

Support for Africa

Newsletter

**For the prevention of the
spread of
HIV/AIDS and Malaria**

2005 News update



*Above:
Gabrielle
First Clinic
Deltastate*



*Right
Sir Cliff
Richard
Second
Clinic
Riverstate*

Dear Friends

Thank you all for your support and interest in Support for Africa. As usual Support for Africa continues to be run on a shoestring by people who give their services free of charge. Mrs Grace Coker, SFA's vice president Nigeria, has given her time free for the past three years, during which she has supervised the building and opening of our first two centres.

We are hoping that Grace will continue to support us by taking on our next project, which is in Cameroon. For this we are looking to raise funds to cover her expenses, as Cameroon is another country and very far from where Grace lives. We are also working with the Rotary Club of Jordan and District and St. Joseph's parish, Gerrards Cross on the Cameroon project.

There will be a Reception, hosted by The Rt Hon Lord Janner of Braunstone on the **20th of April 2006** at the House of Lords to launch the Cameroon project. Guests will include the Arsenal Football player **Lauren** who is supporting the project.



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Step 1
Second
Clinic,
Rivers State*

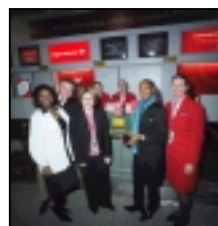
In March this year, Support for Africa's second clinic was opened in Rumoukurisi, Portharcourt, Rivers State Nigeria. International photographer Gill Shaw ABIPP AMPA attended the opening along with Stephen, Boney M's Maizie Williams, and HRH Eze Clinton Wogozo Orianwo who donated the land to the community and SFA. Guests also included the staff of INTELS Services (Orlean Investment) the co-sponsors of the centre.

We were well looked after by the charity's tireless vice-president (Nigeria) Mrs Grace Coker affectionately known as Amazing Grace, who supervised the building, opening and running of the centre.

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Step 2
Second
Clinic,
Riverstate*



Richard Branson's Virgin Airlines sponsored our flights, and Novotel Hotel in Portharcourt sponsored our accommodation.



*Left Virgin
Staff at
Gatwick
Airport with
Patti & Stephen*

The Clinic is now known as the Sir Cliff Richard SFA Centre.

- ◆ The project cost £35,000
- ◆ Six computers were kindly donated to our centres by SDE and Digital Links and freighted to Lagos Airport by Virgin Airlines.
- ◆ In the month of June the first baby was delivered at the centre to our great delight. However, the road leading to the centre remains one of our biggest worries, we have been promised a donation of gravels to fill the deep potholes caused by the heavy Monsoon rains.



*Left:
Children
at second
clinic*

*Right:
Blessing
of Clinic*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- A reception for the launch of the Cameroon project will be hosted by The Rt Hon Lord Janner of Braunstone on the **20th of April 2006 at the House of Lords.** We hope to raise sufficient funds with which to open a health clinic in Cameroon. Due to the size of the room guests will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Please put this date in your diary and let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.



*Above: Children of Nkambe School,
Kumbo Diocese, Cameroon*

We hope to complete this project before the end of 2006 in order to deliver much-needed healthcare to the local people of Tadu. St. Joseph's parish has had a long association with the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon, providing educational funds for orphans and vulnerable children in Kumbo.

- **THE GABRIELLE CLINIC:** Progress in the Support For Africa's first clinic in Okpanam Delta State, named after singer Gabrielle.

The Gabrielle clinic which has provided basic health care, counselling and dietary advice free of charge to over 400 visiting patients since it opened on the 26th Oct 2002 has had to be closed since November 2005 due to the ill health of the Nun/nurse in charge. We expect the Gabrielle Clinic to be up and running again in January 2006 with new staff and management in place. So far medical supplies for the clinic have been paid for by Support for Africa and various pharmacists and companies like Rank Xerox have donated some equipment.

- ◆ UNAIDS stats - 2005
- ◆ Number of people living with HIV in 2005 = 40.3 million
- ◆ Number of children living with HIV in 2005 = 2.3 million
- ◆ People newly infected with HIV in 2005 = 4.9 million

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Scotland
Reaching
out for
Africa 2004*

