

CHRISTADELPHIAN MEAL-A-DAY FUND

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Welcome ...

..to our second newsletter of 2008. CMaD is delighted to bring you further reports and feedback on the work in a number of different countries, particularly in Africa. There is a particular focus this time on Sierra Leone, where CMaD is funding some significant sanitation and education projects proposed by the CBM.

The Trustees have been very much saddened to witness, sometimes at first hand, the increasing desperation of many people who are finding the ever increasing prices of basic foodstuffs an impossible challenge. What is occurring in many developing world countries is what one charity has described as 'a silent tsunami' of problems which are leading inexorably to starvation conditions. Many of CMaD's ongoing projects have had to come back to us for increased funding for food and medicines. Thanks to your continued support, CMaD has been able to supplement each one.

We are increasing our efforts to direct CMaD funds to the critical needs of food, clean water, sanitation, basic healthcare and basic education in communities adjacent to ecclesias in developing countries. This helps to ensure that we both help those less fortunate than ourselves and deliver an incidental but powerful witness to our beliefs.

Project Reports

The Child's Rights and Rehabilitation Network (CRARN) Street Children's Camp, Nigeria



Thank you Meal a Day!

The CRARN street children's camp provides a safe home, healthcare, nutrition and education to around 140 homeless or abandoned children in the state of Akwa Ibom in the Niger delta region in southern Nigeria. Remarkably, the majority of the children on the streets of Akwa Ibom say they are there because they have been stigmatised as 'witches' or 'wizards' by local 'pastors' and have subsequently been abandoned by their parents, in a region that has a deeply held traditional belief in child witchcraft. The children at the CRARN camp have often also been badly mistreated by their parents or local people and need to be nursed back to

health by the CRARN team. CMaD has been providing a grant to the CRARN camp for almost two years, to fund the children's daily food and medical needs.

The director of the CRARN camp says of CMaD's support: 'the funding donated by the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day fund is covering the costs of giving the 140 children in the camp daily meals and basic medical care - the children now get fed three good meals each day, with a good mix of rice, beans, garri, plantain, fish and vegetable leaves. This support is undoubtedly saving the lives of many of these children. We are very grateful for all

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Sponsor your own project

CMaD can work with individuals, ecclesias, sunday schools and youth groups who would like suitable projects which they sponsor themselves. They become responsible for part or full funding over one year or longer as they choose, working through CMaD.

It's a great chance to become directly and personally involved in CMaD's work, and through feedback and photographs see the difference you are making. Projects are available to suit all ranges of donation.

For information and a confidential discussion please contact bro Gordon Dawes at gordon.dawes@meal-a-day.org or phone +44(0)1920 467268.

of the amazing support that Christadelphian Meal-a-Day fund has offered our work over the last 18+ months and hope that our working partnership may continue to protect, save and transform the lives of many more needy children in Nigeria in the years to come'.

We – in turn – are very grateful for all the donations that have made it possible for us to help these children in Nigeria in a small but meaningful way, and look forward to the day when our Lord returns to truly 'deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper'.

Project reports continued

Primary Schools in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

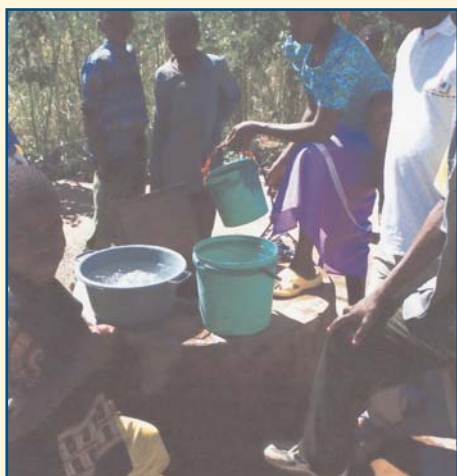
In 2003 CMA^D helped two brethren set up and run two Primary Schools in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Brother Peter Dunia runs the Samaritan School and brother Vincent Ibanje the Orphans International Development Project School. One school is in the city and one in a more rural area. CMA^D continues to be the sole funder of both schools. The children are mainly orphans – often from HIV/AIDS – a huge problem in this area. They are given basic education - including English, Maths, Swahili, science and religious studies. Each gets a simple school uniform and every day they receive a nutritious breakfast, which helps them concentrate on their studies. In 2007 brother Vincent's school had 127 pupils and brother Peter's 90. CMA^D has close links with CBM brethren,



Girls at the CMA^D supported primary schools in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

who help by monitoring and visiting the schools. Both schools were recently visited by government inspectors and were given glowing reports. It is also just great to see pictures of happy kids at school!

