

Polokong Children's Village
South Africa
Parishes Update July 2022

Latest Situation

The children's village continues to go through privations, now less due to Covid, which is essentially under control at the moment, but more due to the situation in Ukraine. This is a quote from the Deputy Director in mid June:

"Polokong are very much affected by the situation in the Ukraine, there is a drastic increase on food prices and fuel. It is actually increasing so much that on Friday the 10th of June they announced that the people want to strike and bring the nation to a total stand still. Luckily this did not happen, the last time it caused major havoc, shops and businesses were looted and burned down."

In order to try to improve their financial position, Polokong are planning to sell two satellite houses which they were asked to take over a few years ago and bring the children into the main home (called Evaton). These houses are some 20km away from Evaton. However there are a lot of bureaucratic procedures that need to take place, including obtaining the South African Government approval, before the sale can be realised. This is taking a lot of time.

Towcester Response

Parishioners have been very generous in response to the appeals we have made. Our latest contribution to the tribulations Polokong are facing, which is on its way now, was nearly £1800. This included the proceeds of two church collections, amounting to £678. The Village have expressed their sincere thanks to all in Towcester parish.

Further good news is that we have now received our annual Gift Aid refund from the Government on donations given over the year. This amounts to £2030. It will be added to our next quarterly donation, which will make a wonderful surprise for Polokong. It just illustrates the value of parishioners Gift Aiding their donations when at all possible.

Life Continues As Normal

Meanwhile, life in the Village continues apace. On 16th June they held an open day, and a number of organisations brought contributions in kind, such as bed linen and food, to help the children. These pictures are from the day.



