

A Snapshot of A Visit to The Bana Trust April 2009



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This month, I was lucky to have a visit from Scott and Jessie, two friends from Inverness.

Painting Fences for the Bana Trust

Scott and Jessie volunteered to help at MIS Mavis's Orphanage, painting the fence around the Baby Room to prolong its life. They played a lot with the babies, but did manage to get the fence finished (with a little help from me and a couple of friends!)



I think two hearts have been lost to the babies here, who certainly enjoyed the cuddles and touch of Jessie and Scott.

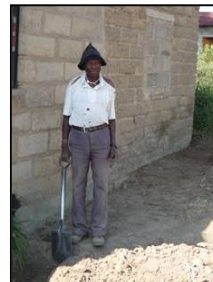


Helping out at MIS is something that I try to do regularly – MIS is where I met Palesa and it used to be her home.

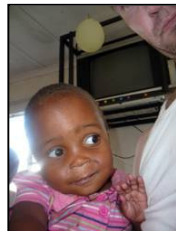
Supporting the Bana Trust Economic Strengthening Strategy

Scott and Jessie assessed the field that Matsebang has ploughed in preparation for the planting of the seeds given by The Bana Trust. Helping Matsebang get back on her feet means that her nine year old son Tsepo will not have to go to the street, and Tsebanga can move back home.

Jessie and Scott did not offer to help dig the field – they went back to cuddle babies!



It is amazing that a little incentive can grow so quickly – as well as preparing her garden, Matsebang has secured another piece of ground from a neighbour and is planning to build a wee stall to sell her produce from. She will sell cabbages, spinach, peas and chickens.



Visiting Beautiful Gate



No visit to Lesotho is complete without a visit to Beautiful Gate, an orphanage for under fives established primarily for adoptions. The standard of care is excellent, with a high staff/child ratio and super facilities for the purpose. Here Jessie and Scott cuddled some babies.



Locating a Property for the Bana Trust Residential Strategy

Scott and Jessie assessed the property that we have found which will provide a safe and nurturing environment for four of the young street boys.



The property does require a little bit of work, so if anyone can come in the near future to help fix up the lintel on this room, that would be great



A Fun Afternoon at Ntate Vincent's



Every Thursday, I go down to play with the children at an orphanage called Ntate Vincent's. This week, Scott and Jessie planned a fun afternoon for them.

They had bubbles, games, balloons and harmonicas for the children.

The highlight of the afternoon was the water balloons. The kids loved them!

And of course, cuddling the babies. Scott and Jessie loved that!



The Bana Trust Easter Braai with the Street Boys



I regularly give all the boys on the street fruit, bread and cheese to reduce the risk of



starvation and of malnutrition. Every so often, a wee treat is called for! For Easter, we organised a barbeque for all of the boys. It was chaos, but the boys enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who contributes to The Bana Trust for making this possible for all the boys living on the streets of Maseru and thanks to Scott and Jessie for helping me with it.

Sorry there were no babies to cuddle here!

Donating a Cheque to The Bana Trust from Portree Primary



Jessie brought over a cheque from Portree Primary School which she presented to The Bana Trust. Thanks to all the boys and girls at the school for raising the money, and also for sending your teacher to visit me!

A Wee Rest at the End of the Visit

Jessie and Scott requested that they see a bit of Africa whilst visiting. We spent two nights at a Nature Reserve in the Free State in South Africa, where we were lucky enough to see, among other things, some giraffes and three rhinoceros.



We also spent one night in Malealea, in the mountains of Lesotho. Here, we ate papa, nama le moroho (traditional basotho food), and met some of the local people.



Ntate Musi's house, where we had dinner.



Please Pray
That God shows me clearly the way to go with the centre. I am planning the use of the property and how to integrate the boys.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not unto your own understanding

Proverbs 3 Verse 5