

## SPLISH! SPLASH – A day at the sea

The seaside outing has become one of our most memorable annual campaigns – a fun-filled day spent building sandcastles and paddling in the ocean. Thanks to you, Breadline Africa was able to take more than 500 children from various rural areas to the seaside.

For many children, the cold water was quite an experience and initially some children ran away – too scared to go near the water. But it was not long before they were telling their minders that they were never going to leave. What made the trip even more special was that it was also the first time at the ocean for some of the children's carers and they were as excited as their little charges!

The children were treated with a ride on the bus and for many this was another first. They were

given a snack on arrival, then fun and games on the sand, splashing in the water and building sand castles. Your loyal support made it possible for everyone to be treated to a delicious lunch, followed by the arrival of Father Christmas, who handed out gifts to the children.

The children were joined by Rev. David Steven, from Cornwall in the UK. Karen Krick, who lives in the USA, wrote "I am thrilled to bring joy to a child at the seaside. I live about 40 minutes from the ocean and I enjoy walking along the beachfront roads, so I know the joy and excitement that the children experience."

Pep Stores, a local retailer, also donated sun hats – an extra special gift, as the children enjoyed the best beach weather safely protected from the harsh African sun.



Edna with Rev. David Steven



# From your Family to a Family in Africa

Over the years, it has become a tradition to share much-needed food hampers with very poor families. With your help Breadline Africa handed out more than 200 food hampers to families in Chatsworth, Silvertown and Riverlands, communities on the West Coast, outside Cape Town.

Zanele Lusithi, who is a member of the South African Homeless Federation, said in her speech that a food hamper might be a small gift, but it means

the world to the people of Silvertown, which is an informal settlement. Melanie Wepener of Women in the Environment thanked Breadline Africa for sharing the joy of the Festive Season. It was the first time that the community had gathered for such an event and they were treated to a lovely breakfast, followed by lunch and the added gift of a family food hamper. Many of the residents have lived in the area for decades and have witnessed increasing poverty, as many are unemployed.



## Stationery Drive – Welgemeend Primary School



The Principal of Welgemeend Primary School, in Malmesbury. Mr Francois Arendse, was overwhelmed by the help that his children have received through the generosity of Breadline Africa's donors. He said that he was at a loss for words and could not believe that each child at his school had received a school stationery pack to set them on the right path for the new year. He added that it is very seldom that help comes knocking on his door, and for that generosity he is very grateful.

## Container Report Back

### Joining Hands Educare Centre, Mitchell's Plain



Charles de Long and his wife Denise were thrilled with the new containers for their ECD (pre-school) centre. During an emotional opening event in December, Charles explained how 19 years ago, they were inspired to keep growing when they received a kitchen container from Breadline Africa. He did not expect to encounter Breadline Africa again, and was excited by the addition of two new classrooms and a toilet container for the 75 children.

The Joining Hands Project is looking forward to a busy year as they will be joining hands with the community in providing a safe environment as well as a much-needed educational centre for the children in their area.

## Dennewere Primary School – kitchen container, Blackheath



There was great joy when this school in the Western cape received their brand new kitchen container. With your support, Breadline Africa brought smiles to the faces of more than 200 children, who receive a meal each school day from the feeding scheme. Previously, the coordinators of the feeding scheme had to use a cramped storeroom to prepare the meals. The principal and staff are very proud of their new kitchen and explained that from now on they will be able to serve more children and will also be able to add tables and chairs, making a bit of an occasion out of what might be the only meal that the children receive each day.

## The Women's Cooperative Mushroom Project – Ceres



This group of determined ladies were overjoyed when their container for the mushroom project was delivered. Following a negotiation period with local municipalities and farmers to garner support for their initiative, a way forward was found and they are ready to start farming their first crop of shiitake mushrooms. I will keep you posted on their progress.

## Little Angels Educare Centre received a toilet container on World Toilet Day



Little Angels Educare Centre is situated in the village of Hout Bay, Western Cape. There was a flurry of excitement when the six metre container toilet block was off-loaded. Consisting of two boys' toilets, two girls' toilets and one adult special needs toilet, with two hand basins, it was a welcome replacement for the two chemical toilets. These had to be emptied regularly and posed a hazard to the children as they often tipped over in high winds.

World Toilet Day is celebrated annually on 19 November around the world. Research shows that globally 2,4 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation, and in South Africa 1,4 million households have no sanitation at all.

