



THE CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PETER HEWITT CARE FOR AFRICA FOUNDATION OCTOBER 2010

INTRODUCTION

The Peter Hewitt Care for Africa Foundation (CfA) has continued to develop and progress with solid grounding throughout the 2009/10 fiscal year. Fundraising has been crucial to the projects as have the donations from organizations and individuals. The establishment of Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Tax through International Rotary has been a worthwhile and important achievement as well as the identification of CfA's projects for the community of Tarime.

OVERVIEW

The organization has had continued support from the committee, volunteers, students and the wider community. Achievements include a successful fundraising year, the assistance of a medical doctor and her husband in Tarime for 3 three months, dispatch and safe return of a 13 member team to the Tarime community, arrival and distribution of two containers to Tarime, selection of land for the planned Resource Centre, the establishment of a data base for the mobile health clinic, and the introduction and commencement of the "teach the teacher" program. The water well, mobile health clinic, education and resource centre projects continue to progress. The close affiliation CfA has with The Tarime Goodwill Foundation enables the smooth running of the programs in Tarime.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Container Project

The container program remains an integral part of CfA's purpose as it provides our many supporters the opportunity to donate and outcomes. Tangible aid motivates the students and the Launceston community and underpins the philanthropic aims of the organization. This, and the transparency of our work, is reinforced when presentations organized by myself and others, show how the arrival of containers to Tarime along with the distribution



of items to both young and old, bring both excitement and relief to the students and community. Exposure through supportive newspaper articles and thank you letters with accompanying photographs, strengthen this connection to our fundraisers, donors and supporters.

Items included in the containers are divided into categories:

Educational

- * much needed boxes of second-hand and new educational and reference books,
- * stationery (pencils, pens, rulers, rubbers, exercise books)
- * back packs and pencil bags filled with exercise books and pencils
- * whiteboards, blackboards
- * computers, typewriters, tape recorders, tapes
- * teacher's boxes (teaching aids)
- * educational games
- * science and math's equipment
- * sport uniforms, equipment, balls
- * bookshelves, school chairs, desks
- * a photocopier

Medical

- * staff uniforms
- * wheelchairs, walking sticks
- * hospital beds, mattresses, linen
- * surgical instruments
- * dressing materials
- * sterile gloves, syringes, intravenous lines
- * medical books

Community

- * items of clothing for all age groups
- * 1000 pair of new Bata school shoes
- * bicycles
- * knitted blankets and jumpers (orphans)
- * family health bags (towel, soap toiletries)

Volunteer items

- * tents
- * mattresses
- * linen

Tony Seymour has donated warehouse facilities in The Old Wool Store, Merino St Kings Meadows. This space will be invaluable to the container project. CfA is now able to sort, store and pack from the one location

Water Wells

CfA installed its first water well in the Surubu Community, which has a population of approximately 3,600. Initially, the well was continually useless with a never ending saga of breaking “O” rings on the plunger assembly. This issue was eventually rectified in July 2010 by Stanley Mining Company when it was established that the water pipe was sitting on the ground of the artesian basin, which caused granules of sand to be drawn up into the system which split the “O” rings.

Discussion took place regarding installation of water wells to four outer communities (Kitere, Mtana, Biswari, and Kongo). These communities in dire need of safe clean water and the constant occurrence of water borne disease reinforces the urgency for this. A meeting took place with the Tarime Town Planner and Water Engineer to identify water needs for the above communities and plans for installation were discussed. Despite financial constraints, the well program continues but progression will be slow.



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Mobile Health Clinic

The Tarime District, comprising approximately 330,000 people has only 3 qualified doctors. The need to provide professional health support in the outlying communities is overwhelming.

The school of nursing from The Tasmanian University, under the guidance of Dr Michelle Woods has continued its input into this project.

Two students designed and created five posters, showing the needs of the communities in Tarime.

The establishment of a patient data base with supporting management and treatment plans from CfA's 6 adopted communities has been a necessary accomplishment for the team.

Education

Much has been achieved during the past 12 months in this area. With careful planning prior to the teams Tarime visit, specific educational resources were purchased with a view to “teach the teacher” programs. The working format met with great success, with personalized learning being given to and practiced by 253 teachers in and around Tarime. These sessions were very well received. Their success was directly a result of the earlier planning. Had the sessions not



been ‘hands on’ with teachers using equipment previously only seen in books, the high standard and understanding would certainly not have been achieved.

Having spent much time in discussion with teachers from 12 schools the way forward became clear. Much hard work lies ahead for CfA in this important area both in the purchase/collection of very necessary equipment and in the sharing of sound educational practice.



The Tarime Goodwill Foundation is currently building a secondary school in Tarime. The school is situated in the village of Magena, five kilometers from the Tarime township. The school will provide education for fee paying children as well as for non-fee paying poor and orphaned children. CfA has offered support to the school by providing vital educational aids from our container project. CfA will continue to support the school by providing appropriate teachers when available, as well as further educational resources.

Volunteers working in Tarime

Tarime has seen a steady stream of visiting volunteers from Tasmania.

