



UNDER TREE SCHOOLS
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Dear friends,

Great news - the school community is really pleased to have just received the much needed replacement of 6 solar panels and batteries. It not only powers for example laptops for computer classes during the day, but means that when the primary school children go home, the light in the evening makes the teaching of adult education in the class rooms possible.



A huge THANK YOU for your earmarked donations towards our increase in food costs. The school supplements what they receive from the WHO so the children's daily meal can include meat. This meal has been key in the girls continuing to come to school, as the little food some families can supply their children with wouldn't give them the energy to walk to school and concentrate on their studies.

The girls continue to look after our cows and benefit from the milk.

And the bread oven is in constant use!

Prices continue to increase in South Sudan and the fall in the value of the pound against the dollar means our funds for the school are buying us 6 times less than they did two years ago.

We are wondering if any of you might work for a company which runs a scheme that matches funds raised for a charity? We can supply you with publicity material and support you in any way needed! Or you might want to approach your company to set up a matching scheme? Many companies are keen to support a project that makes a tangible difference in people's lives.

We are more than aware that there are many demands on people's time and resources. You might not have the time to be involved in a fundraising activity yourself, but you may know of a friend or a group looking to giving some of their time? Do get in touch with Karin, we have lots of ideas and can help!

We are delighted to welcome Helen Chauncy as a new trustee. Helen has personal links to South Sudan and is a Special Needs Co-ordinator in a school in Brent, northwest London. She is keen to be involved in a project which empowers the people of South Sudan and redresses the often negative images presented in the press. In many spheres of the media, positive, good news don't often make the headlines, yet South Sudanese can teach us resilience and hope, and demonstrate their enormous capacity to forgive and how to rebuild their lives amidst huge challenges and hardship.

Would you consider using Easyfundraising for your online shopping? It's secure, doesn't cost you anything and our school community benefits:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/undertreeschools/?q=Under Tree Sc&cat=cause-autosuggest>

On our support webpage are other ways to support us including the ordering of our gift certificates, a Christmas gift that will help provide education for our girls:

<http://www.undertreeschools.org/support-us.html>



Literally warm wishes from our school community and Joseph in South Sudan, and sincere thanks for all your support. All God's blessings
Karin