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Msaada News

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Total funds raised at October 2006:

£45,435

Total allocated to Rwandan projects:

£45,435

Total commitments to 2010:

£92,150

MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FERGAL Keane, patron of Msaada, has appealed to the agency's supporters to remember the people of Rwanda in a special way this Christmas.

"Part of the tragedy of the people of Rwanda is that the world has forgotten them," Fergal commented. "This is particularly hurtful after the way the world turned its back on Rwanda during the genocide in 1994.

"We in the West, who care about what happened then and what is happening now, owe it to those unfortunate people to let them know that we really do care. To let them know that, at least, some of us are willing to share their pain and to do something meaningful to help address it.

"Christmas is a time of the year when people think of others more than themselves.

"My appeal to you is to acknowledge the people of Rwanda as part of the human family in which we all share and to let them know that in our giving at this special time of year, we wish to include them."

Fergal said that many of the gifts we give to demonstrate our love and affection fall short of our intentions. We give gifts that people often don't want and mostly don't need.

"Many of us have everything we need for happy and fulfilled lives," Fergal said. "So, what do you give to someone who has everything? Why not a gift to someone who has nothing? Why not give a gift of hope and life to a Rwandan family in the name of your loved one?" Fergal went on.

"People who have given such gifts



Fergal Keane

admit that they derive far more satisfaction in this way that they would by giving the more usual gifts.

*"What do you give to someone who has everything?
"A gift to somebody who has nothing!"*

Also, those receiving a gift of this nature are often much happier than if they got something for themselves."

Msaada is assisting people in Rwanda through a partnership with the AVEGA widows and orphans association.

The project involves sending young children to primary and secondary school and teenagers to a vocational training centre, Subiruseke (which means "smile again" in Kinyarwanda, the native language of Rwanda).

Msaada is also involved in a honeybee project that is assisting 200 families to earn cash from the sale of high quality honey which enables them to send their children to school.

Msaada intends to increase its livestock projects in the future to include dairy goats and cows.

SOME GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Basic equipment for a mason:	£ 27
A child to go to school for 1 year:	£ 30
A vocational teacher for one month:	£ 40
A simple sewing machine for a seamstress:	£ 45
Basic equipment for a carpenter:	£ 80
Two hives of honeybees:	£ 90
Three hives of honeybees:	£125
A child to complete primary school:	£180
A teacher for one year:	£480

Send us the name and address of your loved one or friend and Msaada will send them a Christmas card outlining your gift to an impoverished Rwandan in their name.

If you are a UK taxpayer please complete the gift aid form on page 4. Msaada will then be able to reclaim tax on your donation.

Honey project honours late Count D'Angerville

MSAADA'S honeybee project in Rwanda is to be named after the late Count Howard D'Angerville.

This follows a donation in the late Count's name of £10,000 to the Dorset border walk fund.

The donation meant that the walk fund topped £19,341, enough to establish the honey bee project in the Nyarabuye area.

The three men who walked the county border, Martyn Jose, Nigel Pothecary and Bob Jones, presented a cheque for the total to Msaada chairman, Chris Brickell, at the North Dorset Rugby Club.

The 208-mile walk took the three men 16 days - and only four of those days were dry.

Throughout the 16 days the men were within one mile of the Dorset border.

Martyn, Nigel and Bob are all ex-chairman of the North Dorset Rugby football club.

Msaada chairman Chris Brickell, who is also currently president of the NDRFC, thanked the walkers for their outstanding effort.

"This was a massive undertaking," Chris commented, "And the funds raised will make a huge difference to the traumatised survivors of the Rwandan genocide who we are



Dorset border walkers Martyn Jose, Bob Jones and Nigel Pothecary present a cheque for £19,341 to Msaada chairman Chris Brickell

helping towards a positive future.

