

# HORIZON CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME




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Website—[www.horizonchildren.org](http://www.horizonchildren.org)

 One of the highs of last year was the on-line facility provided by Ian Lipman of IJL Web Solutions, the son of one of our Supporters who volunteered to set up and manage the website. Please tell your friends and associates to go on line and support our work. We are in the process of setting up an on-line donation, so visitors to the site will be able to donate on-line. We are most grateful to Ian for all this. All our activities and projects, both past and present can be found on the website. We will do our utmost best to keep it updated.

## Accountant



The Charity now has an Accountant, Jane O'Leary of Oakwood Business Consultants. Jane attended one of our talks last year and she volunteered to take on the role of keeping books and providing financial advice for the charity. Again, we are also grateful to Jane for all her help.

*Dear Supporters,*

*It was January last year that we set up the library in Freetown, and I've received encouraging reports with an estimate of 55 children using the library every fortnight. Apparently, the library is also a hit for college students looking for a quiet place to study.*

*There were highs and lows in 2005. No other major projects took place, however we hope to put that right this year—with the launch of the Campaign to promote 'reading hour' at primary schools in Sierra Leone. We will no doubt have our hands full.*

*We thank you for your continued support.*

*Nafisa Koroma  
Programme Director*

## Appeals



Our appeal for donation of computers to send to Neuso High School in Zimbabwe was successful, over 20 computers have been donated, however, we are now faced with a big challenge—transporting the computers to Zimbabwe. We had hoped that Air Zimbabwe would help, however with the financial upheavals in Zimbabwe, they have said they cannot help this time.

The main problem is that Zimbabwe is landlocked which rules out the cheapest method of transporting the computers which is shipping. What this means is that the Charity will have to meet the cost of flying the computers over to Zimbabwe. The cost of which has been estimated at £2 500.00 by one Airfreight Company. If you have any ideas, wish to donate your old computer, or can service old computers we have, we would be grateful for your help.



We also received stationery items for the shoe boxes but could not send them to Africa in time for Christmas, so we are hoping to ship them out in March in time for Easter.

## Book Fair



We are holding a Book Fair on *Saturday, 12th August* at the *Godalming United Church, Bridge Street, Godalming* from *9.00am— 1.30pm*. We will be selling books that have been donated to the Charity but are not appropriate for our beneficiaries.

**Other Organizations, Book Collectors etc. are welcome to set up stalls for a small fee of £15.00. If you know of any Organisations or Community Groups please spread the word. Flyers available.**

For further information please contact the following persons:

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If you can put up a fundraising event for Horizon Children's Programme, please also contact us.

## Current Campaign and Upcoming Events







The campaign to promote reading in primary schools in Sierra Leone has been launched. Our partner organization, World Rehabilitation Fund—Sierra Leone in conjunction with the Sierra Leone Library Board are active in schools and raising awareness about the need to encourage primary school children to read outside their curriculum.

We recently received a letter from the Chief Librarian of the Sierra Leone Library Board, stating that the reading habits of primary school children in Sierra Leone has dropped considerably, due to the fact that schools lack functioning libraries as they struggle to provide even the basic text books for the children.

The Chief Librarian and the Ministry of Education have approved the Mobile Library Project and state that it would be of immense help to the school children of Sierra Leone.

To this end we are planning a number of fundraising activities and desperately need the help of our Supporters.

### *Did you know.....*

-  *70% of children of school age in Sub-Sahara Africa do not attend school.*
-  *Over 300 million children in developing countries are deprived of information.*
-  *They are not given the opportunity to learn about the outside world because there are inadequate school facilities.*
-  *Families prefer to send their children to work to put food on the table.*

*UNICEF REPORT 2005*

Horizon Children's Programme was set up in September 2003 to help in advancing the education of children and young people affected by conflict, poverty and other emergencies in Africa. HCP aim to create an enabling environment where children enjoy learning and parents are encouraged to send their children to school.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ⇒ Fundraisers
- ⇒ Teachers

### WE'RE COLLECTING

Reading Books   
Exercise Books  
Supplementary Books  
Pens   
Pencils  
Crayons  
Computers   
Board Games   
Chalk Boards  
Chalks   
Rubbers  
Rulers  
Sharpeners   
Any other educational materials  
And Sports Equipment

### ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK



In April last year, 11 individuals participated in the Annual Surrey Advertiser Sponsored 10 mile walk to raise funds for HCP. A total of £482 was raised for the Charity. This was a big increase on the amount raised in 2004. This year the event will take place on **Sunday, 23rd April** and the walk will start from **Shalford Park in Guildford**. The walk will be 10 miles again and this year we are looking for as many participants as we can to raise funds for the Mobile Library Project as well as transportation cost for the Computers.

If you, a friend or a family member would like to take part please email or telephone the following persons and we will send you a sponsor form:

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