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Special Edition

This newsletter is an appeal for your support

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Dear "Friends of Mother of Peace",

First and foremost, many grateful thanks to all who support MOP with prayers, finances and donations in kind. Thank you also for allowing us the opportunity to email/ post this important document to you.

We trust that as you read about the financials of Mother of Peace you will dig deep into your hearts and pockets to become a part of this growing organization.

We have one concern in mind at Mother of Peace and that is to do the best for the children placed in our care. We also know that we would not be able to do this work without your assistance, support, provision and the fact that you care enough to do something about it.

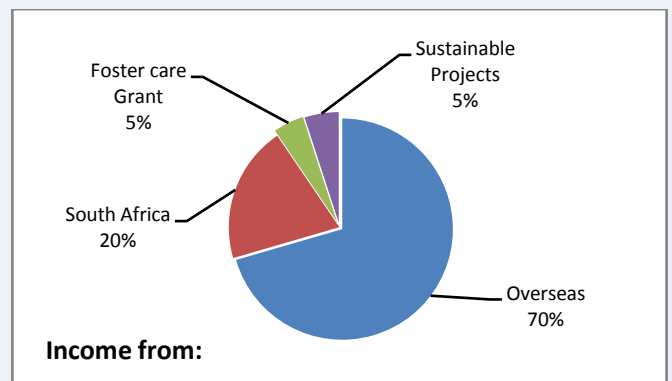
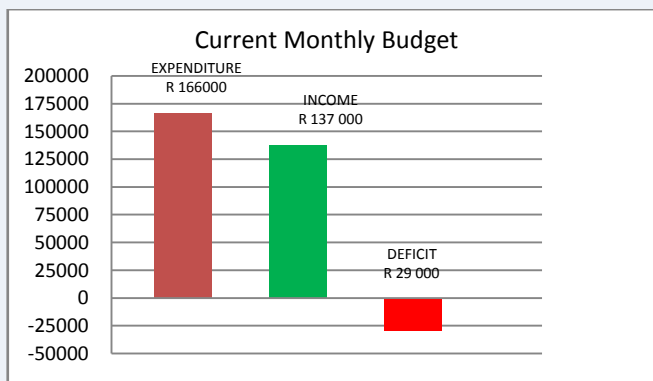
We are fully aware that the current recession (globally) is affecting everyone, but would still like to appeal to you for your assistance in giving these children a better life and opportunities that they would never have otherwise. Some are alive today only because they have been placed at Mother of Peace.

We all know the saying "many hands make light work" and would like to put it across to you that "many donors giving small, affordable amounts monthly will assist in the vision of doing the best for the children placed in our care". Each one of us can play an integral part in keeping the project running at its best and we are therefore appealing to you to get involved.

We are also looking at secure fund transfer systems for overseas donors that will not cost a fortune in transfer costs. This will allow overseas donors to donate smaller amounts too.

We do hope to hear from you soon.

Kind Regards,



As you can see in this graph, every month we have to find R 29 000 to balance our budget.

All our expenses are strictly monitored by the Executive and Management Committees who meet weekly (EXCO) and monthly (MANCO)



Some of the Mother of Peace Staff

To be transparent with you...

In this special edition, we would like to show you how your support has helped us, and some of the challenges we have to deal with.. The budget below details the monthly costs we have at Mother of Peace, in order to feed, clothe, educate and house 53 children.

MONTHLY BUDGET 2009/2010					
Items	In Rand	In Euro	In US \$	In GBP	In AU \$
Domestic Expenditure					
Food	R 15 000	1 339 €	\$1 923	£1 154	\$2 308
Cleaning products	R 2 000	179 €	\$256	£154	\$308
Nappies toiletries	R 800	71 €	\$103	£62	\$123
Clothing/ School uniforms	R 1 000	89 €	\$128	£77	\$154
Household Items	R 600	54 €	\$77	£46	\$92
Medical Expenditure					
Hospital, Pharmacy, Medical expenses	R 5 800	518 €	\$744	£446	\$892
Special Programme Expenditure					
Pre Primary- Primary- High School fees	R 3 500	313 €	\$449	£269	\$538
Thrass & HomeWork Room Program	R 1 700	152 €	\$218	£131	\$262
Entertainment/ Leisure activity	R 200	18 €	\$26	£15	\$31
Personnel Expenditure					
Salaries & Wages	R 93 400	8 339 €	\$11 974	£7 185	\$14 369
Workman Compensation & Contributions	R 4 600	411 €	\$590	£354	\$708
Office Expenditure					
Electricity	R 5 700	509 €	\$731	£438	\$877
Water	R 7 500	670 €	\$962	£577	\$1 154
Telephone - Fax - Internet	R 2 000	179 €	\$256	£154	\$308
Courier & Postage	R 150	13 €	\$19	£12	\$23
Printing & Stationery	R 1 100	98 €	\$141	£85	\$169
General Insurance (Equipment & Vehicle)	R 1 790	160 €	\$229	£138	\$275
Building Insurance	R 1 280	114 €	\$164	£98	\$197
Computer Expenses	R 700	63 €	\$90	£54	\$108
Transport Expenditures					
Fuel Vehicle	R 5 800	518 €	\$744	£446	\$892
Maintenance of vehicle	R 1 300	116 €	\$167	£100	\$200
Travelling & Accommodation	R 1 000	89 €	\$128	£77	\$154
Maintenance Expenditures					
General Maintenance (Buildings)	R 3 800	339 €	\$487	£292	\$585
Gardening & Vegetable garden	R 1 500	134 €	\$192	£115	\$231
Special Services					
Security	R 1 400	125 €	\$179	£108	\$215
Bank Charges	R 1 600	143 €	\$205	£123	\$246
Fund Raising Expenses	R 250	22 €	\$32	£19	\$38
Accounting Fees	R 1 000	89 €	\$128	£77	\$154
TOTAL	R 166 470	14 863 €	\$21 342	£12 805	\$25 611
Cost per child per month	R3141	280 €	\$ 403	£242	\$483

