

Welcome News



from South Africa December

2020

HOW ARE OUR CHILDREN COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC?

Since our last newsletter when South Africa was in Lockdown and all the children were at home, they have returned to school part time. As you might imagine, there was great joy in meeting up with their friends again. There is no doubt that they were getting a bit weary of their brothers and sisters! Not really sure how full the school reports will be for this year, but we have already heard that each one will progress to the next Grade when the new school year starts in January.

Fortunately the convent has a large garden so they have been able to play outdoors as much as possible but inevitably there has been a lot of TV viewing to keep them occupied – that and games on their tablets. These are a lifesaver for her, according to Mother Zelma, because when they are playing she gets perfect peace. Mind you, fearing digital addiction, she rations them to one afternoon a week!

Have you heard about JERUSALEMA? It is a dance challenge that has gone viral in Africa and many other parts of the world. Our children just love it and perform it very well. They are very keen to teach their Aunty Sue when eventually she gets to see them again. I'm not sure if I look forward to that or dread it! If you Google "Jerusalem" you will find some wonderful videos of many different groups – all ages and all over the world. The music is very compelling. Without bias, I think the Africans do it the best.

FUNDRAISING

This has been a terrible year for all charitable fundraising so we are all the more grateful for your continuing support. Many donations were sent after we had to cancel the summer event on 27 June; more people decided to make regular donations and so Future Bright Trust – thanks to all of you – is weathering the storm. A claim for Gift Aid to HMRC brought in just over £1,000 – a wonderful boost to the funds. It is absolutely vital not to be complacent so here is a quick reminder about:

Notebooks – beautiful gifts for Christmas which our children were involved in designing. Please order from www.futurebrighttrust.org.uk Also on Etsy - www.etsy.com/uk/shop/FutureBrightTrust

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<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/future-bright-trust>. Also at smile.amazon.co.uk – the same principle and just as easy.

2021 EVENT – we just do not know if it will be possible to gather at Paddock House next year but it is so important to travel hopefully, isn't it? Please put **SATURDAY 3 JULY** in your diaries and **HOPE...**

WHEREVER DID THE LAST 7 YEARS GO?

It was 7 years ago that I set out to do voluntary work in South Africa. Little did I know that I would still be involved after all this time. When you look at these pictures it is easy to understand why...

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Mother Zelma has asked that we send her Christmas greetings and blessings to you all together with her thanks for all the support you have given to her family of 5 children. She is forever grateful – indeed overwhelmed by your generosity.

Those same greetings and thanks come to you from Sue, Andrew, Shelley and Rebecca – Trustees of Future Bright Trust. We wish you as much happiness as is possible at the end of this year that has been so challenging and often painful for us. Let us hope that we can all come together gain in 2021.

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