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Embiveni Foundation Projects



Ms. Nombulelo Mhlanga, SMI-Embiveni Development Officer, at Nkonjane Primary School

The SCT has delivered assistance from the Embiveni Foundation to communities throughout the Kingdom. The foundation has paid for new classroom furniture at Elulakeni in the dry Low Veldt (Shishelweni), new toilets at Madzanga High School in the dry Middle Veldt (Hhohho), new shoes and socks at Nkonjane Primary School and school buildings at Matsanjeni High School, both in the dry Low Veldt (Lubombo). Embiveni Foundation is a collaboration between Swaziland Meat Industries (SMI) and the Norwegian Independent Meat and Poultry Association.

Community Projects



Ezulwini NCP with its new roof.

Ezulwini NCP

The Swaziland Charitable Trust supports community-based organisations. These include Neighbourhood Care Points (NCPs) which are operated jointly by the Community Authorities and the All Out Africa Foundation. They ensure that orphaned and vulnerable children between the ages of 3 and 6 are provided with a good pre-school education.

At the NCPs, the children are provided with meals and taught basic skills by volunteers and members of the local community. The Ezulwini NCP had its roof re-thatched.

All to Christ Youth Mission



This project for unemployed school leavers in the Ebuswini community was granted land by the chief. Fenced by the SCT, avocado trees have been planted and project members are now preparing a vegetable garden and raising poultry and pigs.

Mr. Future Shabangu, the All to Christ Youth Mission Coordinator, next to the fenced avocado tree enclosure.

Improving Lives Cooperative Society

The cooperative based at Nginamadvolo (between Maguga Dam and Piggs Peak) received aid for a water pump and a tank for their vegetable garden project. The garden is next to a stream making it possible to store water.

Improving Lives Cooperative Society Secretary, Mr. Musa Mkhontfo standing next to the water tank.



School Kitchen Renovation

The kitchen at St. Benedict's Primary School in Hluthi, Shiselweni, was so dilapidated that the school cook, Mrs. Nzima, prepared meals outside. When approached for help to build a new kitchen, the SCT sought expert advice. As a result, rather than building a new kitchen, it was renovated, allowing food to be stored and cooked safely inside.

Consumer Science Projects

Home Economics (now called Consumer Science) teaches skills for living.

Lasi High School

Based in Lubombo Region, Lasi received one electric and four gas stoves.

Mphetse Primary School

The SCT purchased 40 chairs for Mphetse Primary School in Malkerns (Manzini Region). Not only have students been relieved of the burden of carrying chairs to and from class but they also have chairs that are of the required height.

Mphetse Primary School Consumer Science students on their new chairs



Poultry Projects

Elwandle RC Primary School

The head teacher, Mrs Mamba, always comes up with new ideas to overcome the challenges facing her school. With the backing of the School Committee, the poultry project has been expanded; the proceeds will pay for school-based pupil counselling. This is one of several projects that the school plans to undertake, not only to feed the children in times of food shortages but also to instil in them a culture of self-reliance.

Mrs. Busisiwe Mamba, Elwandle Head Teacher inspecting the chicks at Elwandle Primary School



Mr. William Fulton's Visits



From left: Senator Rowan Howe UK Trustee and Local Board Director; Phindile Ndabandaba, SCT Manager; Charles Gilbert, UK Trustee and Local Chairman; Sister Elsa, Hope House Director; and Mr. W. Fulton, Mango Tree Orphan Support Programme.

remote areas give children an equal chance of achieving their ambitions. I also liked the fact that nearly all the head teachers we met were charismatic leaders, who will ensure that whatever resources are given to them will be used well.”

Early in 2017, we were fortunate to be visited by Mr. William Fulton, Vice President of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and founder of the Mango Tree Orphan Support Programme which operates in Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania.

After his visit to Swaziland, Mr. Fulton sent the following:

“Every charity is trying to obtain the greatest impact from their donation income on the ground. I was really impressed with the choice of projects, which the SCT is or has supported. I greatly approved of the funding of teachers' housing in remote schools, as this is a sure way of ensuring that these schools will be able to recruit and retain good teachers. Good schools in these

Trust news

Toby Tennant



Toby Tennant has resigned as a trustee after many years of service. His support for the work of the charity has been unfailing and very generous. He will be much missed and is owed a huge THANK YOU from all of us on the two boards.

Toby Tennant at the 2010 centenary celebrations in Swaziland

Robert Loder CBE



Robert Loder CBE

The Trust has lost one of its founders. Robert Loder died last year and is much missed by everyone associated with the charity. He and Rowan Howe changed the work of the charity from what was a farming enterprise to what it does today. A regular traveller to Africa, Robert was often able to visit Swaziland and see the progress being made with various projects. After his retirement from the board in 2013, he continued taking a close interest in the SCT. He will be remembered as an outstanding chairman and inspirational figure. It was right that his funeral ended with a rendition of the African anthem Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica.

How to donate

To make a donation, send a cheque or visit www.theBigGive.org.uk and search for orphan support in Swaziland.

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