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Wonderful things have been happening in the Indian and Kenyan homes. Over 100 children are being helped to have an education and live in a safe, loving environment. Only children who have no hope or family assistance are admitted to RN Homes. The outreach program aims to support families to stay together through assistance such as helping them start a small business or give relief help such as medical and education.

and Kenyan citizens has develop our children's our committee and com-on recruitment of funds) ject for vegetables for dry tre. Anne age 10,a children living a very hard monthly sponsor so that school uniform, books and shoes. Anne is part of our outreach program. If you are able to sponsor Anne or any other of our children, please contact WFA Office or Robin Byrnes /Sponsorship Chairper-son at 02 49465914.



Employment for approximately 30 Indian been created, we are actively helping to communities. A few sustainability projects munity are keen to investigate (depending are: poultry, milk cooling plant, water pro-months and starting an early childhood cen-neighbourhood girl is from a family of nine life. She would love to find a committed she can continue to go to school, have a

The supply of power communication with the

Samerro

was done a few months ago, in preparation for delivery of silkworms for a new income project for Samerro. The Sisters are waiting for a letter from the local government so they could take delivery of seed stock and start with the silkworms. This is quite a different income project for this area, and something that we have been working on, in research etc. for well over 12 months. I look forward to the first batch of silk produced. The silk that will be produced is eri silk, for which there is a demand on the international market, as well as within Ethiopia.

The group of hostel girls will be returning to their families for the have families will be allowed to that the girls are now having to We are looking for support for would be shared amongst the tribute towards education costs



finishing school for the year soon and end of school break Those who do not stay on. Water shortages has meant trek to a local creek and collect water. these girls as a group, so sponsorship girls in the hostel and provide food, con-etc. A few of the girls are crippled from polio and require callipers and shoes to be fitted, but unless they receive assistance they will continue to have to make do with ill fitting aids. If you would like to help these girls, it can be done by regular sponsorship or any amount as a once off etc. would be appreciated. We are also seeking support to build 12 houses for homeless children and families in Samerro. The entire cost of all 12 houses is under \$7,000AUD and is able to provide shelter, protection and home to an estimated 50 people. The project code is SAM79H if you would like to contribute to helping children and families have a basic home. Gemma Pilcher

UNKNOWN DEPOSITS RECEIVED BY WFA

If there is anyone who has made an internet payment to our account and have not had it credited to them, please contact the office. We have received some deposits with no reference information. Thank you.

VENTURE OF LOVE

A wonderful group of women, who have been past ten years, have given WFA an incredible nated and the ladies work with love and care to with shorts or skirts. Two South Aussies have received. "Paupers were turned into princes and parcel is on its way to the Philippines for the kids marvellous group in the future. The ladies say,



based at the Edwardstown Baptist Church for the selection of children's clothes. All material is do-create tracksuits, skivvies, and a hat or T shirt taken parcels to Ethiopia where they were warmly princesses", to quote one of the Sisters. Another with TB. We will continue our association with this "There's a hug and a kiss in every stitch."

Update on Bimerewu

Here is a photo of Bimerewu, **STANDING!** This little boy age 5, and in grade one, is from Meskele Kristos village in Northern Ethiopia. All his life he had been crawling around in a crouch, crawl position, because he was unable to walk. Originally it was thought he had a wise that he had had a broken leg as a badly. However Dr Abraham Bimerewu – "as a child had rickets and Rickets is common in Ethiopia but easily babies get sunlight (culturally in some ar- and 2) ensuring they have enough cal- areas in and around Meskele Kristos ets. Sandi (WFA sponsorship officer) had Kristos, and told me about him. Bimerewu services, which meant that obtaining a needed were out of their reach. Bi- 2010 who generously gave some extra money to cover Bimerewu's travel, accommodation, food, medical assessments and his prosthetic leg. Meanwhile Sandi liaised with some medical contacts in Ethiopia (from Jimma Prosthetics Department) and the Grace Centre in Bahir Dar to make arrangements for Bimerewu to get helped.



