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Summer 2017 Newsletter

REFLECTING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

We want to reflect back on what happened in the last 6 months with the help of our sponsors. We are also looking forward to a busy fall program that we hope will interest you and inspire you to join us in helping children in poverty.

SITE VISITS in SOUTH AFRICA

Gerhard and Estelle Reuter visit Slangspruit Primary School and Alexandra High

We joined Carolyn Burns on a visit to two schools in Pietermaritzburg that CHILD is involved with. Carolyn has facilitated many positive changes in the schools and we are so grateful to be able to partner with Ukulapha, the grassroots organization that she is leading.

On a regular school day CHILD supplements the starchy government lunches with beans (for protein) and vegetables. We were privileged to witness the end of the term special lunch at Slangspruit Primary School. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes receive a cup of milk each school day provided by CHILD. The added protein enhances their ability to learn. It was great to see that they were so eager to drink their milk up to the last drop. We met the vice principal, Mr. Dlamini, who was filled with thankfulness for the milk and food supplements and told us how it is improving the health of the children.

The laughter and joyful playing of the children was so refreshing; even though the playground is way too small for so many children; even though most live in impoverished homes; even though some kids have lost their parents to AIDS; even though many witness violence and abuse frequently; even though many experience hunger regularly. But it seems that on the playground most of the sadness is forgotten, life is fun, and time is spent with friends. The dedicated teachers see to it that children are nourished with love and respect, which is not an easy task in a school of 1000 children!



Visiting Scholarship Students at Alexandra High

We also met the five children that CHILD is sponsoring to attend Alexandra High School. They have graduated top of their class in Slangspruit Primary School. This high school provides excellent opportunities to develop leadership skills and receive a good education. The new principal, Ms. Pillay, and the staff, set high standards. We spent about an hour with Mr. Sha, the vice principal, who explained how the school is run. Then Siyande, Sam, Asande, Lulama and Nosipho each told us in impeccable English about their school and programs. They were enthusiastic and thankful that they are allowed to get a good education, even though they grew up in a slum. Their hard work pays off and shows in their good marks, as they are all in the top 20 percent of their class. Carolyn keeps them on their toes, makes sure they are adjusting well, working hard and staying accountable to their sponsors.

We came away feeling that what CHILD is doing, in partnership with Ukulapha, to support education and supplement nutrition, is very worthwhile and making a big difference in the lives of the children and the families. If the children are well nourished, they can concentrate on learning and be successful in their studies.



"Thank you so much for the milk"

movie clip

<https://youtu.be/m2mCByei8eg>

For more information about Ukulapha and its projects, please go to

<http://www.childsociety.org/south-africa.html>

NEW HAITI PROJECT TAKES OFF



Before and after Medical Mumba

CHILD's newest project helps severely malnourished children in Palto, a small village in Haiti, by providing protein in the form of medical peanut butter bars. The project is run by a nurse from Haiti Children's Home as well as local staff and a pastor. Take little Christine for example: Her mother could not provide the necessary quantity and quality of food. Her diet was so deficient in protein that her body swelled up. After 4 weeks on the Medical Mumba peanut butter bars, she lost the water and gained healthy weight, as seen in the picture above. It is hard to believe that it is the same child.

WELLS FOR INDIA



We are very grateful for some huge donations which made it possible to drill 5 wells this year in drought-stricken Andhra Pradesh, India. Fresh, clean and healthy water is a gift of life. CHILD has now provided a total of 28 wells. More information about Metropolitan Mission is found here.

<http://www.childsociety.org/metropolitan-mission.html>

PLANS FOR THE FALL

RIDE for REFUGE

30 September, 2017

Come and join us for the Ride for Refuge bicycle/walk fundraiser on September 30, at

This project was funded by the Ride for Refuge 2016, and by our Pi Day fundrasier and supplied about 1350 Medical Mumba bars, which supports 90 children for one year.

Some friends and neighbours gathered to celebrate **Pi Day** in the James' home in Edmonton. Donations of \$3.14 were made for a piece of pie, \$31.40 for a whole pie, and \$314 for the opportunity to pie one of the James' in the face. It was a fun and successful evening of sharing and friendships, while at the same time supporting the nutrition program for severely malnourished children in Haiti. Avalon School also held a Pi Day fundraiser and generously contributed to this project.

For more info about Haiti go to <http://www.childsociety.org/palto-nutrition-program.html>

Thank you to all the amazing donors!

Rundle Park. We will raise funds for nutritious food for the 250 underprivileged children living in Metropolitan Mission's children's home in India and for malnourished children in Haiti. The trails are beautiful. It is a family friendly ride/walk and all can participate.

For more information including how to sign up or sponsor a participant, go to rideforrefuge.org/charity/childfoundation

Annual Fundraising Dinner Save the Date! 5 November, 2017



Join us for a delicious meal at **Narayanni's Restaurant**. Among other things, we are fundraising for a much needed bus to transport children from the villages to the school at Metropolitan Mission, India. A new English Immersion program has increased enrollment.



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