

What's it all about?

Thank you for being part of our appeal. From July 2008 to July 2009 we will be praying for the people of South Africa, learning more about the country and raising money for organisations there through Christian Aid.

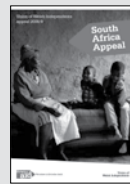
We are setting ourselves the challenge of raising £1 per member per month for the year of the appeal. It doesn't sound much, does it? But that £1 – the price of a cup of tea, a loaf of bread or a couple of chocolate bars – can achieve so much:

- **£1.65** could buy 10 different coloured powder paints for a Thandanani early learning centre
- **£10** could buy enough materials to create enough profit from the sale of Wola Nani bowls to send eight primary children to school for one year
- **£10** could buy a year's supply of school stationery for one child orphaned by HIV
- **£55** could fund KCAP's drama classes for one week

What is in this pack?



A3 poster for your church



leaflets for every family



this pack – containing:
background information
music for the appeal song
a donation form to copy and return with your gifts to the appeal

prayer card bookmarks
Donation envelopes
Five mini (A4) posters
Five accompanying sheets, containing:

- stories of five people helped by our five focus partners
- relevant Bible passages, sermon ideas and suggestions for services
- prayers and prayer pointers
- ideas for children's church
- fun ways to raise money



Getting ready for the appeal

Here are some suggestions for things you could do now to prepare for the appeal.

- Appoint one person to be a 'champion' for the appeal in your church. It isn't their job to do everything but it is their job to encourage everyone else to get involved.
- We would love every church to order a special appeal bowl to use as their collection bowl for all their church's gifts to the appeal. These are made in South Africa by Wola Nani, one of the organisations we are supporting, and by buying them we are also helping to give the people who make them an income. Please contact Tŷ John Penri, 5 Axis Court, Riverside Business Park, Swansea Vale, Swansea SA7 0AJ, tel: 01792 795888, email: undeb@annibynwyr.org
- As your church's response to the challenge of '£1 per member per month', you could use your appeal bowl once a month to have a special collection for the appeal, where everyone is encouraged to give at least £1. Choose the best Sunday each month for your church, to fit in with your usual pattern of worship.
- Set aside one Sunday soon after the Assembly as your own church's launch service for the appeal. You will find materials in this pack to help you plan that service.
- Plan to use six other Sundays during the next year as particular appeal days. The materials in this pack will help you to plan something special for each of those days, which can be as much or as little as you wish, to fit in with your other worship and fellowship.

The suggested themes, partners and dates are:

Committed

Opening service, July 2008 – launching the appeal in your own church.

Passionate

KCAP / Summer 2008 – activities around singing and dance.

Patient

AFRA / Harvest (Sep/Oct 2008) – activities around harvest and stewardship of the land.

Confident

Wola Nani / World AIDS Day (1 December 2008 – will be marked in many churches on Sunday 30 November 2008) – activities include decorating a special Christmas tree.

Brave

Thandanani / Lent 2009 (25 February – 11 April) or around Valentines Day (14 February) – activities about showing love.

Forgiving

PACSA / Around Easter 2009 (12 April) – activities around showing forgiveness.

Thankful

Closing service – remembering and celebrating what your church has done over the past year of the appeal.

- Decide how you are going to make sure everyone is aware of the appeal and how your church is responding. For example, will you set aside one noticeboard for the year for a special (and changing) display, using the materials in this pack? Will you include something in your newsletter every month?
- We have written a special appeal song to a South African tune, for churches to use in worship during the year. You will find the music in this pack and a demo of the song to download on our website (also available as an audio CD – contact us at Tŷ John Penri. You may wish to teach it in your church before your launch service in June.
- We are sending two representatives, along with a local Christian Aid staff member, to see some of the work we will be supporting in South Africa for themselves. They will be available to promote the appeal throughout the year but we are expecting a lot of requests so please decide when you would like one of them to come to your church and contact us at Tŷ John Penri with suggested date(s) as soon as possible.

Please contact us if there is anything else we can do to help your church be a part of the appeal. We are excited about our appeal and believe that our prayer, our learning and our giving is an important part of our response to God's love for us. May God bless all you do for this appeal.