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Dear Denis,

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt by our association, Solidarité Pour les Enfants du Kenya, from the Geneva Literary Aid Society, the sum of CHF 8,000 (eight thousand Swiss francs). This money was raised by the GLAS on the occasion of its presentation of 'Catalpa' written and performed by Donal O'Kelly with live music by Trevor Knight, on October 7 2008 in Geneva.

I would also ask you to pass on my deep thanks and appreciation to the many people who supported the evening, to Declan McAdams of the Hyposwiss Private Bank, the sponsor of the event, and of course to Donal O'Kelly and Trevor Knight.

It was a superb evening. It was a privilege to be able to see such an outstanding performance in Geneva. It is the sort of show one usually has to travel to London to see. Donal O'Kelly's writing and delivery were brilliant and Trevor Knight on keyboard created the atmosphere magnificently. Together they made us 'see the pictures inside George Anthony's head' as though we were watching a film.

Next month it will be a year that the GLAS first supported SPEK and the children orphaned by AIDS at the Furaha Orphanage in Kilifi, Kenya.

It therefore seems appropriate to summarize the past year's achievements:

- Completion of a bore hole (water for washing)
- Installation of a tap (for drinking water)
- Construction of a temporary study/dining hall
- Enrolment of all the children in primary school and payment of tuition fees, uniforms, books and stationery
- Installation of electric wiring and fittings and the purchase of a generator
- Connection to the main electricity supply
- Funding to cover food and medical costs
- Purchase of beds, mattresses and mosquito nets
- Purchase of two adjacent plots of land in the name of the Orphanage

- Completion of a new dormitory on the first new plot of land
- Funding to cover compensation of director and supporting staff who provide daily care (cooking, washing, cleaning and security at night)
- Purchase of a cow (which has since had a calf) to provide milk

These are our hopes for the future:

We are looking for sponsors for each child, which will then guarantee the monthly expenses of the Orphanage. We calculate that 500 CHF per child per year will cover everything but we would be very happy to have partial sponsors as well. I would like to thank the members of the audience who have contacted us in this regard.

In addition we are looking to improve the orphanage's basic infrastructure in the following ways:

- Permanent washrooms for boys and girls separately
- Improved cooking area
- Furniture (tables, benches, shelves, cupboards)
- Permanent dining hall/study area
- Wall around the property for security
- New building for a boys' dormitory

At the same time, we hope to develop income-generating activities to make the project sustainable:

- Chickens and a chicken coupe
- Rental of agricultural land (to grow crops)
- Posho mill (to grind maize)
- Sewing machine
- Tuk tuk (a motorized 3 wheeler) or Minivan (to earn income through transport)

The money raised tonight will go towards the income earning projects.

Once again, on behalf of the children, thank you very much indeed for your support.

Yours very sincerely,

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