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LITERACY in a BOX

We're Adjusting...

and so is the rest of the world. But life goes on and the need for children to be educated could not be greater. At Literacy in a Box we are doing all we can to keep going. We are still raising funds and still filling Literacy Boxes for the orphans and poor children who require an education and would not get one without our help

We need you to help us, it doesn't need to be a box and any donation will help..

One thing we do know, the children will be thrilled since there is no " New Normal" for

Literacy in a Box. this link will take you to our new website. It's still in the process of being loaded but you will get a flavour of what we do and all what we would like to do.

Working with Our Partners

For a small charity operating on low revenue streams every penny we receive in donations is treasured and spent wisely. Here is a brief overview of how we get the boxes to the right places.

Boxes are filled by volunteers in the Plymouth area and then we rely on our logistic partners to help us get them safely to their intended destination.

We work with a couple of logistic partners, Operation Sunshine (OS) and National Police Aid Charity (NPAC). Let me introduce them:

OPERATION SUNSHINE

years, In 2004 we started a collaboration with their Tavistock branch resulting in the Literacy Box being transported to Zambia. As our chairman Ian Parker says," We would not be where we are today without the insight into Zambia given by OS or their logistics support for the Literacy Boxes we have sent."
Unfortunately, in 2015 the Tavistock branch of OS closed, but OS in Folkestone stepped in to help us, and we are grateful that we are still able to send Literacy Boxes to support the orphans and poor children in the communities served by OS in Zambia.

As OS comment on their website," We have been a charity sending humanitarian aid to Africa for over thirty years. Operation Sunshine continues to grow with the largest size containers (forty foot) being used these days. We send a container out every two or three months. At the moment we are restricted to sending containers to Zambia."

In 2015 the closure of OS in Tavistock, and the change to Folkstone, left us with a gap since we had Literacy Boxes to send but with no transport available. We then linked up with National Police Aid Convoys/Charity.

NATIONAL POLiCE AID CHARITY

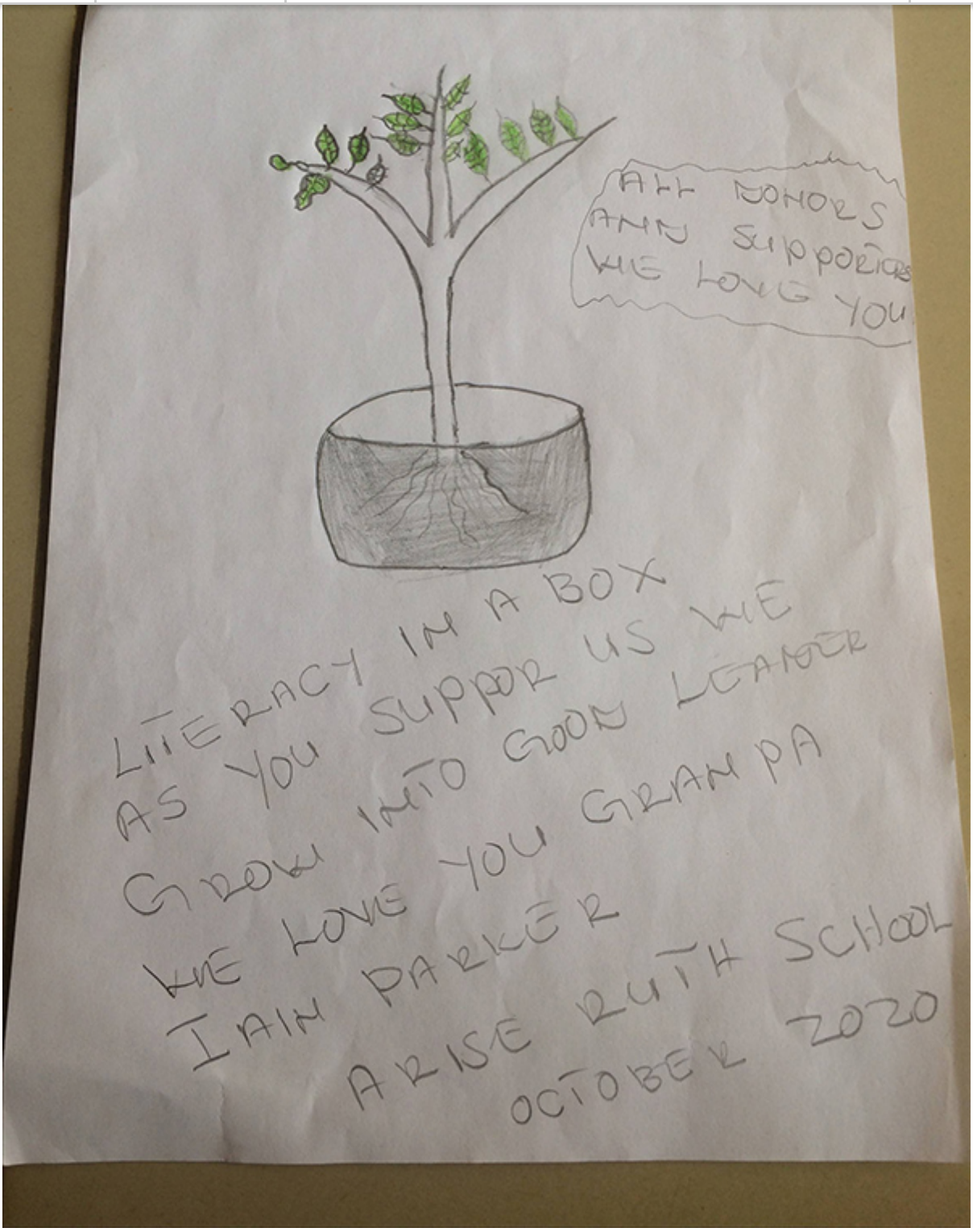
The National Police Aid Convoys, as it was called then, started in 1993 when a group of police officers used their influence, networks and negotiating skills to find and deliver huge amounts of humanitarian aid to places that other NGOs couldn't reach. 25