The volunteers pay their own airfares and living expenses whilst working in Tarime. Dr Winani has maintained his generosity by allowing the volunteers to stay in his daughter’s house. This accommodation is however not satisfactory or possible in the long term.

September-December Trip

Volunteers:

- Dr Maggie Phelan (Pediatric Registrar)
- Chris Mortimer (Horticulturalist)

1. Treated and managed in patients and out patients at (Tarime Goodwill Foundation Hospital) TGWFH.
2. Maggie mentored and acted as preceptor for 3 new Medical Assistants at TGWFH



3. Maggie organized and paid for four year old Raphael Matiko to have bilateral talipes and flexor contractures at the knees, which allowed him to walk. Raphael had only crawled and had not yet been to school due to his condition.

4. Chris Mortimer spent much of his time helping with the preparations for the construction of TGWF Secondary School,

5. Water well: much time was spent sorting out the never ending saga of the Surubu water well pump. Chris was able to get the well working intermittently.

June/July Trip

Volunteers:

- Allison Bassano (Teacher)
- Wendy Dalton (Educational Assistant)
- Laura Grant (Registered Nurse)
- Jane Burbury (Registered Nurse)
- Emily Burbury (Registered Nurse)
- Alisha Butterworth (Registered Nurse)
- Jack Richardson (School Leaver)
- Harry Morrison (School Leaver)
- Nicholas Sproal (School Leaver)
- Catherine Jolly (Hydrologist)
- Rohan Brown (Builder)
- Diana Butler (Registered Nurse, Executive Officer)



Rotary International calculated the June/July 2010 trip as follows - wages \$83,060.00 and airfares \$29,049.00, giving a total of \$112,000.00.

Previous trips were prior to our affiliation with Rotary International.

1. The medical team ran a mobile health clinic in six outlying communities which would otherwise receive little or no care. The six communities, visited, Kitere, Sombanyosoko, Mtana, Biswari, Kongo and Surubu. Patients in these communities were treated, managed and given basic health care and education. A medical data base was established for the above communities.
2. During this time the medical team became increasingly aware of common occurrences of dehydration and water borne diseases. As a result of which Diana met with the Tarime Town Planner and Water Engineer to identify water needs for the above communities with a view to installing five wells. The water well previously installed in the Surubu community was investigated, as it was not reaching the expected standards and needs of the community. Work was put in place to rectify the situation and to assure that similar problems did not occur in the future. With a view to improved water conditions and hygiene, volunteers Harry, Jack and Nic gave presentations in the primary schools involving the children in water-related activities.



3. Primary Schools in the six identified communities were visited and an educational needs assessment made in liaison with staff in each community. As a result, science, mathematics, geography and English as a second language books and research materials were delivered where needed. All schools also received stationary, dictionaries, calculators and bags.

4. Four netball courts were constructed and equipped. Staffs were given rudimentary coaching training at each venue.



5. Seven days of teach-the-teacher seminars, each of four sessions, were held for primary (5 days) and secondary (2 days) teachers, during which both content and methodology were discussed and resources in the form of 'kits' and pertaining to the topics covered, were distributed.

6. Two shipping containers with approximately \$300,000.00 worth of educational and medical equipment were shipped to Tarime from Tasmania. These goods were distributed to a number of schools, both within the township and outlying communities. The medical equipment was given to Dr Winani in The Tarime Goodwill Foundation Hospital. There was a certain amount of educational equipment left behind to be used for ongoing educational seminars and the proposed Resource Centre for CfA.



7. Research and plans were established to provide 5 water wells in needy outlying communities.

8. A 70m x 70m block of land was sourced, with a view to it being purchased by CfA. The purpose is to build a "Resource Centre" which will assist the people of Tarime. The centre will be run by CfA. Plans were drawn up for the centre, and the necessary building, sourcing of labour and goods was accomplished.



Registered Rotary International Programs

Project number: 41-2009/10

CfA has identified the following projects to be supported by International Rotary, receiving Tax Deductibility Status:

- Water Wells - CfA is planning to establish much needed water wells in the communities of Tarime. There are 4 identified communities in dire need of safe clean water.
- Mobile Health Clinic – The Tarime District, comprising approximately 330,000 people has only 3 qualified doctors. The need to offer health care in the outlying communities is great. In 2006 CfA raised enough money, in conjunction with The Tasmanian Ambulance Service, to ship a second hand 4WD Ambulance to Tarime. The Ambulance takes healthcare and education to the communities when we have Registered Doctors and Nurses working in Tarime. Eventually, we plan to set up a Mobile Health Clinic for the communities. This however, will not come into fruition until CfA has established water wells in the communities.
- Health Care Professionals – to provide doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to support Dr Winani in the Tarime Goodwill Foundation Hospital.
- Sponsorship - CfA is currently sponsoring 11 orphaned children for education at various schools. This project will be ongoing.

The Foundation has 11 sponsor children at various schools, listed below.

