



Golder Trust  
for Orphans



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to The Golder Trust for Orphans Newsletter, where you'll find the latest information about where your contributions to the Trust are going and how you can get involved in helping us create sustainable solutions that make a difference!

## Updates from our Projects

### Thembisa Embo Community Project / Hope Farm sends an Update of Good News!

Dear Friends and supporters of Hope Farm,

I am really glad to be able to write this newsletter, it is long overdue and contains some good news.

In my last news letter I shared how difficult last year was for us, I think it is only fair that I share how good this year has been. I mentioned that we have a new vision for the farm, to make the farm beautiful and to live simply.

In the last few months, we have set about making the vision become a reality. We have had some fantastic volunteers that helped with so much of the hands on work to make the farm function better. We have had some wonderful financial support and regular donations of food and nappies. This means we have been able to spend more time with the children, more time developing the farm and more time working towards being self sufficient and towards a better place to raise children.

Probably the most amazing thing for the family is that we have had a time of stability in terms of the children. We have been blessed with good health and no new children coming or going. This makes a huge difference to the children as it is very unsettling for them when children come and go.

#### To make the farm better:

We started with the children play area, The old barn was torn down and we used the materials to build a jungle gym, with some generous donations we put in two trampolines to help with the children's physical development. The jungle gym has ropes and swings and monkey bars, it is really cool, makes me wish I was young again.

The barn area is now a bicycle area. I was blessed with some money on my birthday and we bought the children new bicycles and scooters for the younger kids.



*Hope Farm kids enjoying their new bicycle area!*

The garage has been made into a house. It still needs some work but is great volunteer accommodation.

My hobby of raising food for the family has grown into a potential small business. My ducks and chickens have started laying and I have made a incubator to start raising our own chicks.

Because the chickens are so big, totally free range and anti biotic and hormone free, we have quite a nice market amongst our friends. The demand for our free range duck eggs is more than I can provide at the moment. We have built one new chicken house and have started a second, I will build six more as funds allow to cope with the growing demand.

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## Updates from our Projects and Fundraising News

### The Children:

The children are really enjoying the farm, in the morning they get up early and fetch eggs, after breakfast they have a bible story and then the older children do school and the others have play time. In the afternoon they help me feed and put the animals away. It really is a lovely way to live.

At present we are praying for a little girl , Jabula's older sister is six, when Jabula was placed with us, the sister was placed with an aunt. We heard a short while ago that she was missing and presumed living on the streets. The thought of a six year old living on the street is beyond me. Fortunately the police found her and she is safe at a children's home. We feel that as Jabula is family so by relation she is also family . We are applying to have her placed with us as well. The social worker is reluctant to place her with us as she has been abused and is a very difficult child and might be more than we can cope with.

Our other children's news. We have applied to adopt Annie and Buggy. Buggy's mom has agreed in court and Annie mom has agreed to sign adoption papers as long as it is us that adopts. Annie has recovered physically from her ordeal earlier in the year but still has a few food issues.

I have started writing a blog. I have been updating it a bit more regularly than I tend to

get newsletters out. If you would like to follow it the link is:

[www.farmingwithgodandlargefamily.blogspot.com](http://www.farmingwithgodandlargefamily.blogspot.com)

I would like to thank God for everyone of you that have stood by us, prayed for us and helped us in the good times and the tough times.

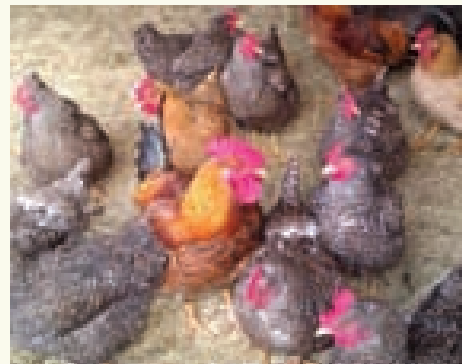
Thank you for your friendship.