development and emergency aid all over the world. As they state, “We fill hospitals, clinics and schools in remote parts of the developing world with the hardware they need. In 2017, we sent 25 containers of aid to Zambia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Rwanda, Ghana, Somalia, and Pakistan.
Smaller charities often share our transport, in order to get their supplies and donations to their own projects. We provide the logistics, paper trail and auditing, to help them using our economies of scale.”

Without these two very supportive charities, we would struggle to send our Literacy Boxes, so a huge thank you to both for their help.’

COVID 19 DOES NOT STAND STILL FOR THEM AND WE CARRY ON

It’s always encouraging when we get feedback from the schools receiving Literacy Boxes and Taonga School in Zambia have just gone out of their way to thank us for the boxes delivered during the pandemic. COVID19 does not respect any country or boundary and any person but, as in anywhere across the world teaching and learning go on as you can see.



Arise Ruth Foundation School for children of single mothers was really grateful to receive our boxes. So much so we received a message of thanks, as well as a note from the Rebecca Mvula, founder and director.

“The kids wrote this note to you, we appreciate what you are doing in supporting these children,you lighten the burden by a huge percentage.

We look forward to continue working with you.

Once more thank you for considering us.

Regards

The note above says, " All Donors and Supporters – we love you."

"Literacy in a Box as you support us we grow into good leaders – we love you Grandpa Iain Parker"

Arise Ruth School October 2020.

Is it the real world? Maybe not, but our work goes on and with technology we can drop in on you.

Meetings on Zoom are a platform for us to tell attendees all about our work and we would be delighted to be offered the opportunity.

Please get in touch if a Zoom Meeting is something you would be interested in. We can tell you a lot more about the children we help and how we do it.
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EVEN WITH COVID 19 EDUCATION GOES ON

Our logistics partners are vital, but equally vital are the partners who help at the other end. Literacy Boxes need to be unpacked from their container and distributed to the recipient schools. Grace, our Ambassador in Lusaka has strong links with Operation

ready for transport, we will have labelled them accordingly, along with donor labels. On arrival in Lusaka, Grace will ensure that every Literacy Box finds the right school and supplies us with feedback photos and videos. The feedback confirms with donors that their boxes have arrived. This is essential to maintain confidence in supporting a charity that does what it says. We also use the pictures to help to increase awareness of Literacy Boxes thus encouraging future donations.

Thank you Grace for all you do, along with our other partners, we could not do what we do without your valued help.

A Better Life Through Education

Thank you for your support. The need for Literacy Boxes is as great as ever and we and the children would ask for your continued support. If you wish to donate please visit: literacyboxtrust.org.uk

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