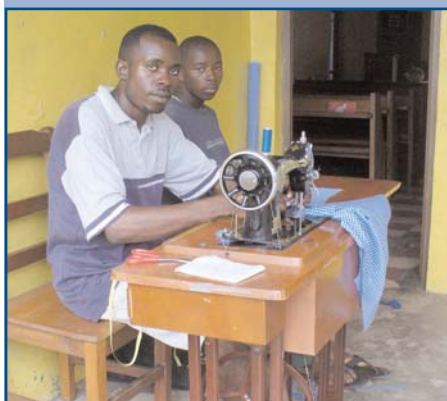
Thank you for enabling us to make a real difference - Mozambique



The new CMA^D well at Magoloma village, Mozambique

Nearly two million children a year die through lack of clean water and proper sanitation. Many sub-Saharan Africans get less than 20 litres of water a day - by

Focus on Sierra Leone



School 'uniforms' are often the children's only real clothing

Sierra Leone, which sits between Liberia and Guinea on Africa's west coast, is by most measures the poorest country on earth. Like many African countries it has some rich resources, but it only emerged from a decade of civil war in 2002 and since then has had to disarm tens of thousands of rebels and militia fighters, and start to deal with the deep seated atrocities of war. The country is still considered a fragile state and faces the challenges of poverty, corruption and economic mismanagement as it sets about its reconstruction.

CMA^D has supported a school in a poor district of the capital, Freetown, for a number of years. The School is well regarded and is doing well. Working with CBM's energetic linkman for Sierra Leone, bro Bob Fox, CMA^D has now agreed to support a number of new initiatives in the country, in towns where ecclesias are growing.

The Fund has taken over ownership and running costs of an established but bankrupt school in Talia Makaya. The school and associated lands were gifted to CBM and CMA^D and the land may be used for further agriculture-based developments in the future. CMA^D is paying for some additional facilities, including a proper kitchen for school meals. We have also decided to build a surgery/health centre for the village and to provide proper toilet blocks, to overcome a major problem of effluent-borne diseases which is having a terrible effect on infant mortality there.

In another village, Wanjamma, CMA^D is funding proper sanitation facilities and supporting adult literacy and basic health awareness training, using the ecclesial hall as a base.

These projects will benefit both the wider community and our brethren and sisters living there. They are changing lives for the better AND witnessing to the faith and values we hold in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the latest good example of where CBM contacts can see the opportunities and, working closely with CMA^D, together benefit the local community both physically and spiritually.



The children of CMA^D's new school in Talia Makaya, Sierra Leone

contrast, the average Briton uses 150 litres a day while Americans may consume on average 600 litres a day. Some areas use 1,000 litres per person on average - 100 times as much as Mozambique.

In 2007, at the request of bro Trevor Radbourne (CBM Linkman for Mozambique) CMA^D funded the sinking of wells in 27 villages where people have previously depended upon contaminated water from rivers, shallow wells or wetlands.

Bro Trevor has visited some of the villages since the wells have been dug and has witnessed the positive effect of the clean water. CMA^D's aim is to make a difference to people's lives and in doing so we pray that the profile of the gospel message is raised. Remarks and reactions of some of the villagers:

'Villagers are very thankful for the CMA^D well and their life has completely changed'

'The villagers have now a good water after long time of drinking bad water',

'The villagers thank CMA^D for the wells and these have made Christadelphians to be known'.

CMA^D was thus very happy to approve the funding of wells in a further 25 villages (at approx £346 per well) in June 2008.

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New CMA D DVD

Copies of our new DVD, which shows how the Fund works and is changing lives and illustrates it from projects in Kenya, are still available. The DVD has been very well received and provides a strong focus for an ecclesial evening or even for preaching – the message is powerful and suitable for internal audiences, families and interested friends who know something about our community.

A copy has been sent to all UK ecclesias. You can obtain a copy for yourself by writing to our distributors bro John and sis Gill Manktelow at the address above enclosing a cheque or PO for £5.00, which covers production, postage and package and a small contribution to CMA D.

Project reports continued

Timboni Tiva Children's Home, Kenya : June 2008

Three CMA D trustees, Bre Gordon Dawes, Paul Collier and Paul Lucas, visited projects in Kenya during June. Our visit was primarily to formally review the work of the Fund's largest single project – the Timboni Tiva Children's Home, near Ikutha in Eastern Inland.