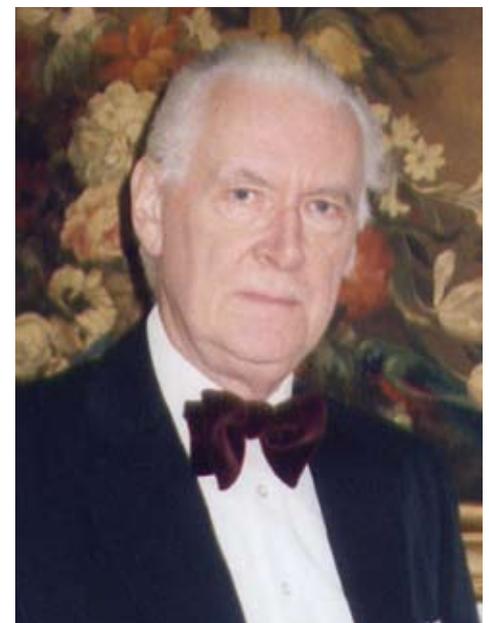
"I want to thank the three walkers for their commitment and good humour throughout the walk. At times, with the rain pouring down and drenching them day after day, it must have been very difficult to keep

in good spirits - but the three walkers managed it. Their achievement is an example to all of us."

Already, the three ex-chairmen are looking at possible walks for next year, even though Martyn is about to have a hip replacement.



Community leaders in Nyarabuye who are hoping to take part in the honeybee project being established by Msaada



The late Count Howard D'Angerville: the honeybee project will bear his name

A selfless 50th birthday celebration

TETA and Norman Crowe from Martock in Somerset chose a novel way to celebrate their joint 50th birthday.

Instead of receiving the usual selection of gifts for themselves,



Enjoying the party: David Graham, Harry Williams and Johnnie Crowe

they asked their guests to make a donation to charity.

One of the charities nominated was Msaada.

The other was the Environmental Investigation Agency.

The selfless gesture resulted in an impressive £590 being donated to Msaada, which will be used to assist survivors of the horrific 1992 genocide.

Teta explained: "People are always so generous with their presents. By nominating Msaada instead, we ensure their money goes to people who really need it."

The Crowes hope that others will follow their example and use their special occasions in a positive way to assist people around the world who are in serious need.



Norman and Teta Crowe at their joint 50th birthday party

Limerick Leader cyclists raise €1,000 for Msaada



Staff of the Limerick Leader who cycled 60 miles to Kilkee on the Clare coast to raise €1,000 for Msaada. Included in the photo are Kay and Dermot Waters, whose son Paul officially started this year's cycle.

FORMER colleagues of Msaada's patron, Fergal Keane, and director, Billy Kelly, cycled 60 miles to the Clare coast to raise €1,000 for Rwanda.

The Limerick Leader newspaper charity cycle is an annual event and over the years has raised tens

of thousands of pounds for charities with a Limerick connection.

This year's cycle was officially started by Paul Waters in his specially made tricycle, which was paid for by funds raised over two years by the Leader cyclists.

Fergal Keane began his journalistic career in the Limerick Leader and

that was where he met Billy Kelly. When both men found themselves in the UK they teamed up to establish Msaada, to assist widows and orphans of the genocide in Rwanda.

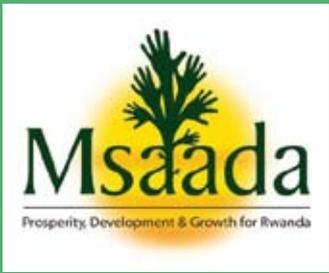
This is the second €1,000 that the Limerick Leader cyclists have donated to Msaada.

"They say that old friends are best," Billy commented, "and the

support that our former colleagues in the Limerick Leader have given us certainly bears that out.

"We would like to pay special tribute to Fergal Deegan, the advertising manager of the Leader, for his on-going support for Msaada.

"He is an exceptional person who is always prepared to help people in need."



Msaada was established under the patronage of journalist and broadcaster



Fergal Keane

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Rwandan pupils' Christmas cards for sale

CHILDREN who are attending school thanks to support from Msaada have drawn a set of Christmas cards for sale in the UK.

Five different designs have been produced and can be ordered through Msaada.

The pupils are Emmanuel Bandora, Claudette Uwamahoro, whose card is on the right; Richard Mugiraneza, Francine Mahoro and Felix Mutaganzwa.

They are in packs of 8 and cost £12 per pack.

The proceeds will help the pupils to complete their education.



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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