



## **Africaid's Monthly Newsletter**

### **Africaid at the House of Commons England**

In May Marcus was kindly invited to speak at the launch of the UK Foreign Policy Centres (FPC) Report Women and Children First: Leadership and the HIV & AIDS Crisis in Africa. The Report was launched by Development Minister Ivan Lewis, MP, to coincide with International Midwifery Day. It makes a number of practical recommendations for tackling the HIV/AIDS virus in Africa, highlighting the importance of targeting young people.

The Report notes the importance of targeting young people, as only approximately 30% of young men and less than 20% of young women aged 15 to 24 living in the developing world have an accurate and comprehensive understanding about HIV, and how to avoid being exposed and infected

The Report featured a case study of our WKU programme, highlighting how our programme successfully helps kids to stay HIV negative.

### **Eight tournaments in Ten days!**

Every kid who graduates through our programme is rewarded with a World Cup style tournament to celebrate their achievement with their class mates, teachers and sometimes parents. Last year we held four tournaments but this May had 8 tournaments in 10 days!

All kids were following FIFAs fair play initiative of no referees which had mixed results, as did the tournaments with Iran, Mexico and Scotland winning tournaments, something which is unlikely to happen in the near future!

In numbers: Over 1500 happy boys and girls, 1602 hot dogs and rolls, over 3,000 goals and 4 tired WKU

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**House of Commons**

### **Newsletter Spotlight**

**Africaid at the House of Commons**

**Eight Tournaments**

**Garage Sale**

**WKU Health Academy nears completion**

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volunteers!



**Kids Enjoying their tournaments**



**Raising Funds**

### **Garage Sale in Canada raises much needed funds**

On May 9, 2009, a garage sale was held in Picton, Canada to raise funds for WhizzKids United. The sale was organised by Marg Davies and Claire Ferreira and raised \$675 CAD in much needed funds which will be put to excellent use in furthering our programme in the African countries where we operate; Ghana, Uganda or South Africa.

We are tremendously grateful to our overseas supporters who show such initiative in supporting our life-saving work and raising awareness of the global HIV/ AIDS crisis within their communities.

### **WKU Health Academy Update**



Our WKU Health Academy is coming along ahead of schedule. Only last month they were digging the foundations and now the roof is ready to go on. Our life skills trainers have been attending counseling courses so that they can assist with providing these services at the academy.

The next step, is to raise the funds to ensure we can fill the Academy with all the required equipment, from sinks, to computers to office chairs!

**Next stage the roof!**

### **WKU Centre of Excellence**



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WKU has now moved into its new Centre of Excellence! The builders have finally moved out and we have now taken full control of our new offices, complete with its own board room and football pitch.

Over the coming weeks and months we will start running our life skills programme at Clarence School, holding refresher courses for our trainers and holding a grand opening as well as numerous tournaments on our new football pitch, so watch this space! Our sincere thanks to **Abbott** for funding the Centre.

## WKU Checks progress in North West Province

Paul our Programme Manager has been up to the North West province to check on our new programme in partnership with One to One Childrens Fund.

At Tshirologang Primary School, the kids are up to Session 4, so by the end of term will have 700 new children through our Life Skills course. Next is to work at Letsibogo Primary School where we will have another 700 kids through the programme in term 3.

We are also working in a correctional facility, a new area for our programme, but crucial as young offenders are a high risk group, with some already infected. 104 young offenders have now finished the life skills course!

Welcome Elsie, Queen and Sibongile-Life Skills Counselors & Tebogo - Project Coordinator to the team. Keep up the great work.



### Recent graduates!



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