On New Year's night, Sandi (a WFA officer) received a phone call from Christine (another WFA officer who was in Meskele Kristos), to say she had spoken with Bimerewu and his family and they agreed to seek some medical advice. Sandi wrote to me-

"I got phoned at 1 min to 12 last night and assumed it was some mad person ringing for New Years. Christine had no idea it was New Years, or that it was midnight in Adelaide! Everyone else was screaming and fireworks were going off in the background, while I am trying to hear her as she was in the remote Meskele Kristos needing some advice and support, all excited and in a situation full of meaning and life changing. For me that was so perfect for New Years, and so apt, showing the contrast between our western lives and what makes my life far more meaningful, making a difference to people on the other side of the world who would not be lying about at midnight drunk and so stuffed full of food they can barely move.

So I wanted to share it with you - a great way to celebrate New Year's, a phone call from Ethiopia in the midst of a child getting helped thru the string of miracles which Tamru has set off."

Many children wait for sponsorship support in Meskele Kristos. Sponsorship is pooled to support all the children in improved food security and access to education. Please be in touch if you would like to help this happen. Sponsorship is \$6 a week and is tax deductible. Than you again for your continued support of these special projects.

HELP,HELP,HELP,HELP,HELP,HELP,HELP,HELP

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We need some help in the office to assist us with the mail out which happens once a quarter. We generally start stuffing envelopes at about 9:15 am and are finished by lunch time. Free coffee or tea! We would like to thank Ron and Helen who have been giving us a hand for many years. The next mail out will be 9th August and the following mail out will be 8th November. Thank you.

MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Communicating with your sponsored child

In the past several people have asked about contact with their child. I hope this will make everything clear.

World Families Australia encourages this correspondence, however provides the following policy:

Correspondence should be sent into the World Families Office and will be forwarded onto the child/community at the time of the funds transfer.

World Families Australia does not vet any correspondence, but will forward on as soon as practicable.

Christmas and birthday gifts should be sent as a cash amount for the child/community to be distributed by the host organization as the receipt of packaged gifts is problematic.

Sponsor/donors are strongly advised not to include private address details, potentially leading to the sponsored child/community seeking additional support outside the World Families Australia organization.

THAI ADOPTION RESEARCH PROJECT

“Were you adopted from Thailand during the late 1980s and early 1990s to South Australian families?

Are you an Inter-country Adoptee who lived for some of your life in the Rangsit Children’s Home in Thailand?

If you answer yes to both of these questions, you are invited to participate in a research project called

‘From Institutional Care to Living in South Australia: Inter-country Adoption’

being conducted through Deakin University, Melbourne Campus, Burwood, Victoria.

Your participation will involve being interviewed about your experiences as an adoptee in Australia.

If you would like to participate in the research project please contact Bev Scarvelis, the research student, by

Ph.: (08) 8535 6960, mob: 0417 819 392

or Email: beverly.scarvelis@health.sa.gov.au”

World Families is supporting the research being undertaken in relation to Thai adoptees from the late 80’s and 90’s by Beverley Scarvelis through Deakin University. If you would like more information , please see the World Families Australia web homepage”.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

2011 Constitution	New Constitution
Clause 6.5 “Any motion set out in a document signed by all Management Committee members is deemed to have been passed at a duly convened meeting.”	Clause 6.5 Alter the word “member” to “President”.
Clause 8.2 “Notices of the Annual General Meeting, of a General Meeting and of a Special General Meeting shall be sufficient if written notice is sent to the last known address of each member.”	Clause 8.2 Addition of “or announced through the organization’s website and newsletter.”
Clause 8.4c “15 financial members or 10% of the voting membership (whichever is the less) shall constitute a quorum.”	– alter this to “7 financial members or 10% of the voting membership (whichever is the less) shall constitute a quorum.”
Clause 8.5 a “15 financial members or 10% of the membership, whichever is less.”	Alter this to “7 financial members or 10% of the membership, whichever is less.”
b “Fifteen (15) financial members or 10% of the voting membership (whichever if the less) shall constitute a quorum.”	Alter this to “Seven (7) financial members or 10% of the voting membership (whichever if the less) shall constitute a quorum.”

If any member would like to comment or make suggestions, please get in touch with the office.

Get your newsletter, in COLOUR, at www.worldfamilies.org.au. Please advise the office if you wish to do so.



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*Any articles for the next news-
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