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TiC Trustee Running Shakespeare Marathon

Iain Forbes, a TiC Trustee will be running the Shakespeare Marathon in Stratford-upon-Avon on April 27, less well known than the London marathon but just as long!

Iain has been training hard over the last four months having, to deal with many elements - rain, snow, blisters and stiff legs.

If you would like to support Iain, please send a cheque to 'Trust in Children' (36 West Square, SE11 4SP) and write 'marathon run' on the back of the cheque.

Alternatively, you can pledge a donation via email:
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One year on from TiC's launch

It's hard to believe that it is already a year on from TiC's successful re-launch in April 2007. Since the celebration, TiC and its' members have been getting involved in TiC's exciting new membership scheme 'Pick up a Piece', where members are able to get actively involved by putting forward charities or causes they would like to see supported.

Throughout 2008 TiC is looking to support more charities and fund a number of new projects.

Caring for the Congolese Children

In TiC's Christmas 2007 newsletter we reported on member Jocelyn Hargie's 'Pick up a Piece' suggestion of assisting children in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Thanks to Jocelyn, in 2008 TiC is helping forty disadvantaged Congolese children attend school by supporting charity Caring for the Congolese. It was intended that the children would start school in January 2008, but due to health complications including malnutrition, they needed intensive medical treatment beforehand. In March, all forty began studying. Many are orphans who have witnessed countless atrocities – thanks to your support, for the first time in their lives they have the chance to be children.

"TiC has changed the lives of these children – they now have hope and the promise of a better future" – Jocelyn Hargie.



Children TiC is supporting from Caring for Congolese Children

Do you have a project you would like us to support?

Get involved in 'Pick up a Piece' today and help make a real difference to a child's life. Contact us with information on a charity or cause you would like us to support and we will see if it fits into the TiC jigsaw of projects, you can find out more at: www.trustinchildren.org

The story of Emily Guardado

Through a tin door in a back street of central Piura live the Guardado family. There are two bedrooms with one bed in each for all twelve of them; a kitchen with no table, chairs, or stove. Every morning the children go out to collect firewood so their mother can cook.

Emily is the youngest Guardado child and has just turned four years old. She and the family are supported by Project Piura. When asked whether she would like to go to school, she was incredibly excited and danced in a circle! In March of this year, she started school for the first time and is studying in a day school with her sisters Michelle and Jesus.



TiC Event – ‘When I grow up’

TiC trustees are busy planning an art event in late 2008. The theme for this event will be ‘when I grow up’. Children from TiC-funded projects are creating artwork, which will be displayed at the event. Coordinators from each of our projects are presently working with the children to help them create art.

We are looking for London-based artists to get involved and help organise our event. If you are an artist or know someone who might like to get involved please email us at: info@trustinchildren.org

TiC Turkey

Our TiC Turkey Christmas appeal 2007 was a great success. From the donations received we were able to send educational gifts to our projects in Peru and Malawi, including books to Kapanda school’s new library and encyclopedias to the families in Peru. The Scouts also made cards and bought gifts for the children in the DRC.

Update on Projects

Piura

In the Flores family, Ivan is almost seventeen and is hoping to go to university. Three years ago he was found sleeping on the streets at 4am with the local drug dealers. He and his younger siblings have all stopped begging. Ivan’s mother, in tears, asked me to thank all TiC supporters on her behalf – *“It is as if an angel appeared to me when I was most in need; my children would have no hope of a future without TiC.”*

Thanks to TiC, nine Guardado children have been in school since 2006 and two have succeeded in getting part-time work in a restaurant. The Guardados use to eat soup once a day, they now have three meals a day and the children do not beg on the street at night.

TiC has a new volunteer coordinator working in Piura, Peru. Edgar’s role is to liaise with the schools to ensure the children are studying and getting the necessary support they need to excel.

Firefly Bosnia Youth Volunteering Project

Firefly Bosnia is working with youth volunteers to encourage reconciliation and communication among young people living in Brčko through educational and recreational initiatives. In the mid 90’s Brčko was virtually destroyed in the war. Although Bosnia has now been largely rebuilt, it is still a country struggling with the after-effects of war.

For six months TiC has been fully funding Firefly’s Youth Volunteering project. The scheme has helped 14 – 18 year olds to set up and run five youth-run own projects. These workshops help teenagers obtain new skills, from learning basic sound engineering to producing ‘photo-news’ sheets which are displayed at the youth centre with the latest world and local news. The projects have been very successful and are important steps in bringing the community together.

Ripple Africa

Funds provided by TiC have been put towards building a secondary classroom at Kapanda Community Day Secondary School. Work has been progressing well and the first double classroom has now been completed and recently opened for lessons. Ripple Africa currently sponsors 40 students to attend secondary schools in the area; this new facility will provide a much needed opportunity for all local children.



Firefly Bosnia Youth Volunteering Project



First completed classroom, Kapanda Community Day Secondary School

From all of us at TiC: thank you for your support; without this we would not be able to continue our work in Connecting Children to Chances