

Welcome
News



From South Africa

Afternoon Tea - For a second year running we were blessed with beautiful weather for this important fundraising event. As Mother Zelma and I greeted everyone we agreed it was a miracle! Just over 100 people settled themselves in the garden of Paddock House to enjoy their tea and delicious cakes. The theme of a Summer Afternoon in Dorset was developed by our entertainers; Christine Prideaux and Pete Metcalf who well captured the essence of our lovely county in their poems and songs and made us laugh – a lot!

Many people helped to make this a happy and successful occasion and they will be as delighted as the Trustees are with the result. The profit from the event was £2,511.14 – a superb result! However, the news gets even better because a further £1,000 was added thanks to the efforts of Juliet Dodarell who looks after our account at Barclays Bank. She generously volunteered to help us for the whole day and thanks to the Match Giving Scheme at Barclays, the Bank enhanced our takings so that the final result was £3,511.14.

I hardly know where to start thanking everyone for what they did to make this possible. All of you please accept sincere thanks and do be confident that the money will be well spent in the coming year on educating the 5 children in Mother Zelma's care.



News of the Children - who unsurprisingly are growing very fast. They are thriving with the love and

care of the Sisters but also the opportunities they are being given thanks to the support from Future Bright Trust.

Phelisa is now aged 10. She is a bright and alert child but struggles with her school work so has a classroom assistant whose specific responsibility it is to help and support her. She also receives support from an experienced special educational needs teacher. Future Bright Trust funds both these costs. Without doubt these interventions have made a real difference and we must hope that she is able to make up for her early lost years.

Emmy is now aged 7. She will move to primary school in January. She has been accepted by the school which was Mother Zelma's first choice for her. It is an excellent school and given how sharp her mind is, there is little doubt how well she will do there. She is still doing well with her music and ballet classes.

Phelo is now aged 5. He attends the same pre-school as last year and has grown tremendously in confidence. His latest interest is the garden at the convent and he loves nothing more than to help Bonny, who does the garden for the Sisters, when he comes home from school.

Onelani is now aged 3. He attends another pre-school and his teacher says that his English skills are extraordinary. They are! This confident little man is one to watch. His latest trick was to give the sign of peace to completely unknown people while in the supermarket with one of the Sisters...

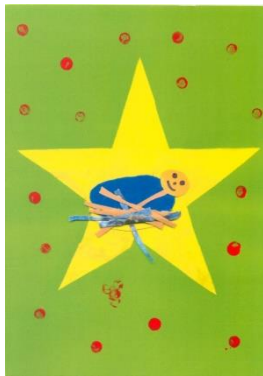
Inam is now aged 2. She is the baby of the family but not in her mind – she has a strong will and when she says no she means no! She attends the same pre-school as Onelani. The funny thing is she comes home filthy dirty from playing and he as clean as he left home.

All the children are now receiving swimming lessons – paid for by Future Bright Trust. This vital skill – which could of course save their lives one day – could never be afforded by the Sisters, so it is wonderful that all of you are making it possible.



Christmas Cards – these are a very special edition! They were designed and made by the 5 children (and one by Sister Carol because we needed to have 6 designs). Then they were printed in the UK ready to be sold at the Afternoon Tea. The profit is all for Future Bright Trust so we would love to sell every single packet. They come in packs of 12 cards – 2 of each design. The quality is very good and the colours are quite stunning. Price is £5 per pack.

Please contact Sue Hennessy by email – hello@suehennessy.co.uk to arrange purchase. If the cards are to be posted she will request a donation to cover the costs of P&P.



Inam's Card



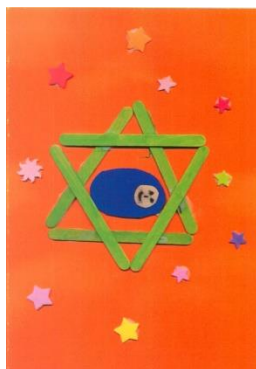
Onelani's Card



Emmy's Card



Phelo's Card



Phelisa's Card



**Sister Carol's
Card**

Looking Ahead – the first thing on Sue's horizon is her next visit to South Africa in October. She will be staying with the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord for 7 weeks. Her main task on this visit is a writing one - to update and arrange for the printing of a booklet on the history of the Community. Of course, this will be alongside lots of children time!!

For Trustee Andrew Fort and his wife Chris there is planning and training for a sponsored cycle ride in support of Future Bright Trust next summer. Yes...these brave people are going to cycle from Lands End to John O' Groats. Thank you Andrew and Chris, this is a wonderful gesture of support and who knows – where you lead others may follow!

Date for your Diary – is 1 July 2017. This is the date for our next fundraising event at Paddock House, Piddlehinton.

We shall be swapping the theme from England to South Africa. It is an early evening event in the garden....something of a "Sundowner" we think. More information nearer the time but please save the date.

Lastly... and with great feeling, thanks for all that you have done and continue to do to help Future Bright Trust with educating these 5 children. It is good work and will make a difference long into the future.

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