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Dear Friends

We have the fantastic news that we are now supporting 21 girls in their secondary education! This is a huge encouragement for the younger ones to see the girls who have completed their education at our school to progress to Secondary School. This initiative has been enabled by Sue Davies and her team who set up a bursary fund.

It is vital for the girls to continue in their education, the country needs strong young women who are well educated. This will give them options other than getting married too early and will help them to stand on their own feet. Once they have their families, they will be able to pass on to their children the benefits of their education.

The school community has built an oven to bake bread, that will reduce the cost of buying it for the children. So they are now supplying their own bread, and the girls can help in this.

The school keeps up with maintenance throughout the year, and thanks to our two new generators we can mend all sorts with welding equipment. Some of the desks and chairs in the classrooms get their treatment as well!



The political situation is sadly not stable. The peace agreement was signed in early autumn, but its implementation is slow. There are divisions in both government and rebel camps. Western Governments seem to think that Riek Machar's return to the government would be a solution, but many of Machar's supporters are upset that he had led them in search of a new system of government, but he now seemed ready to go back to the existing system as he had been offered the first Vice Presidency post. Both sides have committed atrocities for which justice should be sought. People are also puzzled that Western governments are in support of re-instating an ex-Vice president who instigated a coup. In no Western country would that be an accepted move. Western sanctions are not hurting the leaders, but the ordinary people. There is a shortage of fuel and food in the country. Development is on the back burner and the situation is becoming grave. The churches and other groups have been outspoken about seeking lasting peace between the different groups.

Links to various political or church updates can be accessed on our website.



We have been incredibly thankful for the initiative of a fundraising group in Barnes, London. Their news: *SAVE THE DATE!*

Please come and support 'UNDER TREE SCHOOLS' by attending a wonderful evening of Swing Music! On Saturday, 25th June 2016 @ 7pm at St Mary's Church, Barnes, The Galaxy Swing Band will be entertaining us with classic swing music and singing!

Bring your own picnic to Kitson Hall, get dressed up in 40's style and dance the night away!

Full details will follow on our website and local newsletters. Please contact Sue Davies at suedavies94@hotmail.com for further information and to pre order any tickets.

Other events for 2016 include a new private tour of Kensington Palace and the ever popular tour with our private guide at the Victoria and Albert Museum (running now for the 3rd year).

Support us at St Mary's Charity Ball February 2016 with great auction prizes, Porsche Boxter for the weekend, a round of golf at the exclusive Wisley Golf Club and a week in a villa in Menorca. Come and see us at Barnes Fair next July.

Under Tree Schools needs more local groups around the country raising funds in their local community. If you think you could help us in any way, no matter how small or large the event, please do get in touch, either with Karin or Sue as the Barnes Group is very happy to share what they have learnt so far! How about suggesting Under Tree Schools for a Mufti Day at a school you know?

For Christmas and other occasions we continue to offer gift certificates. A sample can be viewed on our website and ordered from Karin with the donation form. For example, we supply the girls with a hearty meal every day, so some good meat from a mighty bull is needed!

How about supporting the school with £ 10 for a week's salary for one of the cooks or £ 15 for two weeks' sewing supplies for the pupils or £ 30 for a week's food for the children or £ 30 for a uniform.



May we thank you once again for your invaluable support.

With our warm wishes and all God's blessings

Karin and Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg