



*A charitable trust supporting education in South Africa*

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## **Annual Report 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2009**

The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity, established by Trust Deed on 1 July 1999. The objects of the charity are to support the advancement of education in Zakhele School in Mamelodi, South Africa, the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre and any other educational institution in Mamelodi at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trustees work within the UK to raise awareness amongst supporters and within the education and political sectors and to raise money to support education in Mamelodi. It also exists to provide support and encouragement for those working in the Mamelodi schools and to facilitate links between these schools and appropriate contacts in the UK. Funding is normally made available to the schools for expenditure according to locally defined needs and priorities.

The Mamelodi Trust commenced its tenth full year as a Registered Charity with a balance of £10,969.

During the year a further £17,822 was raised. £7,209 was contributed by individuals via one-off donations, standing orders and CAF Bacs credits. £2,710 was raised by Naace at their Annual Conference. Several schools and Sunday Schools supported the Trust during the year and together raised £958. A number of other presentations and fund raising events made significant contributions to the Trust funds. Gift Aid contributed £1,284.

During the year, the majority of the Trust's financial transactions were conducted via its CAF Bank accounts and a total of £106 was received in interest. The Trust's Lloyds TSB account was kept open for the receipt of existing standing order donations and to receive payments from PayPal which have been donated via the Trust's website during the year.

The Trust is able easily to pay companies and organisations, including schools, in South Africa who are prepared to submit an invoice and receive funds by electronic transfer from CAF Bank. However, in order to facilitate the spending of small amounts of money, usually cash, in South Africa the Trust investigated the setting up of a Trust bank account in South Africa. After discussion with Absa Bank in Pretoria and taking advice from another Registered Charity in South Africa, it became clear that in order to set up a bank account the Trust would have to register as a charity in South Africa. This is an expensive option requiring solicitor support. The Trustees agreed, as an alternative, to set up a Nationwide debit card account in the UK in the name of the Chair of Trustees, Steve Bacon. The debit card is held by Helen Smith, the Trust's representative in South Africa, and the funds are topped up from time to time from the UK. This has proved to be an invaluable aspect of the Trust's financial support for schools and has enabled the Trust to fund small projects without the need for funds passing through personal bank accounts.

The 100 Club had an excellent year and raised £1,061 net for the Trust. This very successful fund raising activity was managed very efficiently by Carole Hassell.

In 2008/9, all funds transferred to South Africa were made either by direct electronic transfer of funds from CAF Bank in the UK to bank accounts in South Africa or via the Nationwide debit card..

The Trust applies a key principle that the priorities for spending should be firmly in the hands of the local people in Mamelodi and, as last year, the Trust was able to support more than one school.

The Trust's most significant activity this year was to refurbish and equip a library at Zakhele School. The existing room used as a library was far from suitable and many of the books were in need of replacement or disposal. Some minor alterations to the building were made at a cost of £422 and the room was redecorated

at a cost of £76. New child-friendly library furniture was purchased at a cost of £7,719 using the same supplier as had equipped the library at Meetse A Bophelo Primary School.

The Trust made two grants for books for the new library at Zakhele School. The first was £1,500 from Trust funds and the second was £5,000 donated by the British Educational Suppliers Association (BESA). This money was transferred electronically to Exclusive Books Ltd. in Pretoria ([www.exclusivebooks.com](http://www.exclusivebooks.com)) who have assisted the schools in selecting appropriate books from a range of educational publishers. They have additionally applied a 12% discount which effectively adds £780 to the Trust's grant.

Following the significant expenditure in previous years at Meetse A Bophelo Primary School their school library is now functioning well. This year, a small grant was made to pay for library stationery and to make small payments to students who worked with the librarian to catalogue books. A document binder was purchased for the school.

The Trust made a grant of £1,348 for additional educational resources at Sikhanyisele Primary School. The school chose to spend some of this money on chess equipment so that their pupils could participate in inter-school chess tournaments as part of the school's programme to engage pupils in worthwhile out-of-school activities. This has proved to be very successful.

A grant of £1,000 was made to Tshegofatsong Special School who used the money to furnish and equip a new Reception class. The school had been asked to provide this facility by the District Office but did not have sufficient funds to be able to provide good quality education for these pupils.

In January 2009, a former student at Meeste A Bophelo Primary School, commenced a four-year degree course at the University of Pretoria designed specifically for students who had been educated in the township system and who showed particular promise. Koketso Mango is an orphan, living with her younger brother in a shack in the informal settlement in Mamelodi. She had a very difficult childhood but has worked hard to succeed at school. While her tuition fees and books will be provided by the University, she has virtually no other income to provide for daily necessities. The Trustees have therefore agreed to provide her with a monthly bursary of 600 Rands (approximately £45), £20 of which is provided by a private donation. The Trustees also agreed to provide Koketso with a small laptop computer so that she could undertake her studies on equal terms with other students.

