

FUNZI BODO

NEWSLETTER FOR THE FUNZI AND BODO TRUST

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Rebuilding the school - a workman building new classrooms and the remains of old school carry a message for the future

Second School to Open it's Doors ...

The Funzi and Bodo Trust will count the rebuilding of a new primary school as one of its major achievements of 2010/11. The charity had set itself a target of two years to raise the funds needed to rebuild Bodo Primary School. Hard work on the part of volunteer fundraisers and a number of grants saw the money in the bank in just six months. The new school replaces near derelict and dangerous buildings. Bodo Primary not only has excellent classroom spaces with new furniture but a new kindergarten and teachers block. The charity is also providing a kitchen where many children will get their only meal of the day.

Where now?

The story of the Funzi and Bodo Trust is a remarkable one. In just four years it has opened two medical clinics, started road and water ambulance services, has funded operations, installed clean water systems, built two schools and opened libraries and computer centres, It has also led emergency medical operations to beat outbreaks of cholera and taught health education. The success lies in determined volunteer work with money raised through fundraising going direct to Africa instead of being spent on costly overheads here in the UK. It still needs more people to make regular monthly donations to meet the demands and more people to fundraise. So why not give a regular donation or arrange an event? Contact us at www.funzi.org.uk or call 0113 2526513

First Steps



Baby Idris whose father died in the recent outbreak of cholera has taken his first steps. It's a remarkable change of fortune for the toddler who was born with his feet facing the wrong way. The Funzi and Bodo Trust has paid for him to receive operations and physiotherapy. A teenage girl who was

unable to walk after a fall is expected to slowly recover after the charity brought in expert doctors. A steel frame is being made to support her and she receives physiotherapy three times a week. The tailor who endured open leg wounds for four years is now starting to walk again and after a year of treatment is managing to do some work again.

A library of over a thousand books has opened its doors to the villagers of Funzi. The selection includes titles for children and adults. There is a huge appetite to read among those who have literacy skills but books and magazines are rarely available.

The charity plans to teach people to read and start book clubs for those who already can. The resource centre in Bodo will also have books alongside the new computers

The Funzi and Bodo Trust is supported by Transglobe Investments and Bag2School

Computers Could Help Break Poverty Cycle

A new resource centre where children and adults can gain computer skills will open in Bodo next summer. A dedicated trainer will teach classes from the two primary schools built by the trust. Adult classes will also give people skills which will increase their chances of finding employment. It's hoped that increased earnings will feed back into the local economy and support families. A cyber café and print shop will also open at night. The charity hopes that this will be a further step towards ending isolation. In villages where people live in mud houses without running water or sanitation this is a major step forward.



Water danger- children play, wash and use standing water as toilets

Electricity could save lives

Routine vaccinations of babies and small children can now begin in Bodo thanks to the arrival of mains electricity at our clinic. Our Bodo clinic can also stock anti snake venoms and other life saving drugs which require refrigeration. Until now our clinics have had to wait for visiting medical teams rather than vaccinating children as a matter of

routine. Funzi has no mains electricity but our water ambulance can bring children to Bodo to be treated.



A patient is examined at a special clinic where glasses were handed out

Ashley and Sara Peatfield who started the charity helped direct a rescue operation for a group of ten people whose boat overturned at night in the ocean. The disaster claimed the lives of a newly married couple. The charity's medical team were dispatched to help survivors and emergency services were directed to take the people to hospital.

Fighting for Sharka

An eight year old girl called Sharka is receiving life prolonging treatment thanks to the Funzi and Bodo Trust. She has advanced skin cancer, including a tumour in her mouth and thick scales all over her body. The condition also means she struggles to see. Sadly the condition is terminal but with an operation to her mouth and the use of drugs she can enjoy a much better quality of life. The Trust will also arrange treatment of her eye condition and

provide glasses giving her sight. Special clothes will stop irritation to her body.



Eight year old Sharka has terminal skin cancer



Survivors of the boat tragedy at Funzi Clinic