

**The BARK FOUNDATION**  
(Registered Charity Number:1129762)  
**In support of HOTPEC ORPHANAGE, BUEA, CAMEROON**  
President: Reverend Edward Sakwe

**AUGUST 2017**

Dear Friends

We are disappointed to report that the difficult situation in Cameroon is still not resolved. We are thankful that our HOTPEC family remain safe but life is difficult for them. The secondary school youngsters were required to attend school at the end of June to take their examinations – in spite of having no formal education since January! To date we have not heard how they fared. We had hoped that, as the schools have been closed, the fees paid would be carried forward, but the authorities maintain that all the money was ‘spent’ in the administration of the examinations. The orphanage (and all other families) will therefore be expected to pay fees again when school resumes – no date suggested.

Meanwhile, as local people do their best to go about daily life as normally as possible, very few are now making the trek (about 1 kilometre from the main road) to HOTPEC with donations of food, therefore the orphanage is left to find the total cost of the food bill. Fortunately orphanage numbers have decreased as some have been ‘resettled’ by Social Services, some have grown up and moved on, and thankfully the number of abandoned infants has lessened. Currently there are 102 orphans and 18 volunteer helpers who are fed daily. They have been able to grow some vegetables on site and that has helped a little, but it is now the rainy season, when food is always more expensive. We have been provided with full ‘shopping list’ details – the cost is £1,500 per month – at approx. £3.15 per person, per week, it is in no way extravagant.

As we reminded you in our June newsletter, our aim is always to deal with the most urgent need – and feeding our family must come first. We have, since February sent £5,000 to help with food and medical needs – the last amount being £2,000 mid-July that should cover most of their costs to around 16<sup>th</sup> August. (Thanks to the success of the fund raising events held in June, in addition to regular donations from supporters). With a Gift Aid claim refund and the regular personal donations we should be able to send more by the end of the month.

**‘CHICKEN’ PROJECT – this is not forgotten, just ‘put on hold’ – The total cost will be £9,120.**

Roofing and preparing the building: £4,672      Purchase of chickens, feeders, drinkers and food etc.: £4,448

We intend to save towards this project any balance in hand after food support. (Two special donations given for this project - £400 + £1,000 - are held in a separate account until we have sufficient for work on the roof of the building to commence). If any supporters wish to make a donation to this specific project we will be happy to hold it in the separate account). The idea is not to produce eggs, but to purchase 1000 2wk old chicks to raise for meat – using some to feed HOTPEC and most to sell at 10wks old, realising enough to purchase a new batch of chickens, cover operating costs up to ‘maturity’ and still making a profit of approx. £770.

**EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY – please support us if you can:**

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 500-8.00 pm – BARBECUE at 111 Barkby Rd. Queniborough**

*(see attachment for INVITATION and directions). Please contact if possible, to help with catering – and BRING YOUR FRIENDS! Keith and Audrey are our hosts: 0116.2693440, or ‘phone Joy and David: 0116.2677576*

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – JEWELLERY STALL AT ABBEY PUMPING STATION ‘SEASIDE DAY’**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10.00 – 12.00, COFFEE SHOP as usual at Birstall Methodist Church, LE4 4JS**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10.00-12.00, – ‘TABLE TOP’ SALE at Birstall Methodist Church, LE4 4JS**

Telephone 0116.2677576 to BOOK YOUR SPACE. Crafts, Bric-a-Brac, Toys etc. welcome – JOY’S JEWELLERY will of course be there too!

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**THANK YOU Letter received from HOTPEC on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - we wish to share it with you:**

Dear Papa David and Mama Joy,

It is with great joy that we have received the sum of one million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred francs from you our lovely parents.

Dear Parents, the life we live with the present crisis of our nation is making things difficult. But we thank you people whose ears are always ready to hear us and to respond on time to make life good for the orphans and needy.

Dear parents we are trying to manage this support for feeding and health which is the top priority especially this rainy season.

Normally rainy season in Cameroon is always a season where food stuffs are scarce and expensive. It has increased with the state of the country. We are privileged to have you helping us and all those supporting you for HOTPEC sake, we say many thanks. We have increased the children's protein intake with more groundnut, beans and meat thanks to you all for such timely supports.

God bless you Dad,

God bless you mum,

God bless all our supporters,

Daughter Beatrice for HOTPEC.

YOU CAN NOW FIND US ON 'FACEBOOK'! Go to: [www.thebarkfoundation.org](http://www.thebarkfoundation.org) and click on the link.

**DONATIONS:**

**If you wish to make a donation to help in our quest to improve the lives of the children of our HOTPEC family please either send it direct to our home address or through 'CHARITY CHECKOUT', on line.**

Please see our website where you can click for on-line donations (we are aware that the website needs updating and hope to renew it a.s.a.p.). Some supporters choose to make their own arrangements directly from their own bank account to ours via a monthly direct debit (please just ask for our bank account details).

Modest donations made on a regular basis are greatly appreciated, surely and steadily augmenting our funds. **'Direct a Coffee to HOTPEC' – a cup of coffee in town costs around £2** – could you help us by persuading your friends to make a regular donation of this amount?

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like us to claim 'GIFT AID' on your donation this can be done through 'Charity Checkout' or by including a note with the following statement and information if sending directly to us:

Please treat all gifts of money that I make today and in the future as GIFT AID donations.

Title.....Initials.....Surname.....Home address.....

POSTCODE..... SIGNED..... Date.....

Best wishes - Joy, David, Charles and Edward

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