

Autumn Newsletter 2024

Another year has passed, where does time go?

While we have not returned for a visit this year we have remained very much in touch with our partners and the vital work that they are doing in supporting vulnerable children. The situation in South Africa remains difficult, this year was an election year and, for the first time, the ANC lost overall control and are now sharing power with the DA. Corruption continues to be a major problem along with Electricity cuts and unemployment which is above 30%. However we have continued to support a number of projects, increasing our donations, incorporating new organisations, and increasing our food programmes in the rural area

We have just concluded another year. Income in 2023/24 was £41388, less than the previous year when we had a legacy from a long-term supporter. We however made grants of £43884 continuing our policy of not holding reserves. Thanks to the generosity of our trustees Expenses were zero. This year is our 20th anniversary having first registered in 2004 and we have raised more than £890,000 during that time. We could have not done it without your support, thank you.

Rehoboth Children's Village Following the government commitment into getting more children back into families, the village is no longer a home for life but a short-term care facility. As a sponsored child leaves the village sponsors are invited to sponsor a house rather than a child. The village continues to be a warm loving home to 75 children. Our donations totaled £17200 .**Christmas Present Fund** Many of you very kindly give to our Christmas Present fund at this time of year. Should you wish to make a donation, please be aware that all donations are pooled together and transferred to Rehoboth where they are used to provide all the children in the village with presents and parties at Christmas.

Outreach into the Community

Our Outreach/Further Education & Leaver Support fund has supported an increasing number of projects with our partners. We have increased our support for feeding programmes in the community helping to combat rural poverty due to high unemployment and the legacy of Apartheid which is all to evident.

Education & Training. £6,200 in grants for further education were made both to young adults leaving care and training grants for rural crèche development with Greensparks Education who are now part of Genesis Trust, Norwegian Settlers Church outreach arm,

Leaver Support. Leaving the village and into the outside world is not only a strange environment but a challenging one. Finding place to live and a job, has for some has proved difficult. We have been able to support a number with grants for training, rent for rooms, and in one case building a room in Grannies garden. £2125 has been provided to support leavers this year.

Feeding Programmes. Providing grants for feeding programmes has increased as the economic situation has declined , Khula Crèche received £3583 and now feeding 400 children twice a week, Genesis Safe Place £3000 who have placed shipping containers in the community which provide shelter from domestic abuse and after school clubs with meals provided, Vredenburg Church Kingdom Kids project £2000, and Give a Child a Family, £500.

Cornerstone Learning Centre a school for children with learning difficulties has opened it Skills centre following our donation of £5000 for Cornerstone to open a Skills Centre for their older children. We continue to provide a full bursary for a child place at this amazing school, there is no state provision for these special children.

Our Website has more detail of our partners and the support we are providing.
www.hopesachildren.org.uk

Should you wish to support our Outreach projects, our Bank Account details are. **HFSAC. Sort Code 53 50 46 Account No 55512194, Ref Outreach.**
The Trustees thank you for your continuing support for HFSAC. It is greatly appreciated.

David.