**Andrew**

**Learn more about Thembisa Embo Community Project / Hope Farm!**

Visit the GTO Website:

[www.goldertrust.org](http://www.goldertrust.org)



*Raising chickens is developing into a small business.*



*Old barn materials turn into a new jungle gym.*

### Nokuphila School Sends a Letter of Thanks!

Dear Golder Trust for Orphans,

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to thank you and the Golder Trust for your recent donation of a magnificent brand new Jungle Gym for the children of Nokuphila School. We are enormously grateful to you and you can be sure just how much the children love it and how much time they spend playing on it with many squeals of sheer delight. It was a wonderful idea and very much needed and we thank you sincerely. We were also so appreciative that it was all installed in the playground ready for the children to play on – a great help to us!

Your continued support for the Love Trust and the children of the school is hugely appreciated, and will help towards the upliftment and early education of these vulnerable children.

We hope to serve in a way that will open up horizons and offer hope for an improved quality of life for them and their families. We cannot achieve this without the support you have so kindly shown us.

It is a privilege to be involved in helping these children and to know their future will be changed as they are educated and learn Christian values in life. The involvement of those at Golder Trust for Orphans in the school is welcomed and you too will be blessed as you see the project grow from strength to strength.

Thanking you most sincerely,  
**Norma Stewart**  
Love Trust Administrator

## Updates from our Projects and Fundraising News

### Technical Success for the Trust - Borehole in Mozambique!

The Golder Trust for Orphans is proud to announce the successful completion of another technical project for one of our NGOs; a source for water supply which was desperately needed to support 180 orphans at Carlos Vilanculos in Mozambique. Johan Pretorius, Groundwater Hydrogeologist for the Environmental Technology Business Unit in Golder Africa, very generously gave of his time and talents to not only survey but also coordinate all efforts to make this happen. It is thanks to Johan's contribution that this project will now have access to clean and reliable water supply! Another outstanding example of how people at Golder are making a difference! Thank you Johan!



*Top to bottom:  
Johan Pretorius – Golder Africa, Success – a clean and reliable water supply!*

### 2011 Golder Trust for Orphans Volunteer Trip Update

The time is fast approaching until our 3rd annual Volunteer Trip is underway. On November 12th, the following 13 remarkable Golder employees from around the world will be coming together in South Africa to spend the week working alongside one another on various projects to help Lily of the Valley.

#### Australian Employees:

**Nichole Boulton** - Engineering Geologist from Brisbane, QLD office

**Maggie Lee** - Group Support Coordinator from Perth, WA office

#### US Employees:

**George Deardorff** - Principal from Atlanta, GA office

**Dave Buscemi** - Senior Engineer from Conshohocken, PA office

**Maysill Pascal** - Senior Project Geotechnical Engineer from Newark, NJ office

#### Canadian Employees:

**Erin Greenaway** - Biologist from Mississauga, ON office

**Haley Roach** - Environmental Technician from Edmonton, AB office



*2010 Volunteer Trip.*

**Lindsay Young** - Information Management Analyst from Calgary, AB office

**Jenna Girdner** - Geotechnical Group from Burnaby, BC office

**Alice Fung** - Internal Communications Specialist from Burnaby, BC office

**Danielle Clake** - GIS Analyst from Calgary, AB office

**Cyril Wellman** - H&S Training and Communications Specialist from Whitby, ON office

Full details about this trip to follow in the November newsletter.

### GTO to be Showcased at the 20th Annual World Petroleum Congress in Doha, Qatar

The Golder Trust for Orphans has been selected to be showcased on the Global stage at the World Petroleum Congress in Doha, Qatar in early December. This is an incredible honour as the GTO will be featured alongside only a select few other organizations to be showcased in the Social Responsibility Global Village with this Congress. This is the first time that the Trust will be featured as an independent entity at a significant industry event where many of our

key oil and gas clients will be in attendance; some being included in the select few to showcase their own Social Responsibility efforts. This is an amazing opportunity for us to tell our story and demonstrate our commitment to Corporate Responsibility. Stay tuned to find out more about the WPC in a future newsletter.



## Fundraising News

### Golder Team Building in Bulembu

Golder Africa's Engineering Division wanted to do something different for their team building event. They graciously decided to volunteer their time and energy to help out one of the projects that is supported by the GTO. The following is their firsthand account of their experience:

In September, Andre and Estie van Niekerk, Chris and Marjan van Renssen, Fransisca Claassen, Kobus and Ronel van Heerden, Jaco and Anne-Marie Bothma, Laurent and Shirley Gareau, Dirk and Tineke Hattingh from the Engineering Business Unit decided to come together and spend the weekend at Bulembu in Swaziland. Jon Howcroft, Trust Manager, also spend the weekend with us walking around like a concerned father.

