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Fundraising

We launched a campaign last March asking for a financial commitment of £5 a month from as many people as possible. We had a good response but please if you have not followed this through we would be delighted to hear from you. We have reached around £800 committed income now but still fall short of around £1200 a month. We have so far been able to provide this through fantastic individual donations and also through fundraising.

We continue to be able to provide the refreshments for the shows at Grampound Village Hall and thank the Hall Committee for this opportunity. During the summer months we went to WOMAD in Wiltshire and painted toenails in festival colours whilst supporting the stall of a fellow Charity, EKO also operating in Kenya. More recently we held a stall at the Grampound Carnival. Mike Macintyre is running the half marathon in Peterborough on 11th October 2009 on behalf of MRT.



Jacob

Update

Much has happened and changed since we last reported on the Baby Rescue Centre last March and apologies for the delay in news!

At the end of June, the landlord for the house gave notice that he wished Naomi and the children to leave the premises allowing one month to find suitable accommodation to re house the Rescue Centre. Thankfully within the same district a similar type of property and compound was available. After close inspection we decided to take this on and they all moved in during July. We had to enhance the water supply by installing a larger water tank and modify the pumping system within the grounds to allow for adequate water provision. The whole process has been an enormous task but thankfully this has gone well and the children and staff feel very happy with the standard of the new accommodation and grounds. The larger compound does allow the opportunity to grow and harvest more crops and keep livestock. We now have chickens providing fresh eggs for the children. We thank David, Naomi's father and Josh her brother who have been able to be there during this whole process and have made a tremendous contribution with their practical help and support.

At present we have 18 children and babies at the centre. Since March, Violet has moved out with her twins and remains in touch with Naomi. We have taken in 2 young babies, Lillian and Jacob. Both were admitted via the local District Hospital. Also, 3 young siblings called Keah, Maggie and Raz all under 3 years of age, having been abandoned have also come to join us. Most recently Eunice aged 3 years and Lenny aged 1 year, have been temporary been placed in our care by the Children's Department.

Baby Noah who had been found abandoned locally has recently been fostered to a local couple. They approached the Children's Department seeking the opportunity to foster a baby having been trying for a baby for 15 years. This is a formal fostering situation organised by the Children's Department with them monitoring Noah's progress as well as our input and support. Noah now lives on the out skirts of Kitale on a small farm and contact is maintained to monitor his progress. We are very pleased to announce that Isaiah has also been placed with foster parents in Kitale. Isaiah originally came to us as an abandoned baby left on the railway line. We now have very positive outcomes for two of our children which is really encouraging and demonstrates that we can find local homes with families for these children.

Bill has started to go to Greenfield's School and has settled in there very well. At the moment during the morning some of the nursery aged children have a structured play session. We are still discussing the benefits and potential of providing their education on site and how this could be best put into place.

We welcome Bill, Naomi's husband, as joint manager at the Baby Rescue Centre. They reside together in a separate dwelling within the compound and his position will support, strengthen and enhance Naomi's existing role there.



Lillian