Steve and Mary Bacon spent four weeks in Pretoria in the autumn of 2009. They were able to visit all four schools and see the results of the Trust's funding this year. They were pleased to report to Trustees that the funds had been used very effectively in all four schools. Meetse A Bophelo Primary School is currently subject to a total rebuilding scheme which by mid-2010 will see the removal of all the "temporary" classrooms and their replacement by a permanent building. The only building to remain in place on the site is the Mamelodi Trust Library. There is some uncertainty about the arrangements for equipping and resourcing the new school and the Trust is not proposing to make further grants until the situation becomes clearer. Good use is being made of the library at Sikhanyisele Primary School and Steve and Mary attended a "Readathon" Day at the school to celebrate reading. They were also able to see the new Reception Class functioning at Tshegofatsong Special School. The new library at Zakhele Primary School is awaiting its main supply of books funded by the Trust and BESA. Steve and Mary met with Exclusive Books to discuss the progress being made on the ordering and delivery of these books. At a meeting at Zakhele School, Steve and Mary met with the local District Inspector, Rose Shadung, to clarify the way in which the Trust works with schools. This meeting was also attended by senior staff at the school and a member of the governing body.

During their visit, Steve and Mary met with senior staff at the secondary school close to Zakhele Primary School. They toured the school and had discussions about the poor provision for science education at the school. Without making any commitments at this stage, they agreed to report to the Trustees to see if the Trust might consider extending their support into a secondary school in Mamelodi. Using a donation made before they left the UK, a contribution was made to the feeding scheme at the school.

In the summer of 2009, Jenny Elliott and a group of students from Nottingham University worked in schools supported by the Trust in Mamelodi. This visit was funded by the students and by Nottingham University.

Helen Smith continues to act in a voluntary capacity as the Trust's representative in Pretoria and has worked extremely hard during the year on the Trust's behalf. Having someone on the ground has proved extremely useful and regular feedback on the impact of the Trust's funding has been received. During the library development project at Zakhele Primary School, Helen acted on behalf of the Trust and her regular involvement on site has been crucial to the success of the project. She has worked closely with Exclusive Books and helped the school to make appropriate purchasing decisions. Helen has visited all the schools

supported by the Trust on a regular basis and has co-ordinated a range of support activities by students at the University.

Prince Mavundla, the library manager at Meetse A Bophelo Primary School, has worked with staff at Zakhele School to help them develop systems to manage the school library effectively and to make good educational use of it. This sharing of good practice between neighbouring schools has been very effective. In recognition of his support for this project an ex gratia payment to him was made by the Trust.

The relationship with Exclusive Books continues to work well for the Trust. Not only are the Trust's grants to schools for books uplifted by 12% but the staff of the bookshop are extremely helpful in advising schools on the purchase of books. A training workshop, hosted by Exclusive Books, was held for staff at Zakhele School with input from Exclusive Books and Oxford University Press who are a major book supplier to South African schools.

Students from Rutgers University, New Jersey USA, visited Zakhele School in 2009 and, through the good offices of The University of Pretoria, brought with them a large number of new books for the Meetse and Zakhele libraries. Students from The University of Pretoria have worked in Zakhele School to redecorate classrooms, work in the library and support a gardening project organised and funded by the Trust.

There are regular volunteers working in the library at Meeste A Bophelo who support reading with groups of children. Other volunteers have worked on Saturdays in the library to help organise and catalogue the books.

Several presentations about the Trust and South Africa were given at various UK venues during the year. These have not only raised money but also met one of the Trust's objectives to increase awareness of the needs of South Africa.

The Trust's website was updated at various points during 2009. The technical work was carried out by Joth Internet Solutions at no cost to the Trust.

The Trust ends its tenth year on a confident note. It is much encouraged by the support it has received in the UK and the impact of its work is clearly evident in the life of several schools in Mamelodi. The Trust has been pleased to be in a position to continue to support four schools even though its financial commitment to one of them, Zakhele Primary School, has been very significant. The Trustees are delighted that the initiative to refurbish, furnish and stock a second library has been such a great success. The Trust continues to look for ways of continuing its commitment to support its four schools in Mamelodi and will seek to maximise the impact of previous investment.

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## **Notes**

The Mamelodi Trust is Registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom (Reg. No. 1077489).

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