Bulembu, a small town in Swaziland, is redefining and rebuilding itself. Abandoned in 2001 by the mining industry, the future looked bleak but there is progress towards creating a completely self-sustaining community, restoring health and providing care for orphans, as well as education, commerce and hope. Bulembu Ministries envisage sending young people into the world with the equipped to handle the challenges of life strengthened by Christian morals and hopefully become quality leaders in Swaziland.

The trip commenced in Midrand with the Pretoria staff added. Departure was at 11:00 and like all good engineers, we managed to get

everybody through the border post with two minutes spare. Vernon, one of the management team at Bulembu, took us on a drive through Bulembu on Friday evening to give us an overview of the town indicating the various activity centres in the town and explain the operations. The next day breakfast was followed by a guided tour of the house where the babies are cared as well as one of the houses where the toddlers live. The main purpose of the visit was to paint a wall in one of the baby houses and build a jungle gym for the larger kids. Planning was done during Friday evening and work commenced on Saturday morning.

The ladies accepted the challenge of painting Disney characters and did an outstanding job leaving a brighter room bringing some joy into the lives of the babies and the caretakers, done in one day. The result is stunning if we consider that the ladies only saw the wall on Saturday. Co-operation and consideration leads to success, it seems

The men were responsible for building a jungle gym. A fair challenge for not so young engineers, but the task was also completed in one day. Now consider that all men are decision makers, but under the leadership of Chris, the dedicated project manager, work commenced within minutes. Golder set a standard in terms of quality, while finishing the project ahead of time and within budget.

The visit was truly in all aspects worth the trip and the effort. Spending time in an environment devoid of shopping malls, high paced living and, although the people are poor, there is a warmth, caring and love that is exceptional.

An outstanding feature of the Bulembu management is that they strive to be self sufficient and at no stage were there any request for donations. The fact that we were willing to give our time to improve a room and build a basic structure where kids can play was enough.

For more information about Bulembu please visit: [www.goldertrust.org](http://www.goldertrust.org) and [www.bulembu.org](http://www.bulembu.org)



*Clockwise: New mural the team painted in a Bulembu Babies house, Golder staff get close with a happy Bulembu baby, One of the lucky babies and loving house mothers at Bulembu Babies.*



## Fundraising News

### Eastern Canada Annual Golf Tournament Fundraising Success

The Eastern Canada Annual Golf Tournament held its annual Golf Tournament and dinner at the Deerhurst Highlands Resort this past September. Through the extremely generous support of both employee donations, through tournament fees and raffle tickets, as well as donations from sponsors, made up of mostly vendors, \$11,610 was raised to support the Golder Trust for Orphans. An outstanding accomplishment that will go far at helping to change lives in Africa!



*Patrick Williams presents Joe Carvalho with a cheque for donations raised for the GTO.*

### Golder BBQ Hosted by Maxxam Raises GTO Funds

Maxxam hosted four summer BBQ's across the GTA in an effort to raise money for the GTO. Golder Staff were encouraged to leave their lunch at home and in lieu make a donation in the amount of their choice; with every dollar being matched by Maxxam. Thanks to the generosity of both the GTA staff and Maxxam a total of @2,016.56 was raised for the GTO!



### The Philadelphia Office holds an iPad Raffle



On September 1st, the Philadelphia office held a raffle for an Apple iPad. Employees had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and \$1,300 was raised to support the GTO. Congratulations the winner - Scott Polo! Thanks to Shelley Domowitch for doing an amazing job at coordinating a wonderful fundraising initiative!

### Pop Machines in London and Whitby Offices



Golder employees continue to think of new ways to raise funds to support the Golder Trust for Orphans. Both the London and Whitby offices have established some or all of the funds collected from the office vending machines to be donated to the Trust. Thanks for your continuous efforts and finding ways to increase support! Cheers to you all!

### Rugby World Cup Pool Raises funds for the Trust



Employees in the Vancouver and Toronto area offices worked together to raise \$800 for the Trust through rugby world cup pool. Thanks to all who participated!



