

Aurora Africa Trust

Beyond Poverty Relief ... to empowerment for Development

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WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth edition of Aurora Africa Trust newsletter!

As the end of the year is upon us Aurora Africa Trust wishes all our supporters and readers a very **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year 2010**.

In this edition, we update you with our fundraising drive; find out what's next; meet some of our supporters and learn how you can get involved.

WHERE WE ARE AT

Our supporters and readers of this newsletters will remember that all of Aurora Africa Trust effort for this year is focussed on reaching the target of £26,100.00; which is the sum of money required for the first three - fully built and equipped classrooms we plan to erect for phase one of the school project.

At the time of these writings we can announce that the total amount of money raised so far is **£22, 923.96**.

We are still in deficit with a shortfall of **£3,176.04**, but with your **donation we can make it!**

Please help as best as you can!

To support us by making a donation, please get in touch at contact@auroratrust.org

If you are a UK taxpayer, make your donation go further by using the "Gift Aid" scheme. All you need to do is to fill in a Gift Aid form (we will provide) with your name and address and we will do the rest.

This will allow us to claim at least 28% of your gift at no cost to you.

THANKS

Although we are still short from our target, we nevertheless take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us so far, specially the **Dawley Baptist Church - DBC** who have delivered on their commitment to sponsor the funding of one classroom. They have accomplished this by way of a monthly donation for the last two years. A big thank you!

DBC has set a good foundation for another organisation to step in and finish off the work.

RICK MAKES IT TO THE FINISHING LINE

In our previous edition we announced that Rick Eveleigh would take part in the British 10k London Run 2009 to raise funds for the Aurora school project. Well, the event took place on Sunday 12th July 2009 and Rick was there at the finishing line.



Rick is an experienced runner; he has done many races to raise money for various causes, including five London Marathons. Rick says: *“Here’s a pic of me putting in a big finish. While it’s not the same level of effort as the Marathon, I really appreciated running it for Aurora. I finished in 51:20 which was OK given that there were no split times on the course and half of the km markers were absent! I must find my watch!!!”*

We are pleased to announce that in completing the race he raised £275. Well done Rick and thank you very much for your support for Aurora.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT AURORA BY ORGANISING OR TAKING PART IN AN EVENT, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT contact@auroratrust.org

WHAT'S NEXT?

We believe the time has come to give you heads-up on where we go from here with the school project after the first phase of the fund raising campaign.

We are excited by the prospect of seeing our vision becoming reality and starting to provide opportunities for younger generations of Angolan kids to get proper education that many of their elders were denied by the four-decade long war.

Details on the next steps are found in our business plan (copy available on demand), but here is a summary of the first phase:

1. *Provided that the funds required for the first phase of the project are secured building work will start in earnest.*

We plan to start the building work in the summer of 2010, which corresponds with the dry season in Angola; by then travelling by road in the countryside will be less difficult, as the picture below from our first visit shows. A delegation from Aurora is expected to travel there to commence the work.



Travelling by road in the interior of Angola



Younger generations of Angolan kids

2. Given that the school year in Angola starts in January, it is expected to have the school infrastructure and personnel ready before the start of the following year.

As announced in our previous newsletters, on this project we will be working in collaboration with the Baptist Mission in Kibokolo, Northern Angola, where the school will be located. As the local partner it will be for them to provide the manpower and other logistic arrangements for the building phase, as well as working on the day-to-day running of the school once started. As the external partner Aurora Africa Trust will concentrate in overseeing, guiding, auditing and fund raising.

Both partners will maintain contact at all stages of the project and follow up onsite visits for information and inspection will be scheduled in the future.

MEET OUR SUPPORTERS

We are continuing our series introducing people, just like you, who graciously lend their support to our project. This time we will take you to meet the Eveleighs for whom supporting the Angola School Project has become a family affair (see article on Rick's run above).

Rick and Sam live in Buckinghamshire and used to attend Westbourne Park Baptist Church where they got married in 1995. It was there that they met Enes and Vicky and through them came to know about the need for education for Angolan deprived youngsters.

This is what they had to say when asked why they support Aurora:

“We are blessed, with our three children, to live in the beautiful Chilterns and spend lots of time outside. We love the nature that we are surrounded by and we see Woodpeckers, Badgers, Deer and Red Kites in the garden.”



The Eveleigh family: Sam & Rick with Daniel, Miranda & Adam

“We are very aware of those who are less fortunate than us and supporting The Aurora Africa Trust is a family activity. It is a great opportunity for the children to get involved and our eldest son is sending half of his pocket money to Aurora. ”

“We are fortunate to have excellent schools which our children enjoy near to where we live. Education is a wonderful gift and it is a privilege to be able to support Aurora as they help to provide education to young people in Angola. We look forward to seeing the project develop and flourish and maybe hope to visit it one day!”

BECOMING A TRUSTEE OF AURORA

If you can why not become a trustee of Aurora?

The trustees are people who have responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity. If you would like to know more about this please request our leaflet “Becoming a trustee of Aurora Africa Trust” or go to www.auroratrust.org

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