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# Msaada News

www.msaada.org Charity Registration Number 1111819

Total funds raised at October 2006:

**£62,920**

Total allocated to Rwandan projects:

**£62,920**

Total commitments to 2010:

**£72,760**

# D'ANGERVILLE HONEYBEE PROJECT BRINGS HOPE

**THE training of the first forty families to take part in the D'Angerville Honeybee Project has begun in Nyarabuye village in Eastern Rwanda.**

The project will eventually involve in the region of 200 families in honey production to supplement their meagre incomes earned from subsistence farming.

A co-ordinator has been appointed and the production of modern top-bar hives has started. The co-ordinator has good experience in honey production and is confident of producing high quality yields.

Already, the families have constructed some local beehives to attract colonies of bees which will be transferred to the new high-yielding hives when they arrive shortly.

Msaada chairman, Chris Brickell, and director, Billy Kelly, signed the contract with the participating groups during a recent visit to Rwanda.

The support of Heifer International, a major US livestock development agency with projects throughout Africa, Asia, and South America, was



**Honey project members in Nyarabuye taking part in a training session in preparation for receiving modern top bar hives to begin honey production**

secured during the visit.

Heifer have promised to assist the Msaada project families with training, marketing, monitoring, and organising the passing on of the gift, whereby each family shares its good fortune with a neighbouring family.

"Enlisting the support of Heifer International was a real breakthrough for Msaada," Chris Brickell commented.

"Their vast experience in livestock development will be of enormous benefit to us in our honey project, as well as in future livestock projects."

During the visit the Msaada members also met with the officers of the Subiruseke Training Centre committee and agreed on plans for future support. Msaada will continue to fund the teachers and other staff at the centre as well as providing training materials for the building construction and garment making classes.

Some 15 trainees will be involved in building skills and 20 will take part in the garment making and batik fabrication course.

The visitors gave out some footballs to the students, which were a big hit.

Chris and Billy also visited the peace village for orphans in Kigali, which is administered by SURF (the survivors' fund). The homes, which are of a very high quality, were built with funds supplied by Comic Relief. There, the visitors presented footballs and writing materials to the orphans' committee which oversees activities in the village.

The visit underlined the success of the Msaada project and reassured our Rwandan partners of our ongoing commitment to supporting their self-help endeavours.

# Poignant meeting with Emmanuel

MSAADA chairman, Chris Brickell, and director, Billy Kelly, had a moving meeting with primary school student Emmanuel Bandora, during their recent visit to Rwanda.

Emmanuel, who features on the charity's promotional DVD, had to have his leg amputated after standing on a nail and contracting tetanus.

The Msaada members visited Emmanuel in his home in Rwamagana, with school principal Emile Rudasingwa. Msaada has asked Emile to assess Emmanuel's future educational and other needs so that the charity can make a vital intervention in his life, now that it has become even harder due to the loss of his leg.

"Life was very difficult for Emmanuel before his dreadful accident, but now it is ten times worse," Chris Brickell commented. "It is most unfortunate that we did not know of the terrible incident until it was too late. By the time Msaada was informed of Emmanuel's accident

he was already in hospital after having his leg removed.

"This regrettable accident underlines the hardship that our Rwandan friends have to endure. In the UK such a thing would never happen because we have the medical care to ensure effective treatment of such cases. Sadly, in Rwanda such care does not exist," Chris said.

"Now, all we can do is to ensure that Emmanuel receives our fullest support for the future to help him to live as full a life as possible."

Emmanuel was in good spirits and was very happy to meet with his UK friends once again. His final question when they were leaving: "When will you be back?"

The Msaada visitors assured Emmanuel that they would return soon and that they would do all in their power to assist him in every way.

Emmanuel, who was one of the first 13 students supported by Msaada, is now back at school.



Emmanuel Bandora

# International BBQ will aid Rwandan projects

THE first ever Gillingham International BBQ Cook Off will help to raise funds for Msaada's self-help projects in Rwanda.

The winners of the cook off will win automatic entry into the Limerick River Feast Barbecue in 2008 - the largest event of its kind in the world.

The Gillingham BBQ on June 30 will be the opening event of this year's annual festival.

To date, teams representing Australia, Argentina, Poland, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, France, Canada, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and South

Africa have indicated their interest in taking part.

In time it is expected that the event will become one of the highlights of the BBQ calendar in the UK. Already the Irish BBQ Association has agreed to send a team to the event featuring members of the Irish national team.

A busking competition will be held during the morning of the cook off and in the afternoon students from local schools will provide live music for the public. This entertainment can be enjoyed with a few drinks at the festival bar.