Mwita Chegere: Mara Secondary School
Lazaro Martinus: Bukama Secondary School
Isack Chacha: Mogabiri Secondary School
Loyce Sylvister: Mogabiri Secondary School
Celina Thomas: Mogabiri Secondary School
Zainabu Maulisi: Nkende Secondary School
Robi Muniko: Nkende Secondary School
Jackson James: Nkende Secondary School
Daniel Sampson: Nkende Secondary School
Nyangige Magoiga: Nyamongo Secondary School
Sarafina: St Judes School

The total Cost annually \$1300.00 plus \$500.00 for Sarafina.

Our sponsored albino child, Sarafina is currently being educated at St Jude's Boarding School. Sarifina has been placed in boarding school for her own protection. █



- Teach the Teacher Program- CfA is currently establishing further 'teach the teacher' programmes, which will be run out of the Resource Centre.
- Containers – supplying goods in kind for the above projects i.e. books, education aids, and medical equipment.
- Education Resource Centre – Currently CfA is raising money to build an Education Resource Centre. This centre will be built in the township of Tarime. CfA will purchase the land, and build the centre using skilled local labour and equipment. The Resource Centre will be filled with educational, reading and resource books as well as educational aids, which have been generously donated from our local school and community groups, as well as our children. Teachers from the community schools in Tarime will be able to borrow from education resources, hence assisting with their teaching.
- CfA has engaged many children from local schools in Tasmania to save their educational equipment, educational toys, purchase exercise books & other vital educational equipment for the needy children of Tarime. They are also being encouraged and guided in fundraising activities. The money raised by these student groups are being used by these student groups to purchase necessary educational goods.
- Our local school children decoratively paint the shipping containers, which will be utilised with the Resource Centre.
- The Christopher Strong Foundation which was established by the World Education Fund Trust (WEFT), support is being given to two beginner teaches to enable them to attend full time teacher training while in Tarime. Allison Bassano interviewed eight prospective candidates and has approved five of these.

A huge part of our container project is to allow our many supporters to connect with tangible aid. Tangible aid and the transparency of our work are reinforced by the presentations done by myself and others, as well as supportive newspaper articles, and thank you letters with accompanying photographs.

A small amount of valuable medical equipment for Dr Hudson Winani and The Tarime Goodwill Foundation Hospital will also go into the containers, as well as knitting from our retirees for the orphans. Unfortunately, we have an oversupply of these beautiful knitted products, and we have had to put a halt on the knitting program.

The University of Tasmania, under the direction of Dr Michelle Woods, is continuing their research regarding the need for safe clean water in our adopted communities. Dr Woods has regrettably resigned due to her transferring to Hobart for job opportunities. We do however welcome Rosie Green from the same faculty of nursing, Rosie will continue Dr Woods work with the Foundation.

FUNDRAISING

A total of \$53,000 was raised throughout the last financial year. This figure is significantly down from the previous year (\$99,000), which was mainly due to the fact that there was no Cocktail Party or Ball.

It is pleasing to note that more money was spent directly on projects in Tarime. \$60,000 was spent in Tarime, which was a considerable increase from the previous year of \$33,000.

Our expenditure has, however, been greater than our income; this is demonstrated by a drop in our cash resources from \$32,000 to \$16,000, however, CfA remains in a sound financial position, and we have had good financial activity since.

PRESENTATIONS

- Kingston Community Health Centre (Biddy Searle)
- East Launceston Uniting St Church
- Salvation Army (Daphne Pokes), 21/9/2009
- Central Launceston Rotary, 28/9/2009
- Salvation Army (Valmai Woods), 15/10/2009
- Rotary, Archer's Manor, 20/10/2009
- LGH Auxiliary (Margaret Moore), 12/11/2009
- Evandale Rotary (Jim Hart), 17/11/2009
- Probus, Prospect (Pat Jones), 30/11/2009
- Fahan Assembly (Rosalie Willows), 8/12/2009
- Lions International (Windmill Hill), 7/1/2010, 11/11/2010
- Girl guides Tasmania (Queen's Park), 12/3/2010
- Child Care Tasmania (Archer's Manor) 7/6 2009
- Soroptimist International (Matson's) 7/10/2009

APPRECIATION

The Peter Hewitt Care for Africa Foundation Inc. continues its slow yet progressive sustainable growth.

The Foundation has become well known and is highly respected and trusted among both Tasmanian and Tanzanian government officials, community leaders and the people.

It is the tireless dedication and commitment of many volunteers that has enabled this to occur.

Care for Africa positively models an ideal; when two communities, one from a developed country and the other from a less developed environment, work side by side it is absolutely for the benefit of humankind.

THE FUTURE

Care for Africa is totally dependent on the generosity and goodwill of its volunteers.

The future of the organization is reliant on our youth. The container project is paramount to the establishment of tangible aid, hence encouraging “philanthropic endeavor in our youth”. It is essential to take the youth over to Tarime, as it is incredibly difficult to explain the overwhelming needs of people in less developed nations. It is our children that are our future. United we can help to alleviate poverty.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATED: _____