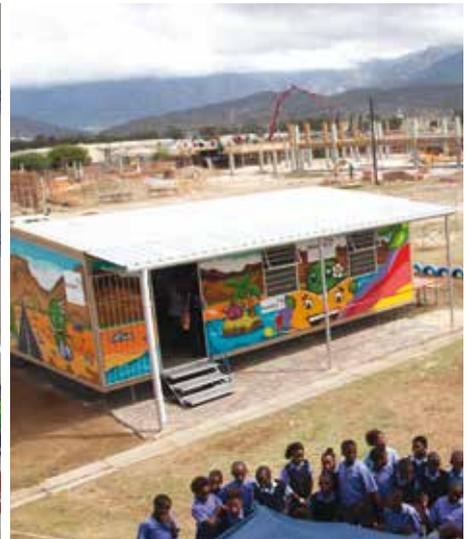
# P.J.B. Cona Primary School – Our 1st prefabricated library

On 16 February 2016, with your help, Breadline Africa launched its 66th library at the P.J.B. Cona Primary School in the little town of Worcester, one and a half hours from Cape Town. This was a first in many ways, as not only was it the first library funded by a direct mail appeal, but it was also Breadline Africa's first prefabricated building. This type of structure provides a much larger space than a 12 meter container to accommodate the 1,000 children who will use the library.

The children's choir, the Special Needs Unit and a small group of dancers entertained the attendees during the opening. The

principal, Ms Nontutuzelo Matross, explained how the previous library was converted into classrooms because of the increasing number of children. She had contacted Breadline Africa two years previously and made a request for a library, but had almost given up any hope of getting one until last year. She was thrilled with the gift and assured all present that the library would be well used.

Tim Smith, director of Breadline Africa, encouraged the children to learn to read and spoke of the great example of men like Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who had achieved so much by becoming literate early in life.



## St Barnabas Church



*From left: Ian Hamerton, Lin Hinds, a loyal Breadline Africa supporter, the Breadline Africa international chairman, Louise Seligman, Peter Haisman, Fr. Justin Dodd.  
In front: Susan Haisman*

Peter and Susan Haisman are long-term supporters of Breadline Africa, during which time they have made many visits to projects in and around Cape Town. With that first-hand experience, they have given a number of presentations to the congregation of St Barnabas Church, Ealing, of which they are members. Consequently, for many years, the church has enthusiastically supported many projects.

On Sunday, 18 October 2015, Tim Smith, the director, and Louise Seligman, international

chairman of Breadline Africa, visited the church, along with a number of supporters from across London and further afield. Their vicar, Fr. Justin Dodd, who was ordained in Johannesburg, South Africa, delivered a sermon on Christian giving, and Tim gave warm thanks to the congregation for their valuable and loyal support.

Following the service, the congregation and visitors were treated to a slide show from Tim detailing the most recent projects that have been undertaken.



Local companies play an important role in Breadline Africa's success and we take this opportunity to share some of their stories

## Carol Concert

The Dermot Gogarty Memorial Trust held their 10-year memorial carol concert and drinks reception on 21 November 2015 at Farm Street Church in central London, and Breadline Africa was privileged to be the beneficiary of the funds raised.

The renowned South African opera singer, Njabulo Madlala, award-winning soprano Iuno Connolly and the choir of St John's Beaumont performed a mixture of African and traditional carols. With approximately 400 people in attendance, more than £12,000 was raised, which will be used for additional classrooms at the Little Angels Educare Centre.



Conlog and their sister company, Schneider Electric, in partnership with Breadline Africa came to the rescue of Nethezeka Crèche in KwaZulu-Natal. In 2014, the principal of the pre-school passed away unexpectedly, leaving Kwenzeleni Hlatswayo to look after the centre and its 25 children.

On Friday, 20th November 2015, Conlog and Schneider Electric, as part of their Corporate Social Investment initiative handed over a new pre-school, including two 12-metre container classrooms, a toilet block and a container kitchen. Kwenzeleni was thrilled with her new school and thanked all who took the time to attend the event.

## A musical outing to the countryside in aid of Breadline Africa

We have been given 30 fabulous tickets for a performance of Oliver at Grange Park Opera, near Winchester in Hampshire. Grange Park is set in beautiful rolling countryside with a lovely indoor theatre and restaurants as well as outdoors picnicking options. All proceeds from donations we receive for these tickets will go towards funding a container kitchen at Emgazini Crèche, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Time & Date: 12 June 2015 at 16h20

The seats are worth £155. Please send a donation of at least this amount or more if able to.

Donate via bank transfer (see below) or via our secure online payment portal. Barclays Bank Plc, Princes Street, Ipswich Account name – Breadline Africa, Sort code – 20-44-51. Account number – 90777501. Reference – Oliver. Please email Wendy Hill (breadlineafricauk@btconnect.com) giving your name, address, date and amount of transfer and number of tickets you require



## Macquarie Group Foundation

Breadline Africa was delighted to receive a generous donation from the Macquarie Group Foundation, raised by the staff of the company and led by employee, Ryane Brunsdon. Each year, the Macquarie team raises millions of dollars for charity by coordinating a range of fundraising events and making personal donations. The Macquarie Group Foundation supports these initiatives by making matching donations to the community organisations involved.

