



## Pope Francis remembers Darfur

His Holiness Pope Francis held an Audience with Patricia Parker MBE, Founder of Kids for Kids, and Alastair King-Smith, Trustee, at the Vatican. Patricia asked the Pope for his prayers as families face famine in Darfur. She told Pope Francis that families in remote villages rely solely on what they can grow. His Holiness said a private prayer with Alastair and Patricia and gave a special blessing. He added "And please pray for me. I need it too." Patricia said: "When he held my hands and said a prayer for the children in Darfur, I felt hope for the first time this year."



## News from Darfur – Our Thanks to You!

You have helped us do the most ever in Darfur – a massive £428,351 spent on projects last year!

**We adopted Absharback, Fardal, Um Judoul, Geleidat & Hashab Baraka** - total population 6,678 including 3,721 children. We continued to support our existing villages.

### Goat Loans and Animal Care.

- 2451 Goats, 304 Donkeys (plus 45 cross bred Donkeys for Paravets and First Aid Workers), 24 Paravets trained. Animal Welfare Drugs provided to all 2016 and 2017 villages. 5 Veterinary Units.

### Water and Sanitation

- Completed **first Submersible Pump** (£34,000) for **KulKul** & 5 other villages. 10 New Hand Pumps surveyed. 4 Hand Pumps completed in Um Kedadda, Kerati, Deshma, and Adam Bakhit. 11 Water Committees trained.

### Healthcare and Food Security

- 3 new Health Units, 21 First Aid Workers and 37 Midwives (graduation June 2018). Human drug funds. 974 Mosquito nets, 320 Blankets, 99 donkey ploughs. 500kg of Sorghum Seed & Fodder
- Revolving veterinary drug funds. Vaccinations.

**PLUS 5 new Kindergartens built, equipped & ready for 500 children to attend school for the first time!**

## Save the Date...

### Ambassador's Ball Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Join us for a special evening to celebrate the Royal Wedding. This year we are aiming to help as many families as possible to survive the failed harvest.



It would also be wonderful if you are able to donate an auction or raffle prize to the evening please.

## The Big Give Doubled



This year's Christmas Challenge was the best ever – two goats for the price of one! We raised a wonderful **£64,908**

## Easy Donations!



The easiest way to donate - scan our QR code now!



## Could you help Generations to Come?

Since 2001 we have focused on improving the lives of children in Darfur forever. Times have been hard, but with your help we now support 93 villages, and that number is growing each year. Sustainability is at the core of what we do – as the saying goes “we are not giving people fish, we are teaching them to fish”. With your help we could secure the future of even more children if you would remember Kids for Kids with a gift in your Will. Even the smallest gift would ensure that our work is financially secure for generations to come. And items, such as Hand Pumps, can be named In Memoriam.

If you have already made a Will, but would like to leave a gift to Kids for Kids, it is easy to add a codicil. It makes sense financially for your family too! If your Estate is liable for Inheritance Tax (IHT) because your spouse is not your sole beneficiary, you may leave a minimum of 10% of your net Estate (i.e. the gross value of your estate less the current Nil Rate Band of £325,000) to a charity. This reduces the IHT on your net Estate by 4% - from the current 40% to 36% - a big saving.

Please ring 07957 206440, [patricia@kidsforkids.org.uk](mailto:patricia@kidsforkids.org.uk)

## Become a Champion?

Many of you are Regular Donors to Kids for Kids which enables us to commit to projects for the long term and secure the future of so many families in Darfur. Have you however considered becoming a Children's Champion and committing to support for three years? This level of sponsorship is the lifeblood of the charity and helps us to really change lives. Please contact us for more details.

## What you have done for us ....

Every penny makes a difference. There are many more of you to whom we are indebted, but here are just a few of those who have given their time and support this year. We hope they inspire you too!

Ian Parker's Olympic Velodrome Challenge and making us the Henchards charity of the year; the 24<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Beaver Scouts Water Relay Challenge; Beverley Wheeler stamping & addressing single handed over 9000 envelopes; Julia & the Holy Cross Ladies Fellowship; Northwood Methodist Church; Jill Attwood Christmas Tree sale; Graham Baynes long distance cyclist; Darrel Mayer's Wassail in Austin now in its 16th year; Maureen Chorley Wing Walk at 75; Sally Williams yet another delicious tea; and of course Mary Jane, Hazel, Kathy, Brenda and Gerald Culliford, Surrey Committee ...

**We thank you all!**



Once again, you generously supported our enchanting **Candlelit Christmas Concert** which raised a staggering £25,435. Huge thanks must go to Delamere Dairy who again sponsored the concert and to Julie Etchingham, Joanna Lumley, Timothy West and Miriam Margolyes all of whom spoke with such compassion. Praise to our musicians, lyrical harpist Margaret Watson, and especially the girls of Queen's Gate School. Music Director, Egon Liepa, master minded our most beautiful evening ever. Finally, our thanks to Chrissie Scott who decorated the church so beautifully and our ever-amazing Surrey supporters who work so hard to make the concert such a success.

A special event in the autumn: **“Ken Howard and Friends –The Auction”** at the John Bly Gallery to help children in Darfur, as works of art by 23 top artists were sold in a 50/50 auction. Our thanks go to Ken for inviting so many artists to join together and support Kids for Kids and to John Bly who invited us to his beautiful gallery for the auction.



## And our Super School Supporters

We are so lucky to have you supporting us – thank you to Edgeborough School, KICS Khartoum, St Paul's Dorking, Cheam School, Worth School, Heathland School, Queen's Gate School, Southbank International School, Auchenblae Primary, St Gabriel San Francisco, Bishop Thomas Grant School, Trinity Croydon, Shawfield Primary - for the many ways you dream up to raise funds for Kids for Kids!

## Little by Little Campaign

Monday 9th – Friday 13th April 2018

### SAVE THE DATE!

GlobalGiving is giving away money!

Donations up to £50 will be increased by 50% FREE MONEY!

[www.globalgiving.org/donate/3016/kids-for-kids/](http://www.globalgiving.org/donate/3016/kids-for-kids/)



## IMPORTANT – DATA PROTECTION

Please complete the enclosed consent form so we can continue to tell you how your donations are enabling us to change children's lives. Alternatively, please see our website to complete on line:

[www.kidsforkids.org.uk/DataProtection](http://www.kidsforkids.org.uk/DataProtection)

**DON'T DELAY - POST IT TODAY!**



## Fancy a Challenge this year?

Taking part in a challenge event gives you a great opportunity to fulfil your own personal goals as well as the satisfaction of raising money for others. There are challenges that will fit all ages and abilities – so whatever your passion - walking, running, swimming, cycling, abseiling - consider pushing yourself, explore a new country or experience, make new friends and make a difference to the people of Darfur by raising funds at the same time. We hope to inspire you! For details please see: [www.kidsforkids.org.uk/challenges](http://www.kidsforkids.org.uk/challenges)

**Just Walk** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. A circular walk (you choose your distance - between 10km and 60km) across the glorious South Downs.

**Ride London-Surrey 100** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. The iconic cycle event following the 2012 Olympic route.

**London to Paris Cycle Challenge** – 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July. A real bucket list challenge that coincides with the Tour de France finale in Paris.

**Run Reigate Half Marathon** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Great scenery, amazing atmosphere – a brilliant day out!

**Olympic Velodrome Challenge** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. An intensive training session and then go for glory on the Olympic track!

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