



Sharing With You—Sponsor's Newsletter

THOUGHTS FOR 2012

Greetings Sponsors! I hope your new year has gotten off to a great start! As I have just closed off the books for the 2011 calendar year, let me tell you how the new year has started for CHER.....



First, thank you for your response to our appeal. We have received enough funds in our Children's Greatest Needs Fund to continue sponsoring 24 children directly from CHER for

the current year. We have also received a large amount of funds in the Special Food Fund to continue helping our projects supplement their every-rising food costs.

Second, CHER has experienced a slight deficit and we were not quite able to meet our expenses this year. Fortunately, we still hold a surplus in our Administrative account from a few years back and we are still in an overall position of surplus. It is not our goal to rely on the surplus from past years, but to continually meet our expenses each and every year.

Third, the downturn in our economy has affected many of our sponsors and caused them to drop out of our program. At the end of 2011 we have 44 children on our list of children whose sponsors were unable to continue. We do our best to help support them through the Children's Greatest Needs Fund, but can only do as much as the fund will allow. So where does this leave us as we start the new year?

It leaves me asking humbly for your help. I know we can get tired of the never-ending

requests for donations from various charities in and out of the church, but the reality is that we have no where else to turn.

For our charity, the cycle goes something like this.....poor families have children that they are unable to support in terms of food, clothing and education. The parents of these children seek out the principal of the nearest school and beg (sometimes quite literally) for assistance for the child because they know that all three of these needs are met at our Adventist schools. The principals send applications to our organization awaiting our help. The next step for our organization is to request help from our sponsors because we know you have an interest in supporting these children.

So how can you help.....

- 1) Add another child (or two) to your sponsorship commitment
- 2) Send in an extra donation during the year
- 3) Encourage someone you know, like a sibling, a daughter or son, a neighbor or friend at church to be a sponsor
- 4) Continue sponsoring.....

Yes, there is always more to do, but at least we've made a start. So with utmost sincerity and gratitude, I say, thank you for the continued support that you have offered to CHER this past year. We sincerely appreciate the faithfulness of your commitment to the children that we serve.



May God bless each and everyone of you richly in 2012!

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Sponsorship Fee Breakdown:

© \$25.00/month

© \$75.00/quarter

© \$300.00/year

(11% deducted for admin expenses)

AUTOMATE YOUR DONATIONS

Contact our office if you would like to have your monthly donations withdrawn automatically from your bank account or credit card and we will be happy to help.



IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY

I recently learned a beautiful old Adventist hymn that I thought I would share with you....

IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY

If I can help somebody as I pass along
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song
If I can show somebody how they're travelling
wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain...

My living shall not be in vain,
My living shall not be in vain,
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
Then my living shall not be in vain,

If I can do my duty as a good man ought
If I can share some beauty with a world up wrought
If I can spread love's message as the Master
taught,
Then my living shall not be in vain

MALAWI CHILDREN

Many sponsors have inquired about their children in Malawi, so I thought I would explain the situation.

Our contact person in Malawi, Beaula Likamble, works for the Malawi Union and acts as the CHER contact on a volunteer basis. The schools that we support in Malawi are spread around and not centralized and she would travel to the schools when she had the opportunity to take photos, collect letters and visit the children. A few months ago, her job with the Union changed and she was relocated to a different city, making it much more difficult to travel around to the schools. She has also incurred a few other challenges as well.

Here is an e-mail received from her in January....

"Hi Sue. I know it's been a long time, and I also have to send you the report. We haven't had internet in about 4 months and life is proving to be very difficult. I am in the internet café right now and the charges are high. As soon as I have enough money, I will come to send the report. I did not manage to get the pictures because the camera I was using is not working, which means I have to buy a new one so right now the account has no money. So I will wait when there is enough money then I will buy it and go ahead to take the pictures. I have to rush. I will say more when I have enough money. Happy Sabbath. Beaula."

For our sponsors in Malawi, we appreciate your patience and we work through this situation and get our correspondence flowing again. Thank you.

2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following board members were elected during the 2011 Annual Meeting and we thank them for their continued support, dedication and leadership to this ministry.

John Toop—President, Ralph Juriansz—Vice President
Beverly Connors—Vice President, Maxine Smith—Treasurer,
Sheila Mondragon—Assistant Treasurer, David Bake—
Member, Emmanuel Charles—Member, Pratima Enjati—
Member, Heather Schander—Member, and Walter Wasyluk—Member.

2010 TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2011 tax receipts will be sent in the second week February. The receipts reflect the amount donated and mailed in the 2011 calendar year. If there is an error with your receipt, please contact our office and if necessary, a revised tax receipt can be issued.



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