An additional amount was raised from a quiz night held for Breadline Africa.

# 40 Cyclists – 8 Countries – All rode to raise funds for Breadline Africa



We salute all 40 cyclists who took part, along with 35,000 others, in the scenic but gruelling 109km Cape Town Cycle Tour on 6th March 2016. The funds raised by our 40 cyclists will be used to provide classrooms at the Ubukhobakhe Educare Centre in Khayelitsha. Among the 40 were Marijke Schep, one of Breadline Africa's international trustees and the organisation's director, Tim Smith, who was accompanied by his teenage son Patrick. Breadline Africa's youngest cyclists (Victor and Amandine Keppel) flew from Holland to take part in the Junior Cycle Race on Saturday 5th March and were super heroes in raising funds and promoting Breadline Africa at their school in Amsterdam.

On Friday 4th March, many of the Breadline Africa cyclists gathered at the office to meet each other and the manager of the Educare Centre, Thembisa Longo. Thembisa spoke about her project and the hopes she has for its future and thanked all the riders for helping to turn their dream into a reality.

Race day saw near-perfect conditions, with sunny skies and a slight breeze and all riders completed the race without injuries. Many of them have promised to return next year and will encourage friends to join them. Thank you to all those who sponsored the Breadline Africa riders.



## Soup Book Launch – “101 Soup Recipes”

The Irish Committee were delighted with the success of their fundraising book “101 Soup Recipes” that was compiled and edited by Louisa Edwards and designed by Jo Callanan and her son Dylan. “101 Soup Recipes” was launched on 13th October, at the great Corner Note Café in Dalkey, Co. Dublin, by Tim Smith who was fortunately visiting at the time. The launch was well timed for Christmas and the book has been a wonderful success. Already it has raised almost €7,000 for Breadline Africa. The Committee would like to thank the people of Dalkey, Bray, Greystones and New Ross for their most generous support. Copies can be ordered by emailing Wendy: [info@breadlineafrica.org.uk](mailto:info@breadlineafrica.org.uk) (£10 each plus postage and packing).



# Donor Gallery



*Mike and Sandie Syme  
from Cyprus*



*Rhiannon Hodson and Richard Stowe  
from Devon*



*Tim and Edna with Rory and  
Philippa Gogarty from Stourbridge*



*Celia Cox (second from right) and Mike  
Hodson (at the back) from Hampshire*



*Clare Bubb and her mother Barbara Palmer  
with Edna, from Worcestershire*



*Ray Flanders, Jean Cammel, Ruth and  
Glen Flanders, Edna and Paula Marshall  
from Wales*



*Rebekah Gogarty and Jim Sellars  
from London*



*Lorna and Jim Begley  
from Norwich*



*Paul and Lycia Sellars  
from East Sussex*

## Tax Relief – Donating Investments

Did you know that since April 2000, you are able to claim income tax relief on gifts of “listed” shares, securities and other investments? These gifts are also exempt from capital gains tax. Should you wish to donate any investment to Breadline Africa, please contact Wendy Hill at the Ipswich office on (01473) 259048 who can explain what is involved and provide you with an information sheet.

You can claim your tax relief for the tax year in which you make the gift and this can include the value of the net benefit to Breadline Africa at the time you donate your investment, along with any incidental costs such as brokerage and legal fees.

# Edna's corner



## Dear Friend

I am happy to report that our trip to the seaside was a great success! We experienced the joy of watching children seeing the ocean for the very first time – and feeling the sand between their toes.

I was amazed at how some of the children were initially afraid of the water, but once they became used to it, it was difficult to get them out! Some of the little ones did not get over their fear, but were kept busy building sandcastles. This event always brings back memories of my own first trip to the seaside and I am sure it has rekindled your childhood memories too. Thank you for your letters telling me all about your memories!

I have pleasure in reporting on all of our projects – there were some that took a little bit longer than expected, but have now been completed, along with some exciting new container projects. Thank you for your continued support – you make it possible for us to achieve so much more.

Please do send me your 'feel-good stories' – our readers love to interact and to share experiences. Many of you have visited our shores and I invite you to send me tales of your travels. Let me know if you are coming to Cape Town, and we can plan a visit to one of our projects.

Birthdays are special, and we love to celebrate along with our donors – please add your name to our Birthday Calendar.

Thank you for all your lovely letters and cards, they are much appreciated.

Love,

Edna Titus

## Birthday Calendar

I received a lovely letter from John and Katherine Corkish from Preston. Their granddaughter, Scarlet celebrated her fourth birthday last year and made a donation towards Breadline Africa's work in support of children and communities. Thank you, Scarlet, you are our youngest birthday star!

Are you on our birthday calendar? Or do you have something special to celebrate? Please send your details to me at [edna@breadlineafrica.org.za](mailto:edna@breadlineafrica.org.za) and I will send you a personalised greeting card.

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