



A charitable trust supporting education in South Africa

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The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity, established by Trust Deed on 1 July 1999. The objects of the charity are to support the advancement of education in Zakhele School in Mamelodi, South Africa, the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre and any other educational institution in Mamelodi at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trustees work within the UK to raise awareness amongst supporters and within the education and political sectors and to raise money to support education in Mamelodi. It also exists to provide support and encouragement for those working in the Mamelodi schools and to facilitate links between these schools and appropriate contacts in the UK. Funding is normally made available to the schools for expenditure according to locally defined needs and priorities.

The Mamelodi Trust commenced its ninth full year as a Registered Charity with a balance of £8,839.

During the year a further £19,221 was raised. £9,066 was contributed by individuals via one-off donations, standing orders and CAF Bacs credits. £2,988 was raised by Naace at their Annual Conference. Several schools and Sunday Schools supported the Trust during the year and together raised £581. The Mamelodi Weekend at Hazelwood Church raised £1,036 and the Ashleyhay Music Festival donated £950 to the Trust. A number of other presentations and fund raising events made significant contributions to the Trust funds. Gift Aid contributed £3,170.

During the year, the majority of the Trust's financial transactions were conducted via its CAF Bank accounts and a total of £509 was received in interest. A Lloyds TSB account was kept open for the receipt of existing standing order donations and to receive payments from PayPal which have been donated via the Trust's website during the year.

The 100 Club became fully functional at the start of the year and raised £743 net for the Trust. This very successful fund raising activity was managed by Carole Hassell.

In 2007/8, all funds transferred to South Africa were made by direct electronic transfer of funds from CAF Bank in the UK to bank accounts in South Africa.

The Trust applies a key principle that the priorities for spending should be firmly in the hands of the local people in Mamelodi. As last year, the Trust was able to support more than one school and grants to schools for books were made as follows during the year:

Zakhele Primary School	£1,000.00
Meetse A Bophelo Primary School	£2,000.00
Sikhanyisele Primary School	£666.00

This money was transferred electronically to Exclusive Books Ltd. in Pretoria (www.exclusivebooks.com) who have assisted the schools in selecting appropriate books from a range of educational publishers. They have additionally applied a 12% discount which effectively adds £440 to the Trust's grant.



A further grant of £1,012 for educational resources was made to Meetse A Bophelo Primary School. Grants of £1,333 for additional educational resources at Sikhanyisele Primary School and £1,000 for a development project at Tshegofatsong Special School have been earmarked and will be made after 30th September 2008 when details of proposed expenditure have been received from the schools.



Following the opening of the new library building at Meetse A Bophelo Primary School in October 2007, the Trust funded the purchase of a range of library shelving and other furniture and later in the year funded further shelving to replace metal shelving which had been donated by Pretoria University. The total cost of interior work amounted to £8,712.

Steve and Mary Bacon spent four weeks in Pretoria in the autumn of 2007. They were fortunate to be present for the formal opening of the new library where the guest of honour was Chris Van Wyk, the well known South African author.

Although just an empty building at this stage, there was much excitement and anticipation in the school as plans were made for the installation of good quality library shelving and furniture and a computer system for cataloguing books and managing loans. The first phase of installation was complete by the end of 2007 and further improvements were made in 2008. Steve and Mary worked with the school's Library Committee to help them plan the use of the new library and maximise its effectiveness in improving standards of literacy in the school.

In the summer of 2008, Jenny Murray and a group of students from Nottingham University worked in Meetse A Bophelo School. This visit was funded by the students and by Nottingham University. The Trust made a small grant to Laura Beverley, an experienced primary school teacher who has worked for the Trust in Mamelodi in previous years, to enable her to work in Meetse A Bophelo School during the summer. The bulk of the cost of Laura's visit was met by herself. The Trust also made a grant to Meetse A Bophelo School to enable them to run a winter literacy school organised by Laura.



