



Friends of Double Joy



Double Joy Children's Farm is a home and school for orphaned children in Kenya

SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

A message from Jenni Stephenson, Chair of Trustees.

Welcome to the summer Newsletter. I hope you will find it interesting and informative. Trustees of the charity met recently and were pleased to appoint Stephen Dealler as a new member of the Board. Stephen replaces Wendy Pattinson, who has moved to Wales. We recorded our grateful thanks to Wendy for all her hard work, and look forward to welcoming Stephen at our next meeting.

Trustees are immensely grateful to all of you, the supporters of Double Joy. Without your help the children could not enjoy the security and education which will fit them for independent lives.

Since the plight of 7 local elderly people was explained at Christmas 2008, many of you have donated extra to help Mary Hinde meet their needs by converting an old office into an accommodation block. Whereas previously we were unable to spend FoDJ money on the older people, **we are pleased to announce that donations originally made directly to Mary can now go to FoDJ. Please assign standing orders to Friends of Double Joy instead of Mary and complete Gift Aid forms if you're a tax payer.**

Trustees emphasize that; while the core function of Double Joy remains to provide for the children, we also recognize that some of the elderly people from this community have real needs too, and, after we consulted our supporters, the Charity Commission have advised us on incorporating a small group of elderly people into our charitable objectives. **Please keep up the good work, and if you have any fundraising suggestions do let us know via the editor. Thank you all again for your generosity**

Investing in our young people

Double Joy currently has 90 children on the compound and 7 young people it is supporting at Secondary school and 13 at Polytechnic. Polytechnic courses include carpentry, metal work, welding, garment making, mechanics, catering, hairdressing and electronics. Double Joy is also supporting three young people in Higher Education., one at Catholic Seminary, one at University studying Economics and one at University studying Clinical Medicine. We see the support you give to Double Joy as not just charity but as an investment in the lives of these dynamic and talented young people who will not only now survive to become adults but will become a blessing to their community.

Breaking News Envoy visit

As Mary Hinde feels unable to visit the UK herself she is funding Rose Beatrice Juma as an envoy of Double Joy to meet UK donors and others to publicise the project for the children & elderly people. Rose Beatrice will be meeting friends and donors in Sheffield, St Albans and Lancaster this August.

Poem by Samuel Lusi Onginga age 12 years

If you want to win friends
Make it a point to remember them
If you remember my name
You pay me a subtle compliment
You indicate that I have an impression on you
Remember my name
And you add to my feeling of importance

News from Double Joy

I visited Double Joy between 26 April and 5th May, arriving during the children's Easter break, so the atmosphere was relaxed. The day was taken up with the children doing chores in the morning, which included planting grass on the playing field, and tending their vegetable plots. Afternoon was devoted to play, ball games being the most popular, but chess, draughts and other games were also played.

There was rain nearly every day, so the crops were growing and the landscape looked green and fresh. Everyone was hoping and praying for a good harvest, after two years of bad harvests.

I interacted a little with the aged residents, who seemed contented and well looked after. I met their Board of Management and a lady called Concetia, a board member concerned about the future leadership of Double Joy. This is an issue which FoDJ and Double Joy trustees, Board of Management, staff and Mary are working towards addressing.

It was good to spend time with my Mother, Mary, as I hadn't seen her for 3 years. She was in good health. We visited Ndere Island, Lake Victoria, where plans to develop tourism should create jobs.

I accompanied students returning to Secondary School/Polytechnic and viewed buildings and met other students who seemed happy to return to study after Easter break. **Susan Hilliard**

Susan Hilliard is FoDJ's new treasurer, please send all future donations to her at:

40 Downside Close, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7SD Tel (01258) 454415

Pen Pals

Many of you have been writing and receiving letters from children at Double Joy coordinated by Ruth Adhiambo. This provides a lively link between children and adults in UK and Double Joy. Please be patient as letters can take a while to arrive. If you'd like to write please contact Ruth Odhiambo direct at: Double Joy, PO Box 435, BONDO 40601, Kenya



Fundraising News

Many fundraising events for FoDJ have added much needed extra funds to support the children at Double Joy orphanage and the 7 older folks living in the nearby Residence for the Elderly.

Special thanks to Peter Morton who presented **Geoff Chaucer Junior's Random History of Rock'n'Roll in Middle English** which was a hoot. Look out for this at the Edinburgh 'Fringe'.

Also to Hannah and Martin for a very successful evening at the Borough Lancaster in January (£1,000+) while other varied and wonderful fundraising ideas kept rolling in, including Liz McBarnett's sponsored tandem parachute 'Jump for Double Joy' on 1 May 2010 raising over £600 using **Everyclick** website to publicise her leap and keep tally of money raised, many donors choosing Gift Aid (28% for each £1).

On January 9th, 50+ people heard Haydn's String Quartet opus 77 no.1 in G beautifully played and complemented by the acoustics of Priory Church Lancaster, followed by a lovely 50 minute rendition of Mozart's Gran Partita K361 by a 13 piece ensemble including clarinet, oboe, French horn, violin, double bass and flugelhorn. Thanks everyone who braved near arctic conditions to witness this lovely event and especially the musicians who gave time and energy in a memorable performance raising over £200.

David and Martin, 2 friends from Birmingham visiting Double Joy in July, raised £300 by cycling Hadrian's Wall (circa 100 miles) on 28 May. Visit Everyclick, nominate Friends of Double Joy to receive ongoing donations via their 'Give as You Live' programme.

Standing Order Thanks!

A big thank you to all of you who have started standing orders recently, and to those of you who have stuck with us, with your regular donations. We can't thank you enough for these essential ongoing funds.

Poem by Jared Ouma Jomo age 10 years

AIDS! AIDS! Who are you?

Are you a bird?

Are you an insect?

Are you a big squary animal?

What do you want from us?

AIDS OH AIDS! Leave us alone

AIDS! AIDS! Who are you?

Do you have ears and hear us cry?

Do you have a head or a heart?

Where are you coming from?

What colour are you?

AIDS OH AIDS! Leave us alone.

Cheques made payable to 'Friends of Double Joy' should be sent to;-

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