

# Aurora Africa Trust

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*Beyond Poverty Relief... to Empowerment for Development*

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## NEWSLETTER No 6 – August 2011

### WELCOME

Welcome to the sixth edition of Aurora Africa Trust newsletter!

In this issue, among other things we update you on our fundraising drive; tell you about Aurora's exhibition at the Baptist Assembly; give you a pictorial view of the school project catchment area and inform you on our visit to Oldfield Free Church (Baptist).

### AURORA EXHIBIT AT THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY 2011

Two months ago Aurora had the opportunity to present its work to a larger audience exhibiting at the Baptist Assembly. This event took place in Blackpool during the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.



Aurora stall with leaflets on the wall



Vicky's turn at the stall

We kept a small stall (2x2m) where we exposed Aurora's leaflets and copies of our newsletters. It was amazing to see people whom we handed out these materials feeding us back about what they read in our newsletters.

This meeting was a great opportunity to talk to people about the need of education for the disadvantaged Angolan kids and the power that ordinary people in this country and around the world have to change that.

We also made contact with potential organisations that can support our work and learnt from this experience as well as from other exhibitors on how to take out our message to the wider community.

## WHERE WE ARE AT

Our fund raising drive continues, but before delving into the numbers we would like to thank all our supporters for their commitment to the Angola School project. Thanks to their generosity we have covered a lot of ground.

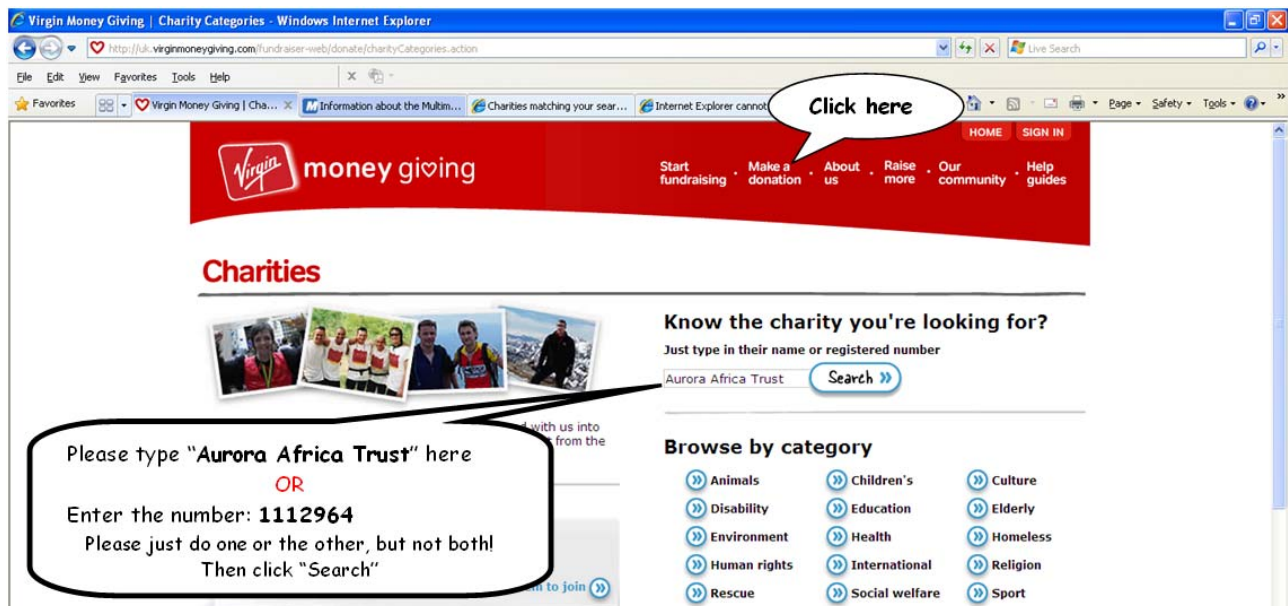
At present we have raised £31,000.00, just a little shy of reaching one third of our grand total of £107,000.00 required to have the school built and ready for lessons.

Sure, there is still a long way to go, but we trust that we will make it, because as we found at the Baptist Assembly, there are people out there who care.

## Donate through our “Virgin Money Giving” Account

In the past, people have told us that it is much easier for them to donate online. Well, this is now possible with our Virgin Money Giving account.

All you need to do is to click the “**Donate**” button on our website “[www.auroratrust.org](http://www.auroratrust.org)” or go to the “Virgin Money Giving” website and click the “Make a donation” link, as shown below. This will lead you to the main page where you should enter “**Aurora Africa Trust**”, as indicated.



At the next page you will find our charity on top of the list with the logo clearly marked. Please click on the “Make a donation” button and complete the rest of your good deed.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please make your donation go further with “Gift Aid” by selecting this option. This will allow us to claim at least 25% of your gift at no cost to you.

## Stewardship Service

We also have an account with Stewardship for those who would prefer to donate this way.



## **SCHOOL PROJECT CATCHMENT AREA**

Readers of our newsletters would certainly know that the school we plan to establish will be located in a rural area in Northern Angola. Here we give you a pictorial feel of the region, its people, opportunities and challenges.



Young carers. Kibokolo District



Test of nerves. Beu district

You cannot miss to notice the people's resourcefulness, hospitality and joy.



Hunting crickets. Sakandika district



Welcome. Kidia village, Beu district

Children are the greatest resource in the region that needs harnessing.



Keen boys. Kuilu Futa district



Diumba village, Kuilu Futa district

## **OLDFIELD FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)**

Last year Aurora was invited at Oldfield Free Church (Baptist) in Greenford near London, to talk about the Angola School Project. It was a great occasion to explain our vision and passion for the deprived Angolan youngsters.

However, as the saying goes “It is a small world!”, after the service while we were chatting with the members of the congregation, a man confessed that in the past (1980’s) he took part in the Angolan conflict as a pilot supplying arms to one faction; fact that he regrets, but as a soldier at the time he was forced to do it. He was glad that the war has ended and encouraged by Aurora’s work.



Simão, Martin, Enes and Panzo



Sunday Service at Oldfield Baptist

Oldfield Free Church is a small size congregation with an oversize generosity. They confirmed it with a donation of £443.20 for which we are very thankful. Panzo Abilio, secretary of Aurora’s Board of Trustees is a member of Oldfield.

## **OBITUARY - Margaret Grenfell**

It was sad to lose our devoted supporter Margaret Grenfell, a.k.a. “Nkaka” meaning grandma, whom we featured in issue 4 of this newsletter. Margaret died on 20 April 2011 at the ripe age of 106! Our hearts go out to her family.

## **BECOMING A TRUSTEE OF AURORA**

If you can, why not become a trustee of Aurora?

The trustees are people who have the 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](http://www.auroratrust.org)

## **AURORA TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Here is the team that serves you at Aurora:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Enes M. Mayele</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Panzo Abílio</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Alex Coakley</b>
<b>Communication Officer:</b>	<b>Santos Bunga</b>
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Rev. Steve Latham</b>