Helen Smith continues to act as the Trust's representative in Pretoria and has worked extremely hard during the year on the Trust's behalf. Having someone on the ground has proved extremely useful and regular feedback on the impact of the Trust's funding has been received. During the library development project, Helen acted on behalf of the Trust and her regular (normally weekly) involvement on site has been crucial to the success of the project. She has worked closely in support of the school's Library Committee and has supported the Headteacher in extending the impact of the library across the school. She has worked closely with Exclusive Books and helped schools to make appropriate purchasing decisions.



The school has appointed a library manager, Prince Mavundla, to oversee all development work in the library and to organise its use across the school. This is proving to be an invaluable appointment. Helen Smith liaises closely with Prince, providing support and assistance as required.

The relationship with Exclusive Books continues to work well for the Trust. Not only are the Trust's grants to schools for books uplifted by 12% but the staff of the bookshop are extremely helpful in advising schools on the purchase of books. A training workshop, hosted by Exclusive Books, was held for all the schools supported by the Trust with input from Exclusive Books and two educational book publishers. This activity is also encouraging collaboration between the schools receiving Trust funds and the sharing of expertise.

International visitors frequently visit the schools supported by the Trust. A small delegation of UK MPs visited Meetse A Bophelo School to see at first hand the conditions experienced by schools in Mamelodi and the work of the Trust.

During the year, International Rotary agreed to supplement the funds raised by the Rotary Club of Sandy and the Rotary Club of Pretoria East. By the end of the year this money had been lodged in a bank account in Pretoria and will be spent on books for the library in the autumn of 2008. The Rotary Club of East Pretoria have also been active in Meetse A Bophelo School and have organised the delivery of nearly new books to the school from the USA.

Early in 2008, Gill Taylor, with the support of teachers in Glossop, assembled a large number of nearly new books and arranged for them to be shipped to Meetse A Bophelo Primary School by sea using the services of Community HEART (www.community-heart.org.uk) a charity supporting health, education and reconstruction in South Africa. The Trust made a donation to Community HEART as a contribution to the shipping costs.



Students from Rutgers University, New Jersey USA, visited Meetse A Bophelo School in 2008 and, through the good offices of The University of Pretoria, brought with them a large number of new books for the library. A donation of books was also received from Fordham University, New York USA. Students from The University of Pretoria have worked in Meetse A Bophelo School to redecorate classrooms, work in the library and support the gardening project.

In September 2008, Nigel Canin, Managing Director of 2Simple Software in the UK, visited Meetse A Bophelo School again and generously donated a number of laptop computers and all the 2Simple software for primary schools for use in the new library. Monthly staff training sessions were also provided. The 2Simple Trust (www.2simpletrust.org) is working to provide further support for the Mamelodi Trust's endeavours in that school.



The South Africa charity READ carried out a training day on the use of Big Books (which had been funded by the Trust) and donated further teaching resources and Big Books.

There are regular volunteers working in the library at Meeste A Bophelo who support reading with groups of children. Other volunteers have worked on Saturdays in the library to help organise and catalogue the books.

Several presentations about the Trust and South Africa were given at various UK venues during the year. These have not only raised money but also met one of the Trust's objectives to increase awareness of the needs of South Africa.

The Trust's website was updated at various points during 2008. The technical work was carried out by Joth Internet Solutions at no cost to the Trust.

The Trust ends its ninth year on a confident note. It is much encouraged by the support it has received in the UK and the impact of its work is clearly evident in the life of several schools in Mamelodi. The Trust has been pleased to be in a position to continue to support four schools even though its financial commitment to one of them, Meetse A Bophelo School, has been very significant. The Trustees are delighted that the initiative to build, furnish and stock a library at the school has been such a great success. Reports from the Headteacher confirm that it is making a dramatic improvement to the life of that school. The Trust continues to look for ways of continuing its commitment to support its four schools in Mamelodi and will seek to maximise the impact of previous investment.

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Notes

The Mamelodi Trust is Registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom (Reg. No. 1077489).

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