Mother of Peace

The heart of Mother of Peace is the child care, but around it is a network of staff, actively supporting this main goal. Let's present these to you...

Transport

1 driver full-time and 1 relief

The transport section plays an important role at Mother of Peace. The children are transported to and from several schools (Pre-primary, primary, High School, special school), hospitals and HIV/IADS Centre monthly, therapy sessions, not to mention a number of leisure activities which participate in the development of a child.

The transport section is also responsible for the collection of donations from various sources in order to ease the demands on the daily running of Mother of Peace.

Sustainable projects

3 Gardeners, 2 workers

Sustainable projects include those things that are implemented in order to make Mother of Peace less dependent on outside funding. At present we have a well established broiler chicken project that provides both food to the houses as well as some much needed income. We also run a vegetable garden to provide food for the family homes.

Maintenance 2 Maintenance technician, 2 Domestic workers, 3 Security staff,

Our maintenance division makes sure that our property and buildings remain safe and functional for all to use. The aerial photo shows the huge size of the property and will therefore explain the size of our maintenance team. From changing light bulbs to repairing dripping taps, cleaning cottages, chapel and halls to the security who monitor all incoming traffic as well as policing the property 24/7. Busy Bees!

Administration 1 administrator

Administration in a project like Mother of Peace involves all aspects from answering phones and receiving guests to updating staff files, finding sponsorship for items needed, reporting to funders and dealing with all incoming and outgoing communication.

Child Care 4 Care-Givers, 8 House-Mothers, 2 Relief House-Mothers, 1 Child Care Manager, 1 Social Worker and 1 assistant

In order to give the children the best care possible we have a team of professionals at work. These staff members look after the basic needs of our children such as eating, sleeping, being clean... and their other needs such as being cared for, going to school, having dreams, learning, having fun, experiencing life... The 17 staff members caring directly for our 53 children are essential at Mother of Peace. Without that inter-disciplinary team around them, we wouldn't be able to provide them with care, continuity and security.

Day Care Center 1 Teacher

Our main goal at Day Care is to be able to open it to the local poor community surrounding us. Until we reach it, we function as a Day-Care facility for our Mother of Peace children between 4 and 5 years-old. Thanks to the hands of Be-more volunteers and a local teacher, we recently opened a new play-room for them with a fantasy area, construction games, puzzles, shops and new outdoor equipment.

Building Projects 1 Project Manager

The building projects provide Mother of Peace children with a comfortable place to live. It deals with the core business of Mother of Peace which is the children's welfare. House renovations, Chapel or dining room, theatre... all these constructions and renovations give to the children a place to grow up safely and healthily.

How can you participate in these children's lives?

- Sponsor a Child Programme – This programme assists in providing the children with the basic necessities as well as catering for any special needs. For more information on how to become a part of this please contact the office.
- Donate a small amount monthly directly into one of the following bank accounts – depending where you live. For International donors, we have secure collecting agencies in Ireland, the USA and Australia. This allows you to deposit small amounts directly into these accounts and the collection agency will then transfer the lump sum into our account. Many overseas donors would like to donate small amounts monthly but don't do so because of the high transfer costs.

Monthly donations

Bank Details South Africa

Mother of Peace Illovo bank details are as follows:
First National Bank
Mother of Peace–Illovo
A/C No 62085504267
Branch code: 220127
Swift: FIRZAJJA659

Bank Details Ireland

Name of Bank: Allied Irish Banks Ltd
Name of Account: Mother of Peace Illovo
Account Number: 28668187
Branch Sort Code: 932183
Bank Address: Kennedy Road, Navan, Co Meath

Bank Details Australia

Name of Account: M. B. Kelleher & C. F. Dooley
Bank Name: Bank of Queensland
Account Number: 205 644 31
Branch Name: Bulimba
BSB: 124 198

Bank Details USA

Bank Name: Colorado State Bank and Trust
Account Name: M & M's Starfish Foundation
Account #: 8091921832
Route #: 102000607
Or post checks to
Made out to – M & M's Starfish Foundation
7818 Towhee Rd
Parker, CO 80134

Volunteering at Mother of Peace

Mother of Peace continues to receive tremendous support from both local and international volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at Mother of Peace, please contact Byron at byron@motherofpeace.org.za or give him a call on 031 916 1147.

Speak about Mother of Peace

Don't hesitate to speak about Mother of Peace around you... Please contact the office if you would like to have more information or pamphlets.

And lastly, you can keep this wonderful project in your prayers.