There will be four components to the cook off: best plate - teams will cook a number dishes which will be judged on taste, texture and presentation; happiest country - the stand with the best atmosphere (music, laughter, enjoyment); best dressed - best decor and effort, and, most hygienic - for attention to hygiene and safety.

Entry for team of four costs



The River Feast BBQ in Limerick, which the winning team in Gillingham will qualify to compete in

£40 per team. Places will be limited so those interested in taking part are advised to act soon.

In 2006 the Limerick River Feast World BBQ Cook Off attracted teams representing 50 countries making it the largest international BBQ in the world.

The winning team at

Gillingham is assured of the experience of a lifetime in Limerick.

Teams interested in taking part in the Gillingham event should contact Martyn Jose, Rorty Crankle, The Square, Gillingham, SP8 4AR, telephone: home, 01747 822285, or mobile, 07860 252347.



The UK team at the River Feast in Limerick

# Odette Kayirere is to visit Dorset

THE co-ordinator of Avega Est, Odette Kayirere, will be visiting the UK later this month to attend a major fundraising event in Salisbury.

Odette is the woman who oversees most of the Msaada projects in Rwanda. Her association of widows and orphans is Msaada's principal partner in the eastern province where our work is focussed.

The fund-raising lunch that Odette is coming here to attend is being organised by management consultant Jim Farrand to raise money for Msaada's self-help projects in Rwanda. It is being held



Msaada chairman Chris Brickell with Odette Kayirere during a recent visit to Rwanda

in the Milford Hall hotel in Salisbury on Friday, March 2, next.

Projects which Avega

runs with support from Msaada include providing primary and secondary education for 113 genocide orphans, the D'Angerville Honeybee Project, funding the teachers at the Subiruseke Vocational Training Centre, and assisting 15 disabled elderly people who are unable to care for themselves and have no family left.

Avega caters for some 2,948 widows and 5,538 genocide orphans.

The association provides medical support through a HIV/AIDS clinic, legal advice and provides shelter for homeless members.

## Fergal Keane to attend picnic

Fergal Keane, patron of Msaada, will be visiting the Blackmore Vale area on May 12 next.

He will be the guest of honour at the annual Msaada fundraising picnic.

Any supporters interested in meeting Fergal should contact Msaada for full details of the visit.



Fergal Keane

# Festival's £1,600 boost for charities

MSAADA was one of four charities in North Dorset to receive a £400 cheque from the Gillingham festival committee at a function in the Town Hall. Mayor Colin Dann made the presentations.

Billy Kelly, director of Msaada, thanked the festival committee and sponsors for their kind donation towards the charity's education and livestock projects in Rwanda.

"The people in Rwanda were cynically abandoned by the Western powers during the genocide," Billy said. "But tonight the message is going out from Gillingham that there are people in the UK who care about the Rwandans' plight and are prepared to reach out and help.

"This £400 will make a big impact on Msaada's projects in Rwanda."



The Mayor and Mayoress of Gillingham, Colin and Janet Dann, and Gillingham Festival director, Mark White, at the presentation of cheques to local charities. Billy Kelly, right, accepted the cheque on behalf of Msaada. Included are: Alison Ryan, Joseph Weld Trust; Harry Hardy, Gillingham REMAP, and Janet Robson, Gillingham Girl Guides [photograph: Malcolm Case]

Cheques were also presented to Alison Ryan of the Joseph Weld Trust, Harry Hardy of Gillingham REMAP and

Janet Robson of the Gillingham Girl Guides.

Mayor Dann thanked the sponsors and organisers for their great efforts in

running the festival.

"The success of the totally re-vamped festival is overwhelming," he said.

# School's support tops £5,085



Msaada was established under the patronage of journalist and broadcaster



Fergal Keane

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Shaftesbury School sixth form students Amy Harris and Catherine Smith present a cheque for £1,817.94 to Msaada chairman Chris Brickell (left) and director Billy Kelly. This major contribution brings Shaftesbury School's total contribution to Msaada to a massive £5,085, making the school the second largest supporter of the charity's self-help projects for survivors of the genocide in Rwanda

### Gift Aid

Thank you for your donation to Msaada to help the victims of the Rwandan genocide rebuild their lives through self-sustainable development. If you would like to ask any questions regarding the form or Gift Aid, please call Ian Small on 01747 839960.

The Government of the UK operate a scheme called Gift Aid, which enables the charity to claim tax relief on your donation. The only criteria you need to meet is that you pay enough income or capital gains tax in the year of donation, at least equal to the tax deducted from the donation. If you meet this criteria, we would be extremely grateful if you could complete this form below and return it to us at your convenience.

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