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SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship money is used under the guidance of Jacob (our Project Manager) to ensure it is used sensibly and to the greatest effect. Apart from school clothes and equipment, basic supplies for the home and items to help with day to day living the money is also used for other things to help the families become more self sufficient. In this photo Shahidha (who is both deaf and dumb) is sitting happily at her new sewing machine purchased with money bequeathed by her late sponsor Cyril Gill.

Aswathi and Ayana who are newly sponsored are pictured below. Jacob reports: `We helped their mother buy a hen house with 15 chicks of which I am attaching a photo. I could get only a few chicks in the snap as the rest of them ran off!!! The children have fun looking after them and await some eggs to sell them and of course, for the children to eat. Since then we have learnt that unfortunately a lot of the chickens have been attacked by some sort of wild animal which is one of the many difficulties with providing animals in this part of the world.



As our sponsors will know we try to make the sponsoring experience as personal as possible with the idea that both donor and recipient get to know each other and understand something of each others lives. Jacob has asked us to say that any sponsors who have access to the internet can always contact him and he will try and give updates on their sponsored families. He may also be able to email pictures. If sponsors want to email photos of themselves and their families he can also pass these on to the families. However please remember that Jacob only does this work in his spare time so it may take a while for a reply. Jacobs email address is jacobpunnen@gmail.com.

STAMPS

Many thanks to everyone who collects used (and unused) stamps for us they are all useful. It is a great help if they are cut neatly off the envelopes rather than being left with large sections of the envelopes but please do not cut too close to the stamps in case it damages them.

COMPUTERS FOR NIGERIAN SCHOOL

For some time Efiang has been hoping to get some computers for his school in Nigeria but there have been many problems along the way. Although we had offers of second hand machines it was not practical to ship them out to him although we did manage to get an old laptop to him a few years ago but that failed to operate after a short time. He has also investigated possibilities of acquiring some through the British Council there with funding from us but this has not been possible. However we have now provided a small amount of money which has enabled him to buy 3 second hand machines and new keyboards and monitors. He has previously created a secure room in which to keep and use these. There is still a problem with power supplies which are very irregular and we are hoping to provide money for a generator.



PAPER BAG MAKING

In previous newsletters we have reported on the mini project in Chengannur where we set up a few local women with the machines to make carrier bags from paper or old newspapers. The bags themselves look quite impressive as can be seen from this photo sent by Jacob.



Teaching in the Cameroon school

VISIT TO CAMEROON

In April Anne Frugaard from Norway visited the school in Cameroon that we have helped set up. Anne is involved in the fields of sustainable agriculture and forestry and has travelled throughout much of the developing world. There is still a lot of work to be done to encourage the local community to make use of the school and Anne spent about two days with Richard discussing the project. There has been some unrest and a lot of economic turmoil recently in the country that has further added to Richard's difficulties.

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following who have all given very generous donations over the last 6 months and also many others who have given smaller amounts or continue their sponsorships:

Mike Cooper to set up chicken rearing in Cameroon

Sheen Mount for electricity supply for school in Cameroon

Brentwood Methodist Church for local schools in Chengannur

Holy Trinity Church Bromley for school in Nigeria

Nancy Mauger for our Chengannur tuition class annual outing

Ptarmigan Trust for our general and emergency fund

Jim Welch to re-roof a house in Chengannur

David Cox to Jobin Babu one of his sponsored children so the family can buy a small plot of land and in time hopefully build a small house.

We have always been rather reticent in asking for money from donors but it has been suggested we remind people the ways money can be sent to us and we have updated our website too with easier instructions:

Cheques should be payable to `East Sheen Chengannur Trust` and sent to either address at the top of the newsletter. **Standing Order forms** (but not direct debits) can be posted or emailed to you on request either for one off or ongoing payments. You can also donate by **Paypal or credit card** on our website (address at top of n/letter)... click on `Donations` icon on the left of the home page.