## Fundraising News

### Peter Onley European Bike Ride Extravaganza

We are thrilled to provide a follow up to story that was featured in the June/July Newsletter.

Peter Onley, a Principal from the Perth office, successfully completed his European riding adventure. Not only did he complete the 2500km ride from Frankfurt to the Black Sea at Constanta in Hungary but he has exceeded everyone's expectations, including his own, by completing the total Black Sea to North Sea route and once back in Frankfurt cycled all the way to the Hoek van Holland at a total of 3468kms in total. With Peter's unbelievable effort he was able to raise \$8,326.00 through the generous support of his colleagues and Gilder's commitment to match-incentive dollar for dollar donations.

Congratulations to Peter on this absolutely incredible accomplishment! Our sincere thank you for a truly amazing donation that will do an extremely long way to helping children in Africa!

For more information check out Peter's account of the entire trip on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/Onleysdownriver>

As well as numerous photos:

<http://yfrog.com/user/Onleysdownriver/photos>



*Top to Bottom: Peter and his wife at the North Sea, Peter takes a break in Budapest.*

## Huge Heartfelt Thanks from GTO

### Thank You

The GTO would not be able to do anything without the generous support of the amazing employees that provide donations! Your support is truly invaluable to the success of what the GTO is doing!

We sincerely thank each and every one of you that has made the commitment to sign up for monthly payroll donations; these are critical to ensuring we are able to provide ongoing support to the amazing organizations that we work with and enable us to grow to help expand our reach and help more.

*Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself. - Og Mandino*



## General Information

**The Trust is currently supporting ten projects with a vision to expand this number as our financial resources grow.**

1. Bulembu Ministries (Bulembu, Swaziland)
2. Hamba Ekukanyeni (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa)
3. Lewa Children's Home, Kip Keino School and Baraka Farm (Eldoret, Kenya)
4. St. Joseph's Care Centre (Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa)
5. Thembisa Embo Community Project (Durban, South Africa)
6. Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
7. KwaSizabantu Schulzental (South Africa)
8. Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
9. Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)
10. Lily of the Valley (South Africa)



**Help us reach our goal of having 1000 monthly donors to the Trust!**

Many thanks to all Golder staff around the world who are contributing monthly to the Trust for Orphans. We are getting even closer to our goal of having 1000 staff donating monthly!

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR PAYROLL DONATION](#)**

### What is the Golder Trust for Orphans?

As part of our commitment to sustainability, Golder Associates formed the Golder Trust for Orphans in 2003 to provide support to children and families in Africa who have been orphaned or displaced by the AIDS pandemic.

The Trust, which is funded mainly by contributions from Golder's operating companies and Golder staff, provides financial support to NGO's caring for and counselling families and dependents of people living with HIV/AIDS. To date our efforts are supporting over 1000 children in Africa.

### What projects are we currently supporting?

The Trust is currently supporting the efforts of nine projects in Africa:

- › Bulembu Ministries (Swaziland)
- › Hamba Ekukanyeni (South Africa)
- › Lewa Children's Home, Kip Keino School and Baraka Farm (Kenya)
- › St. Joseph's Care Centre (South Africa)
- › Thembisa Embo Community Project (South Africa)
- › Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
- › KwaSizabantu Schulzental (South Africa)
- › Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
- › Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)
- › Lily of the Valley (South Africa)

### Where can you find more information about the Trust?

The Golder Trust for Orphans has a site on GoldNet! Go to [Corporate Services / Enterra Holdings Ltd. / Golder Trust for Orphans](#) to:

- › Learn more about the projects we're supporting
- › Visit other AIDS related web sites
- › Download Contribution forms
- › Read articles of interest
- › See current presentations about the Trust!

You can also visit the Trust web site at [www.goldertrust.org](http://www.goldertrust.org)!

Your feedback about this newsletter is welcomed! Please send your comments to [GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com](mailto:GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com).

## How can you get involved?

- › Become an Office Champion for your office!
- › Promote the Trust in your workplace
- › Organise a fundraiser in your office
- › Encourage other staff members to contribute

Donate monthly through:

- › Payroll deduction
- › GivenGain online payments
- › Bank draft
- › Get involved in fundraising events in your office, operating region, or globally!

Feedback about this newsletter is welcomed.

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