit which is Included in the later newsletter - With a couple more of her photos

<http://www1.snapfish.co.uk/share/p=512111173634297923/l=246895193/g=89759314/cobrandOid=1001171/otsc=SYE/otsi=SALB>

The most exciting news so far is that one of our supporters, Caroline Goldsmith from Norfolk, e-mailed the UK - ITV Daytime chat show presenter, Mr. Jeremy Kyle, details of TCH and Joan. Caroline had heard that Jeremy was doing a 10 minute slot on "Inspirational Women". When he heard about Joan and the work that is being done he said that it deserved the whole show-time on this project. As a result the ITV crew will be going out to Mombasa on 2nd April to film. The show will be going out later this year, so watch this space for the programme date. Isn't that wonderful? Hopefully this will enable us to expand our band of supporters who can donate on a monthly basis to keep the Home running.



I have had queries about adopting a child from the Home. I have one website which might be useful, although if you are interested then I can put you in touch with Joan's colleague and trustee, Mr. Ajit Bhogal who can pass on more detailed information. The website I have details of is:

www.dfes.gov.uk/intercountryadoption

Again it is a time for APPEAL!

It is so lovely to receive donations and standing orders and thank you all for your generosity. Don't forget we have a Standing Order/Donation form (one attached with this newsletter) that can be printed off from the website www.tumainihomeofhope.com giving details of our Post Office Box account. The form needs to be forwarded to "Tumaini - Home of Hope" PO Box No. 242, Hythe, Kent CT21 6WW. We then add our private bank details and send it to your bank.

All donations will be banked at the Lloyds Bank Hythe and sent over to the Tumaini Children's Home account in Mombasa when there are sufficient funds to justify the 'bank charges'! We need to keep a transparent audit trail and we also need to demonstrate to the Charity Commission that funds are coming in and going out on a regular basis."

Talking of websites, we are now in the process of updating this. Ivan, a member of the **Lauda Air** (Italian airline) staff has offered to host the web in the future and to create a global site - possibly also in other languages. My young neighbour who helped us set up the web originally, is in daily dialogue with Ivan and we wish to thank both of them for their hard work and creative abilities. **THANK YOU - JAMIE AND IVAN.**



Just to remind you all, that the **Lauda Air** is funding the initial building of the school across the road. I hear from Mr. Bhogal, Joan's colleague and fellow-trustee, that a contractor has been found and will be building 2 to 3 classrooms starting late March.

The latest news as we go to press is a report composed by Joan's colleague and fellow trustee, Mr. Ajit Bhogal. I think you will find this very interesting and it is copied below. Also he informs me that TCH has been short listed for registration by the Ministry for Child Welfare and Social Services. It shouldn't be long now before they are fully registered - then the floodgates will open!!! Mr. Bhogal will also be submitting an application to Global over the next few weeks.

TUMAINI CHILDREN'S HOME

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

A) Establishment

Tumaini Children's Home is Charitable Trust formed and run by Trustees and Volunteers – Well-wishers. It was conceived over 2 years back when one of the Trustees donated an acre of land (two adjoining plots). Through voluntary donations and fund raising, a permanent structure of 6500 squares feet covered area was built in about a year. The building has a capacity to accommodate 60-80 HIV/AIDS Orphans. It has a modern kitchen and a dinning hall. It has a modern laboratory, which has been partly equipped by donations and support from Saga Charitable Trust of UK.

Since at present the inmates number 18/19 we are using one of the two dormitories as classroom. The plans are in hand to build a school on the second plot. Some funds have been promised. The construction alone (covered area 7000 square feet) is estimated to £120,000/=. We need money for equipping and running the school as well.

B) Education Plans

The Children are being looked after by the qualified staff e.g. a matron, a nurse and mothers and their assistants. International Voluntary Organization (NGOs) are sending teachers, But once the school is built and children grow (now up to 5 years age), we will have in house facility to provide educational and technical skills to enable the children to settle in life. Some European families have shown interest in adopting the children.

C) Evaluation by Government of Kenya

The Provincial Medical Office has inspected the project. We are told by them that this is the best project they have visited in the country and will be integrated into national network in future. Trustees had meetings with the Provincial Children Welfare official as well. The department is processing documents. But with an estimate over **2 million** orphans in the country and Government is struggling to provide free Primary education, the task of caring HIV/AIDS orphans is horrendous. It needs International funding till the situation stabilizes.

Report BY AJIT BHOGAL

Thank you so much for all your donations and gifts. Your visits to the Home keep Joan going, really. She has made TCH her life and it is to her credit and those of her constant supporters that this Home has not only become a reality, but is indeed a MODEL OF EXCELLENCE for such Homes across Kenya. We should all be very proud to be a part of this.

Keep donating - the money is needed to complete building, maintenance and looking after the children. Thank you.

Mary Leadbetter: Michael O'Leary - March 07.



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Please complete form & send to:

"Tumaini - Home of Hope" PO Box 242, Hythe, Kent. CT21 6WW

We will add the bank details and post to your bank.

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Print Name: _____

Or to make a DONATION

To send a one-off donation, please make your cheque Payable to **"Tumaini - Home of Hope"** and send to: **"Tumaini - Home of Hope", PO Box 242, Hythe, Kent. CT21 6WW**

Any queries, please telephone Mary Leadbetter, on 01303 268350 / 07714064293.

Again,
THANKYOU

Please supply us with your name and address/email/phone number so that we can acknowledge and thank you for your donation and keep you informed of news of the Home.

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