

# kidz 4 him

## newsletter



### Dear friends of Kidz 4 Him

A couple of months ago Rob and I went to see Patrick and his orphanage down the road. (all photos added on our photo page on the website) Patrick runs a home based orphan care program where the children are taken care of by a relative. For some this is working very well, but for most of the children, this is not proving to be a help. Some of these children are wearing clothing that looks unfit for rags. I saw one child with shorts on that had shoelaces for seams.

The shoelaces were holding the two pieces of fabric around his bottom and the patch around the back-side was so thread bare I could almost see through it. I was horrified. One little cherub had a safety pin from a nappy holding her shirt on her. We are assisting these kids with school fees and clothes at the moment, and as soon as we can get them all on to our plot they will be the first of our children to come under the kidz4 him care. Patrick wants to be a carer and already has orphans in his own house.



A couple of weeks ago we were informed of a family living on the other side of the river that needed help. Four little boys who were living with their grandmother needed clothes and some money for school fees. When they came to see us, the twins who are around 7 years, sat quietly not sure what to expect. One of them had a very swollen head, and I asked to look at it. He had an ear infection that had gotten so bad that his whole head was swollen and full of pus. He was in a lot of pain and sat very still. We ended up taking him to the nearest hospital where they lanced and cleaned his ear. When I saw him, last week, he was smiling and pain free for the first time in months.

This morning I had a visit from Patrick and he gave me a report on the situation with the orphans, as he sees it. We are trying to work with him, and to support him as much as possible. So I am working on getting a school set up so that the orphans on his books can continue to go to school. In order for this to commence we need funds.

We are desperate to get the construction happening as soon as possible for the orphan homes. **\*This is where the volunteers are mostly needed at this time so if you know anyone that is interested in volunteering for a few weeks and has a construction background we want to hear from you.**



The kingdom is in desperate need of a clinic and that is our first priority. Today I had a mother come with a child that has had eye infections for four years. People are coming all the time looking for malarial medication, and all I am legally able to give them is Panadol.

A donation has made it possible, for us to put the roofing up, so we are working on getting the roofing sheets and frames into place as soon as possible. Using the same donation of roofing materials, we will commence work on the orphan housing and school as soon as the clinic is completed. Our motivation has always been, and still is, orphan care. Tomorrow we are going to go to the local council here in Itezhi and see how we can get a bore pump placed on our project site so that we can commence the construction of a clinic. This will provide us with drinking water as well. Daneida a donor group, place these pumps in villages at a small cost to the villagers so if we can come up with the 1.5 million kwacha we might qualify. (around \$250.00 Australian)

We have 6 workers who work for us now, and they asked if they could come and worship with us on Sabbaths. So they come with their wives and children and we have a wonderful time learning Tonga songs from them and they learn English ones from us. We then have a Bible study, some lunch and another study time. They are not all of the same faith, but its good to study the Word of God together and they are so hungry for it. We gave them all a copy of the Bible so they write all the texts and follow. We have an interpreter who helps us, so it's a slow process, but God is blessing. Please pray for this ministry, as it is so needed in this community.

Please help us by spreading the word, we need volunteers to help with building, right now, I have a lot of people wanting to come and work with the children and that's great its just that we are more focused on getting the buildings in place so that the children have a decent community to live in.

Blessings  
Rob & Sheree