



NEWS LETTER FROM ANDY GROOME

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“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.”
Psalms chapter 82 verse 3 (NIV)

JAZZ EVENING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

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WELCOME TO OUR COMING MEETINGS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER at LUTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, CNR CASTLE & HIBBERT ST, LUTON, BEDS, LU1 3AL.

OR

TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER at WOODHALL FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DATCHET CLOSE, ARKLEY ROAD, WOODHALL FARM, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS. HP2 7JX.

NEXT YEAR FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 5th MAY 2009 at LUTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

OR

THURSDAY 14th MAY 2009 at WOODHALL FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ALL MEETINGS 7:30 - 9:30.

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Dear Friends,

Another trip, another news letter and much to talk about. First of all we want to thank all of you who are joining us in fund raising in all sorts of ways, like sponsored hair and beard shave, sponsored slimming, sponsored school activities and many other efforts. Also to all of you who are very much alongside us with ‘Outreach Across Africa’, giving your time and skills. Thank you.

I’ve just returned from South Africa, which has proved to be very fruitful. I spent time with Anointed Voice Of Africa Church (A.V.O.A.C), Timothy Mission to African Townships (T.M.A.T) and have made some new contacts, maybe for the future.

Fence project brings great hope for the future

Late in 2007 on my last trip I met a neighbour of Eric Ntshangase, a recently widowed young lady with four children and her Mother-in-law. My visit came just after the burial of her husband. Their little mud house stands on the edge of the village of Ntanzi and it is very apparent that they had very little. I promised nothing and they thought it was solely a friendly visit. On my return to England the 11 to 14 year olds at Luton Christian Fellowship started to raise funds to supply a good quality fence so the family could grow food without the fear of animals eating the crops. I visited the family towards the end of this visit when we told them we were going to fence 20 meters x



30 meters for planting food. We also supplied seed potatoes for them to plant. The family were very surprised; they were so happy and grateful to all who had given. So a big thank you to the 11 to 14's who raised the majority of the £240. This also gave a week's employment to a neighbour, (who put up the fence), in an area where paid employment is rare.

Two visits to friends in the village

We visited Mrs Maxhakana and her family to see how her shop business is progressing. You may remember last year we bought £200 worth of stock to start a shop. Life has been difficult and business is slow and in its early stages we are planning a new schedule of help to monitor and assess weak points of why the business is slow. This is typical of how difficult life can be.

We also visited Nomolizo's family. The roof of the mud hut where she died has completely collapsed, they are all now in the house that we built in 2005. The family is still very poor so we spent £26 on foodstuffs like flour, ground maize, seed potatoes to grow and much more. They were very grateful to all of us.

Good times with Clive, Zoliswa and family on T.M.A.T project

I spent a lot of time with Clive & Zoliswa (who belong to T.M.A.T). As many of you know, they are in the early stages of starting a children's village in a rural area that has been devastated by HIV/AIDS



thus creating a huge number of orphans. Although the building project is slow in starting, things are looking very good in the foundational work they are carrying out in the village. They are teaching life skills to groups of up to 20 orphans, for instance how to grow food and keep gardens so they can provide the right nutrition and look after themselves. Also they are helping people infected with HIV gain access to treatment without which, in time they would die. All the time working with community health workers, making good friends and integrating into the community. I was involved with them on their visits to

the village and was very impressed with the work they are doing. We continue to give 60% of our funds raised to T.M.A.T.

Church/Community building project

We are very pleased with how this project is moving forward (although slow), we have had the drawings drafted by a professional draftsman in South Africa. This will clearly show people who are giving, what they are getting for their money. The next step is to now assess costs for this project.

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A big thanks to all of you who helped with this event on June 14th, many of you gave your time and used your skills to make this such a successful evening, and thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. We hope you had a great time with your friends whilst listening to two fantastic bands and of course who could forget the fund raising game that kept us all in suspense. In all, the evening raised £1800. Your support was really appreciated, well done to you all.

God Bless from Andy Groome