

Polokong Children's Village
South Africa
Parishes Update January 2022



Finances

Polokong Children's Village finances continue to struggle through the pandemic. In October we reported that, to overcome the deficit, which at that time was running at around 7% of their normal income, they were sadly going to have to retrench and lose some staff. However, there is some good news. This is a quote from their Deputy Director a few days ago:

"As you know 2021 was a very difficult year for Polokong, but God carried us through and I give Him all the glory. I want to mention only one of the many miracles last year; there was not enough money for all the salaries to be paid, so the Management team decided to pay all staff and not take their salaries, it was very sad and devastating, especially because of the hard work and effort that they have put in throughout the year, and on the 18th of December an unexpected donation was paid in to our account and we were able to pay salaries."

Our Parishes have responded magnificently to the appeal the SVP put out before Christmas, and this month we have sent them £4,736 as our latest contribution. This is more than we had sent in total since last January. Furthermore, this does not include the church/crib collection which Fr James arranged, which will go to swell our next donation. When informed about this, the response from Polokong was heartfelt:

"Oh my goodness, how wonderful to begin my day like this. It is absolutely fabulous news. God is so great. Thank you so much we are truly grateful."

Please convey our thanks and gratitude to everyone."

The SVP Towcester also wishes to thank all parishioners for their generosity.

Recent Activity

As ever, the children have been the focus of the attention, especially over the Christmas period. The Deputy Director again:

"We ended the year for the children with their annual Year end function, we got jumping castles, slip and slides, party packs and hot dogs. They had so much fun. Most of the children went to visit families afterwards for the holiday, only a few children were left at Polokong. They were kept busy with a holiday program. On Christmas day the pastor from the church next door arranged that they were spoiled with lunch and they went all out, setting the tables, chair covers with ribbons it was just fantastic and looked so festive."

These photos show that, despite Covid and financial worries, the children are able to enjoy themselves.

