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December 2008 Newsletter

OVERVIEW

2008 has been a busy and successful year for TiC. TiC now supports projects in Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Peru, Bosnia, the Philippines and the UK. TiC has given grants to six small educationally focused charities whilst continuing to run its own project in Peru. The trustees have worked hard to create a five year strategy, a host of policies and to streamline internal procedures. Many applications for funding have been submitted to the Board from worthy causes and the trustees have been challenged to decide which to support. TiC continues to run due to the hard work and dedication of its board of trustees - it has no paid staff. Being a trustee is very rewarding. Please contact us if you are interested in joining the board.



TiC NEW YEAR MEAL 20th JANUARY 2009

We are having a New Year get together on 20th January 2009 at 'Tas', 33 The Cut, London SE1 8LF from 7.30pm. It would be great to see as many members as possible - please do come along and celebrate the new year with us. Please RSVP to info@trustinchildren.org by Friday 9th January if you can make it. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members of TiC and give us any suggestions for Pick Up a Piece.



UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Ripple Africa

TiC gave a second grant to Ripple Africa in October 2008. The grant will fund school desks for the secondary school in Kapanda, Malawi. It is a very important development as it will enable a maximum of two children to share a desk - at present, most are studying on the floor.



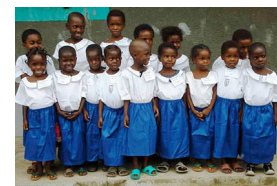
Project Piura

Project Piura is now in its third year as TiC continues to support twelve children from three large families in Piura to go to school. The Guardado family Benjy, Darrio and Daniel have now reached seventeen, eighteen and nineteen and have left school to work in Lima, which is a positive step as they are the first family members to get away from street working and into full-time jobs. TiC continues to support their seven siblings in education, along with the children from the two other 'Project Piura' families by paying for school uniforms, stationary and enrollment fees. TiC volunteer co-ordinator Edgar regularly visits the children in their homes and at school.



Caring for Congolese Children

In November 2008 TiC gave a further grant to continue the amazing work of enabling forty orphaned children in the Democratic Republic of Congo to attend school. With the crisis in the DRC continuing to deepen, it is more crucial than ever to give these children the opportunity to access education and be part of a stable, nurturing environment.



Firefly Bosnia

During summer 2008, TiC helped to fund workshops in three areas - dance, Spanish and sound engineering. Firefly's goal is to bring young people of different ethnicities and backgrounds in Brcko together to share their skills and experiences. Firefly staff informed TiC that the young people are making good progress in developing their confidence and skills.



PICK UP A PIECE

Pick Up A Piece has become a huge success with all currently supported projects coming to the attention of TiC via the scheme. Hannah most recently Picked Up A Piece by talking to trustees Leonora and Narelle about a project running in Wawa, a deprived rural village in the Philippines. If you would like to Pick Up A Piece, TiC would love to hear from you with suggestions of projects TiC could



support! If you have a suggestion, please contact us with the details of the project you would like to support along

with a grants application form (www.trustinchildren.org/projects) and email us at info@trustinchildren.org

TRUSTEE NEWS

After being with TiC for nearly two years, trustee Narelle stepped down in November as she will soon be returning to New Zealand. Narelle has made a fantastic contribution to TiC with her enthusiasm, hard work and dedication. She will be greatly missed but we all wish her well in New Zealand.

We are extremely lucky to have two wonderful new trustees joining the board - Sian and Kim who joined TiC in September.



TiC Turkey

TiC Turkey 2008 will support a single father in East London who tragically lost his wife and belongings this year. TiC's grant will buy Christmas presents for the children, including books and toys which aid development.

TiC will also be giving educational gifts to its currently supported children worldwide.



UPDATE ON PROJECTS (continued)



John Lyall

In December 2008 Hannah successfully Picked Up A Piece and brought the John Lyall charity to the attention of TiC. The charity was set up in memory of John Lyall, who tirelessly helped street children in the Philippines, especially around the rural village of Wawa. Sadly, John died of Multiple Sclerosis in 1996 and the charity was set up in memory of him. TiC is funding literacy and numeracy classes (one for young children and one for older children/young adults). Passing the exam at the end of the course qualifies the learner to be able to re-enter the formal education system, as well as providing those who do not wish to do this with essential life skills.



CAROL SINGING AT LONDON WATERLOO STATION 9th DECEMBER 2008



A huge thanks to the fabulous LUU A Cappella Singers for wowing commuters at London Waterloo station with their stunning renditions of traditional Christmas carols and jazzy songs. The singers not only gave up an entire afternoon to travel down to Leeds to support TiC, but also helped raise an impressive £250. They were joined by TiC trustees and friends. Many thanks to all.

The LUU A Cappella Singers can be contacted at leedsacappella@hotmail.co.uk and seen in various clips at www.youtube.com.



SPONSORSHIP BY ALLEYN'S SCHOOL DULWICH

TiC is very proud to have been chosen by Spurgeon's house at Alleyn's School Dulwich to be their house charity for the academic year 2008-9. Pupils in Spurgeons will be doing a variety of fundraising activities during the year for TiC, and have already raised £200 at their autumn cake sale. Trustees Helen, Leonora, Sian and Kim are old Alleynians. TiC looks forward to working with the school during the remainder of the academic year, and would like to thank Spurgeons for choosing TiC as the house charity.



THE TRUSTEES OF TiC THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2009