We spent four days at Timboni and were able to thoroughly review the operation of the Home in terms of facilities, finances, staff relations and the attainment of the children. We spent time with the elders of the local ecclesias, the Home's Board of Governors, the Director and staff and with the children. We were overall very satisfied that CMA D's long-standing support is still being used responsibly. We agreed a number of improvements to the buildings and the management and finance processes, and we identified some opportunities for further support in the local community school if funding is available.

While in Nairobi we met with elders from the Nairobi ecclesia and visited a

proposed new CMA D project in one of the largest city slums. 'Bethany' houses, feeds and educates over 150 refugee children, including many who have fled with their families to Nairobi following the civil unrest in Kenya earlier this year. Some 70 of the children were sleeping in their school room, on the earth floor, and moving their tiny mattresses to one side for school during the day. Funds are such that most of the children received only one meal a day – just enough to live but certainly not enough to thrive.

CMA D quickly agreed to support a proportion of the feeding and medical programme costs at this project and has since added funds for increased clean water supply and to build a simple hostel alongside the compound where the children can sleep.

We have also discussed a similar project from a slum school right by the Nairobi ecclesia, at which a sister works. CMA D hopes to support this too if we have the funds.

Update on CMA D Asia Pacific

From bro Martin Catchlove (Melbourne, Vict):

As this year progresses, we've been buoyed by the growing support for Christadelphian Meal-a-Day activities across the Asia Pacific Region. In addition to our newsletters and email networks, we have a number of new publicity and fundraising approaches underway - such as a Christadelphian Op-Shop in Hyde Park (Adelaide), multimedia presentations at the upcoming Sydney Conference (where the new DVD will also be aired) and a CMA D Facebook Group (numbering over 200 members already), to name but a few.

Having experienced a promising boost in donations by over 20% this year, we are exploring a number of priority projects to help our neighbours across Asia-Pacific. Here are just a few examples of how donations may be used:

Other Kenya news

CMA D has now completed a programme of refurbishment of 10 classrooms at Namaondo School, Chwele Western Kenya at a cost of just under £10,000. Located on the CBM ecclesial hall compound, the school has been transformed since the Trustees' visit in April 2007, with repairs and plastering to the walls and provision of concrete floors to each classroom. Additional latrines have also been provided. Exeter ecclesia continues to sponsor the preschool feeding programme for over 100 children.

Bro Joshua Kisuya adds "Thank you so much for all that you have already done for this school. All children, teachers and the whole community have pleasure and they all convey their sincere thanks to CMA D for what it has done for the school. Thank you so much and may the Almighty God bless you greatly. Now, all the work is over and it has considerably changed the face of the school. It is beautiful!"

- Clean water supply and sanitation projects in Afghanistan
- Work skills, accommodation and healthcare support for indigenous youth in Australia
- Food, shelter and education support for orphans of HIV/AIDS victims in India
- Meal supply and school bus provision for children in the remote Thailand Karen Hilltribes
- Food, nutrition and TB healthcare programmes in India

We offer our special thanks to all who have supported the CMA D activities in this part of the world so far - and God willing, we look forward to working with you (and hopefully many more) in the coming months as we put these much-needed funds to good use.

Update on CMA D of the Americas

CMA D of the Americas launched this year with presentations at a number of the summer Bible Schools, using the DVD and newly produced bookmarks for all US and Canada based brethren and sisters. The new committee has taken on the funding of existing CMA D projects in Colombia and Bolivia, which will be visited in September 2008 DV. The committee will also be considering additional projects in Central and South America and in the Caribbean, and has been blessed with significant financial support already.

Gift Certificates!

Are you wondering how you can mark a special occasion for a friend or loved one with a thoughtful and ethical 'gift'?

Now you can make a donation to CMA D's work as a memento of their occasion. Either we can send the certificate to them, if you give us the name and address in good time, or we'll send it to you for you to present. Write to bro Paul Collier at the address on page 1.

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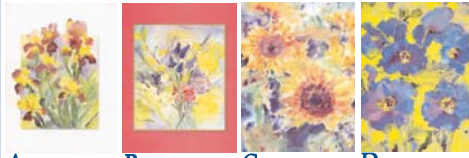
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 Text inside -
 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
 peace, good will to all.' Luke 2:14



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2 - Pack of 10 (5 of each)



A B C D
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 (specify code)**



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5	African Assortment – 1 of each of 5 designs 3 with Bible quotations, 2 plain	5	£2.00			
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