

Welcome News



from South Africa

November 2015

Very soon I shall be leaving for South Africa to stay at the convent for Christmas. I am very much looking forward to my time with the Sisters and with the children, who are getting very excited about the concerts and nativity plays they are either taking part in or going to watch. When I arrive, I am told we shall put up the Christmas tree. I know that little hands will want to help, so am expecting a fair bit of chaos! You will not be surprised to learn that I am paying for extra baggage on the plane....so many family and friends have given me things to take. You have turned me into Mother Christmas and I am truly appreciative. Five little people will be overjoyed – that is for sure.

My last newsletter in May, announced the forthcoming fundraising tea to be held in my garden in August. I am so happy to report on the result of that event. You will recall that our weather in August was none too kind BUT on Sunday 16 August we were blessed with sunshine and warmth. Over 100 people came and enjoyed the tea and the entertainment – and each other's company. After we had taken down the tents and cleared away, we counted the donations, did the sums and the profit was **£2,050**. Mother Zelma could barely speak – she was so amazed and happy! She was not alone – Winifred, Andrew, Julie – the Future Bright Trustees - and I were all thrilled. We all send our sincere thanks to everyone who came; who donated cakes and who worked with us to set up and take down. Such generosity is very special and certainly not taken for granted.



Mother Zelma and me greeting our guests



Tim Laycock- our entertainer - singing to a full garden!

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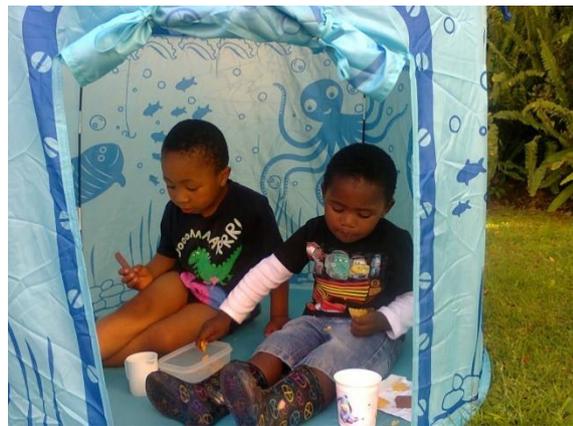
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Let me assure you that the money you have helped to raise is already making and will continue to ensure a real difference for the 5 children in the care of Mother Zelma and her Sisters. Every two months we send money to the convent to refund all their educational expenditure for that period.

So what news of the children? PHELISA will be starting a new school in January. She will go to the School of the Good Shepherd, which is one of the schools I teach at when I'm in Grahamstown. It is a big move for a 9 year old who struggles with her learning, but she will continue to have extra lessons 3 afternoons a week that are funded by Future Bright Trust. EMMY who is now 6 has done very well at pre-school but will not be able to transfer to a Reception class because she is deemed too young. Her teachers understand that she needs to be stretched – she is a bright little girl. PHELO – the BIG BOY, aged 4, is doing well at pre-school and loves nothing better than to help with the gardening at home. ONELANI – who thinks he is the Big Boy, aged 2, goes from strength to strength and discovers new words every day. The Sisters marvel at where and how he learns them! INAM – who is now 22 months, just follows her big brother but ably makes her own wishes known.



These are tents I bought in Dorchester and sent back with Mother Zelma. Girls and boys territories! Future Bright Trust on line - Since May we have signed up with an on line giving platform give.net through a Christian organisation called Stewardship. It has very low charges which therefore allows Future Bright Trust to get more of every on line donation). It took a bit of organising, but I am very happy with how it is working. To save even more expenditure, we have piggy - backed it on to my personal website www.suehennessy.co.uk Please do take a look.

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I am sending this on behalf of all the Trustees, who wish to join me in thanking you for your support and generosity towards these children during the first year of Future Bright Trust. We wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

At her special request, I leave the last words to Mother Zelma: Superior, Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Grahamstown, South Africa;

On behalf of my Community including our children - Phelisa, Emilhe, Phelo, Onelani and little Inam, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the friends who are so generous in giving to our children. Thank you so much in your giving for their future. Your help will give them the opportunity to be good citizens and honest role models for our country. We pray they will be the Nelson Mandelas and Desmond Tutus in future times. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas with lots of joys and laughter. God bless you all.

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