

Hearts for Africa Foundation

Caring for people in poverty

TRUSTEES REPORT TO SUPPORTERS FOR 2009

Introduction

I have pleasure in presenting this the fourth annual report of the Trustees of the Hearts for Africa Foundation **ABN 53 929 177 237** a registered **Charity No CH1533**. This report incorporates the Hearts for Africa Fund **ABN 32 500 596 962** that was formed by the Foundation on 1 July 2007 as a vehicle for providing our supporters with tax deductions for donations of \$2 or more.

The Trustees at the date of this report are Alison Jackson, Helen Keith, Rev John Naumann and Ian Donaldson AM.

The Foundation was formed on 30 September 2005 to raise funds for the Amani Development Organization ("Amani") a registered NGO in Tanzania East Africa where it works to relieve poverty. The Reverend John Naumann is its founder and Managing Director.

John is an Anglican priest who formerly worked in South East Queensland and the parish of St Stephens at Billings in the United States of America. Amani is his inspiration and Amani is a Christ centred organization that works for the benefit of the whole of the community in the Dodoma region of Africa irrespective of race, colour or religion.

Amani has received considerable funding from the public and two foundations - the Amani for Africa USA Foundation and the Hearts for Africa Foundation in Queensland both of which were set up to support Amani's work in Africa. Sources of funding are widening.

Results for the year of combined Hearts for Africa Foundation and the Hearts for Africa Fund

The Foundation has had another solid year.

The net income for the year ended 30 June 2009 of the combined Hearts for Africa Foundation and the Hearts for Africa Fund was A\$102,378 (last year A\$105,912). This was after earning total income of \$117,167 (last year \$120,037) and paying thrift shop rents and other expenses of \$11,927 (last year \$11,520) and Global Development and overhead expenses of \$2,862 (last year \$2630).

After making distributions of \$121,599 (last year \$71,834) to Amani, the funds on hand at 30 June 2009 totalled \$42,556 (last year \$61,777).

Earnings from our thrift shop totalled \$42,321 (last year \$42,790) and cumulative net earnings that are dedicated to building schools in Tanzania and related education needs, have passed \$100,000 in July 2009.

The year was a busy one for the Trustees and we are pleased with the support that we have received and the results to date. In particular I would like to acknowledge the work of Ivan and Val Peters of Laidley whose fundraising and commitment are extra-ordinary and Heather MacFarlan who has not only organized a successful fabric sale, but has created and maintained our database that now allows

us to keep our supporters fully informed.

Fundraising

Income was earned from general donations, the thrift shop, the Anglican Mens Society across Australia, and parishes at Sunnybank, Laidley, Bundaberg, Wooloongabba, Toowoomba, Strathpine, Holland Park and Pine Rivers.

A number of fundraising events were held when John Naumann visited Queensland in July – August 2008 including a Feast of Music presented by Queensland's brilliant young musician, Jayson Gillham that raised almost \$11,000.

In addition, and as a direct result of the 2008 Jayson Gillham event, we are pleased to announce a gift from the Carr Foundation of \$100,000 payable at \$20,000 a year for five years from August 2009. This gift is dedicated to the treatment and eradication of eye disease that is rampant in Tanzania. It will be spent by Amani in a partnership with the Mvumi Anglican Hospital located near the Amani Centre in Tanzania.

The Needs of Amani and the People of Dodoma

Dodoma is a poor and semi arid area of Tanzania that suffers cycles of famine and a constant shortage of clean water. Disease is rife as is malnutrition that stunts growth and shortens life expectancy. It is heavily reliant on agriculture.

