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SOLAR LIGHT PROJECT – STANFORD, SOUTH AFRICA

Further to our initial report-back dated September 2017, many more donations were received from various Clubs in District 6780 which enabled us to provide Solar Lights to many more children and community folk in and around Stanford. We’d like to share some photographs of the recipients to date. There are many more to come but in an effort to ensure the lights are given to those who are in genuine need the project is being rolled out in stages. We decided to work through the schools for the names of children living in shacks and with community workers for the elderly or really poor adults, also living in deplorable conditions.

After the children at the informal settlement received their Solar Lights, we distributed to a small group of local residents.

Shack dwellers with no electricity
The next group to receive lights were children who attend rural schools situated on farms. Most of the farm workers’ dwellings have no power supply.

Fynbos Academy

St. Paul’s School

Fynbos Academy

Masekhane Primary School

Stanford is a small community so we also distribute Solar Lights to neighbouring communities where there is a need. Masekhane Primary School is in a small town situated 25kms from Stanford. This is a large school and a total of 54 lights was handed out.

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In June of this year there were devastating wild bush fires in the Garden Route area of the Western Cape, destroying around 1,000 dwellings and leaving people with absolutely nothing. Through this project we were able to provide 156 Solar Lights to children who lost their homes and are living in temporary structures with no electricity.

In September of this year we handed out 82 lights to children who attend Die Bron Primary School in Stanford. These children all live in shacks without direct electricity, so if the main house on the property doesn’t buy pre-paid electricity the shack dwellers find themselves ‘in the dark’ and revert to using candles, so running the risk of a shack fire.
In conclusion, we would like to thank all the Clubs in District 6780 for their generous support of this project.

Kind regards

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