

The BARK FOUNDATION

In support of HOTPEC ORPHANAGE, BUEA, CAMEROON

Registered Charity No: 1129762

President: Reverend Edward Sakwe

NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

Dear Friends

Our April newsletter gave news of the start of building the new nursery unit. Our most exciting news since then is that our application to The Charities Commission was successful and we are now officially a Registered Charity listed on the Charity Commission website. We have also been granted 'Gift Aid' status, so we will be able to reclaim tax on qualifying donations. This is important news because it will go some way to making up for the loss we have suffered due to the weakness of the £1 sterling.

In spite of the difficult economic situation the generosity of contributors continues to encourage us and the sum raised to date is just over £15,000! Again, a **big thank you to everybody** who has contributed. If the exchange rate was still the same as when we started fund raising we would be three quarters of the way to achieving our first project. (The builder has not increased his prices). The amount needed currently is about £29,000.

Attached is a photograph of progress so far – no roof yet as it has been explained that during the rainy season the water will seep into the blocks and this strengthens them, and building work normally halts during this time. We continue to raise funds so that work can continue when weather permits. The toddler visible in the picture must be one of the babies we saw in November 2007 – hopefully the baby in arms will benefit from the new building.

LADIES – A FASHION SHOW – Friday 11th September 2009 at Birstall Methodist Church

Top branded clothes at ½ price or less – bargains for you and your friends and funds for the project.

Tickets £5 including tea/coffee and cakes – please telephone 0116.2677576 to reserve tickets.

COFFEE SHOP, JEWELLERY STALL AND TOMBOLA – Saturday 31st October at Birstall Methodist Church – please support us if you can.



It would be more efficient – and environmentally friendly - to send newsletters by email. If you have received this by post but do have an email address please email us a brief response and we can add you to our contact list.

Best wishes and thanks for your support, on behalf of us all

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