The achievement of basic sustainability in Tanzania is a great challenge. The Amani Development Organisation (Amani Care) is relatively rich in human resources but poor in the equipment needed to take the utmost advantage of these resources. For example, three or four men with only hoes in their hands cannot make much of impression on the 135 acres of land under cultivation, crops and fruit trees. The following are the current needs:

1. Implements for the tractor that has just been acquired;
2. A tyre type tiller;
3. A four wheel trailer to haul behind a Landrover/Toyota;
4. A basic Landrover/Toyota – no frills;
5. A medium sized and sturdy truck;
6. A container of 'Chapin' Drip Irrigation Kits;
7. Funds to complete three staff/ guest houses;
8. Funding for well/boreholes at Chalula and Moloda at \$36,000 each;
9. Funds for security fencing at the farm sites;
10. Funding for the new English Medium Primary School at Mvumi Makulu
11. Continuing funding support for the Dodoma Children's Multipurpose Project;
12. Funding for steady development of the community based needy children's project at Makang'wa Village known as the Igondola Children's Project, Makang'wa;
13. Funds to further develop the water resource system at the Amani Cente;
14. Womens Medical Unit & Tank Makang'wa (\$14,800);
15. Makang'wa Water Pipeline project (\$3-5,000);
16. Water to Community School (\$1,000);
17. Womens Medical Unit & Tank Makang'wa (\$14,800);
18. Grain Mill (\$6,920); and
19. Biogas Plant (\$3,200)

These items represent a large investment of money but they will also place Amani Care in a very

firm foundation with the ability to not only sustain its basic operations but also to provide for steady expansion of support to communities in central Tanzania. With a drought and famine growing in severity and water wells drying up, many of these projects are becoming urgent.

The Programs of Amani; How your money has been spent

- During the past year the funds that were raised by the Foundation has been used as follows: At a time when hunger and drought is turning into yet another famine Amani has grown, purchased and distributed food to needy individuals normally in return for work at the Amani Vocational Training Centre. In addition it has help feed over two hundred orphans at the Igondola Education Centre;
- Continued to operate the vocational training centre to demonstrate more effective agricultural, nursery and building techniques, to encourage “self help” in growing various food products and to grow food products for distribution;
- Opened two schools:
 - (a) Kindergarten and pre-school at the Igondola Education Centre for orphans and underprivileged children; and
 - (b) A school situated at Igondola that tutors pupils of other schools in the district in the basic courses such as English, Mathematics and science with the objective of raising the academic level to enable students to qualify for further education including tertiary education;
- Commenced construction of an English Medium primary school at Mvumi Makulu. The local people donated land for the school and the adjacent farm. Development of the farm to sustain the school's operations and provision of sweet well-water have now been completed and construction of the school is under way. It will initially consist of two buildings and will open in 2010. Amani is also sponsoring the further education of Tanzanians who will teach at the school
- Assisted the village of Moumi, 50 kilometres to the south, to partly construct a large two classroom building including a teachers office. If funding allows, this building will be completed in 2010. This is the village's first school!!
- Sponsored over 100 disadvantaged and gifted children to attend local schools and receive higher education at colleges and universities;
- Provided books, computers and other materials to local schools;
- Connected fresh clean water from the Amani Center to the centre of Makang' wa village. In all, eight villages with tens of thousands of people, rely all year round on clean water that has been funded/provided by Amani;
- Continued its support to schools, a group of single mothers and a group of Aids Victims through a Nutrition Program that provides water, irrigation equipment and know how to enable these groups to grow their own nutritious vegetables;
- Expanded the buildings at the Igonola Education Center in partnership with a local parish to provide shelter and education for over two hundred orphans or homeless children as a result of malaria, cholera and Aids. It also acquired 4.25 acres of river front land to be developed as a

fruit farm to support the Igondola Centre;

- Provide emergency relief normally in return for work;
- Improving the health of the local communities;
- Established an Oil-seed processing plant at the Amani Centre for the extraction of sun-flower oil for sale. There is a need for this plant that will also encourage the growth of local sunflower growing as a cash crop. The proceeds are dedicated to support the Igondola Centre.
- Developed a tree nursery at Amani Centre, trained four local men in the collection and propagation of local tree varieties and assisted with the establishment of two local tree nurseries at Mvumi Mission and Mvumi Makulu.
- Major extensions of agriculture so that there are now more than 150 acres under sorghum, millet, maize, groundnuts and sunflowers, vines and fruit trees and vegetables; and
- Continued to work with the Project Committee of the Dodoma Childrens Multipurpose Project on the physical and social care of the street children/orphans and the building of a Care Centre.

