



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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END OF YEAR 2021 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The year 2021 ended well with a number of success stories. It is however obvious that a year would not pass without going through challenges. More importantly, successes surpassed challenges and thus the joy of SOCH today. Please enjoy the reading as such.

HOME VIEW



SOCH campus is in good shape and well maintained. Its now green as it is now rainy season. Children are also happy at SOCH.

SOCH INN



The guesthouse is still doing fine and really helping in fundraising towards the support contributions of SOCH. Here are some of the staff members at SOCH happy to be part of the charity work. This is an established financial raising base whose profits meets SOCH budget target.

THE HAMMER MILL



Whilst serving the community in production of corn flour for local staple food, the hammer mill also generates funds to support SOCH.

WATER PROJECT / MONO PUMP



The mono pump above has provided some water security as alternative even though there were four further drilling holes that could not find water. It was very disappointing that the drilling has been unsuccessful since an independent water supply remains a critical need for the orphanage.

DISABILITY AND PHYSIOTHERAPY



Our two orphans, Santi (the bilateral amputee) and Pauline (Disabled due to stroke) are going through physiotherapy three times a week. A physiotherapist is hired to be helping these orphans. We may need some Gym equipment to enhance their health and wellbeing.

MATRON

Now that we have the disabled children and that we may have more of such as we try to help the most vulnerable, a matron will be of great importance to help with critical clinical and social care of these.

THE HOT WATER GEYSERS



The solar geysers that are installed at SOCH are very effective and help reduce significantly electricity bills. The weak part of this is that the lighting is not very effective because the battery and inverter seem to be small and always reads overloaded when lights are switched on. Expanding the project would save a lot.

SCHOOL SHOES



The annual school shoes purchase is a very helpful program. Children are helped with new shoes each time we start a new year. Where there are no ZOA/SOA trips, the only alternative is to receive a fund transfer for such and that is helpful.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS



Due to high demand of learning online, typing assignments, and downloading books and information, mobile computers have been of great demand and our orphans really struggle in colleges. Extra computers to be lent on cycle to college orphans would be of great help.

CARPENTRY SKILLS PROJECT



Currently former SOCH orphans are being trained in carpentry. One of these is Billyson. The trainer gets paid from profits of sales of products.

THE GARDEN



The fruit trees and maize plantation are looking fresh and green. Soon we will be having Avocados, guavas and lemons ready to pick.

EDUCATION



Education of orphans is highly valued by SOCH. This year all 28 Primary School children will attend the local private primary school, Jemamu Christian Academy. We are also supporting 4 children at boarding secondary schools, 5 children at local secondary schools and 3 college students. The photo above is of Gift Lungu who completed his teaching diploma in Computer Science. Two others, a nurse and a teacher are presently awaiting their final college results. Our annual education costs are now met completely through a recent legacy and through the ongoing generosity of individual families in Rome and Geneva.

CONCLUSION

SOCH staff and management remain very grateful for the consistent support by ZOA (St George's in Rome) and SOA (CDL in Geneva) in providing for the needs of the orphans and the well-being of the SOCH workers.

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