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El Salvador Children's Earthquake Trust

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Carlos teaching an English class in Panchimalco

Founder and chair Chris Jagger writes...

We continue to be operational in El Salvador, Uganda, Kenya and also Colombia through our close association with the Dan Eley Foundation. Covid has clipped our wings in terms of actual mission trips abroad but having established trusted field workers in the various countries we are able to receive regular reports and send much needed funding for the developing work.



Eye clinic in San Carlos Community House 2023

El Salvador eye & diabetes clinics

Most recently we have had a surge in activity in El Salvador and our loyal field worker Ruth Cruz is faithfully assisting in the diagnostic and management plans for needy folk struggling with cataracts and other eye problems. This has been one of the successful areas of influence through SALCET since its inception. Ruth has also been keeping a weather eye on the village of San Carlos where SALCET, with the help of Busbridge Junior School, was able to arrange for the construction of a re-enforced community house as a safe haven in times of earthquakes or storms to which the country is frequently prone.

Established in 2005 by members of Busbridge&Hambleton Church responding to the emergency and long term rehabilitation needs of children damaged by earthquakes and other natural disasters in El Salvador, SALCET provides ongoing support in countries caught in conflict and poverty.

We are deeply grateful to BHC for the support that you have given us over the years and for choosing us as the charity to receive funds through the Easter appeal this year.

Despite the village having been brutalized by gang warfare and murders, the community is gradually coming back to life and the community house is used for local health purposes including provision of corrective reading glasses and support.

An area of exploration in El Salvador is a request from Carlos, another link field worker, who is interested in setting up a diabetic clinic as so many of the locals in Panchimalco, where his community is located, are suffering from type 2 diabetes.

Medical support in Kenya

One area of activity that has given me personal satisfaction is the emergence of 'remote diagnostics' in Kenya through the Lord's guidance and local charitable network links. Essentially images are sent to me via WhatsApp and I am able to ascertain details of the case and glean the history of the present condition and problems. This leads on to offering a 'management plan' plus financial resources to rectify the situation through local medical services. Two young children Ephantus and Peter, struggling with cerebral palsy, have successfully responded to treatment and Ephantus transformed from being bed bound to having strong mobility and attending school. Eunice, the mother, speaks to me on a weekly basis while down at the Cellar Camino Café through WhatsApp video call.



Uganda: Ssunga Twezimbe ladies working in fields

Despite our imminent move to the Isle of Wight we will be continuing with our medical mission work and seeking younger blood to engage in the operation of the charity. Thank you again for your love and support, and a joyous Easter to you when it arrives. Chris and Maggie Jagger for SALCET.

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Agricultural support in Uganda

Our work in Uganda continues to move forward but the agricultural project has been beset with problems from season variation and unpredictable rainfall. The thirty ladies however battle on and support one another in their efforts and stay cheerful. Swine flu is another issue that we will be looking into regarding prevention. The chicken project has met with measured success but market forces and isolation with Covid have posed a significant problem regarding selling of the eggs at market. Robert, our faithful field worker, gives regular updates and does a sterling job keeping the project buoyant and optimistic despite all the pressures. He is a lovely man who sadly lost his wife in childbirth and brings up the family of three children single handed. We have been able to give personal support to him on a monthly basis.

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