Jayson Gillham - Cultural Ambassador

At the Jayson Gillham annual concert held on 11 August 2009, the Foundation had much pleasure in announcing the appointment of Jayson Gillham as its first Charity Ambassador. The appointment is an honorary one that publicly recognizes the extraordinary role played by Jayson Gillham, a brilliant young Queensland pianist of international acclaim, who sponsors the work of the Foundation through donating the proceeds of piano recitals, through introducing the Foundation to a wide audience of Music Lovers and through general promotion of the work of the Foundation.

Jayson was raised in Dalby, Queensland and has won many international piano competitions. For more please refer to <http://www.jaysongillham.com/index.html>

Many thanks to our Donors and Supporters

The Trustees of the Foundation wish to thank all of you who have supported the work of the Foundation in so many ways over the past twelve months. To have almost matched the prior years record profits in such adverse fund-raising conditions is a noteworthy achievement by our many supporters.

I encourage your continued involvement by listing what we offer our supporters in return for your generosity:

- A tax deduction for donations of \$2 or more;
- Assurance that your donation is spent for the purposes that it was provided and that administrative costs will be no more than 5%;
- Regular email updates on how your money has benefited the people of Tanzania;
- Satisfaction that every dollar donated has a multiplier affect and will go a long way to help our

people in Tanzania where there is a subsistence economy and average wages are only \$15-\$20 per week;

- Knowledge that all the programs that we support were devised in consultation with Village Leaders and have their support and commitment;
- Comfort that your money will be spent on building sustainable long term solutions to poverty because handouts are avoided except for the aged, the sick and the young orphans and other homeless children; and
- Joy of knowing that where there were emergency handouts of food to the aged, sick and orphans in the famine of 2007, the official government figures accredit Amani with saving the lives of thirty people in one village alone and we believe that over circa one hundred lives were saved over the total program during that famine.

Ways that you can continue to support us

The Hearts for Africa Foundation receives no government funding and relies on people like you to fund our care for the poverty stricken in Tanzania.

Donations

There are a variety of ways to contribute financially:

- You can make a one-off secure online donation now (see below);
- Make In Memory gifts;
- Sponsor a child's education;
- You can arrange a program of regular giving;
- Choose an item in Amani's Wish List on our website and donate towards its cost; and
- Make a bequest in your Will.

Donations of \$2 or more to the Hearts for Africa Fund are tax deductible.

If you care to assist our work, please make your donations by cheque to The Hearts for Africa Fund or deposit direct to our Fund's bank account: BSB 034041 ACCOUNT NO 226300. When depositing direct please provide details by email: donations@hearts-for-africa.org so that we can issue you with a receipt.

Volunteering

Volunteers are crucial for The Hearts for Africa Foundation to achieve our goals, and there are many ways that you can assist us:

- All the other work of the Foundation is done by volunteers (including the Trustees and over thirty personnel in our Thrift Shop) and there are no paid employees; volunteers provide banking, accounting, data input and data base maintenance, administrative work, mail-outs, organization of fund-raising events and assistance at functions;
- We also rely on fundraising events for our income. So please contact us and tell us how you can fundraise to assist the underprivileged children of Africa; and
- Volunteers with appropriate skills such as school teaching, nursing, medical training, farming, engineering, carpentry and the other trades can apply to work directly for the Amani

Development Organization on site at the Amani Centre outside Dodoma in Tanzania.

Support us by providing goods to our Thrift Shop

You can provide quality clothes, bric a brac, toys, games, paintings, books, records, jewellery, Ladies accessories generally, kitchenware, Manchester, soft furnishings...and lots more. But we do not normally sell electrical appliances and bulky items such as large items of furniture.

General

The Trustees extend their heart felt thanks to all our donors, voluntary workers and supporters and we invite you all to learn more about Hearts for Africa by visiting our web site at <http://www.heartsforafricafoundation.org/> that is linked to the Amani web site at www.amanidevelopment.org or contact the Foundation direct by telephone on +61 7 38 683 466 or by email on: info@hearts-for-africa.org



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