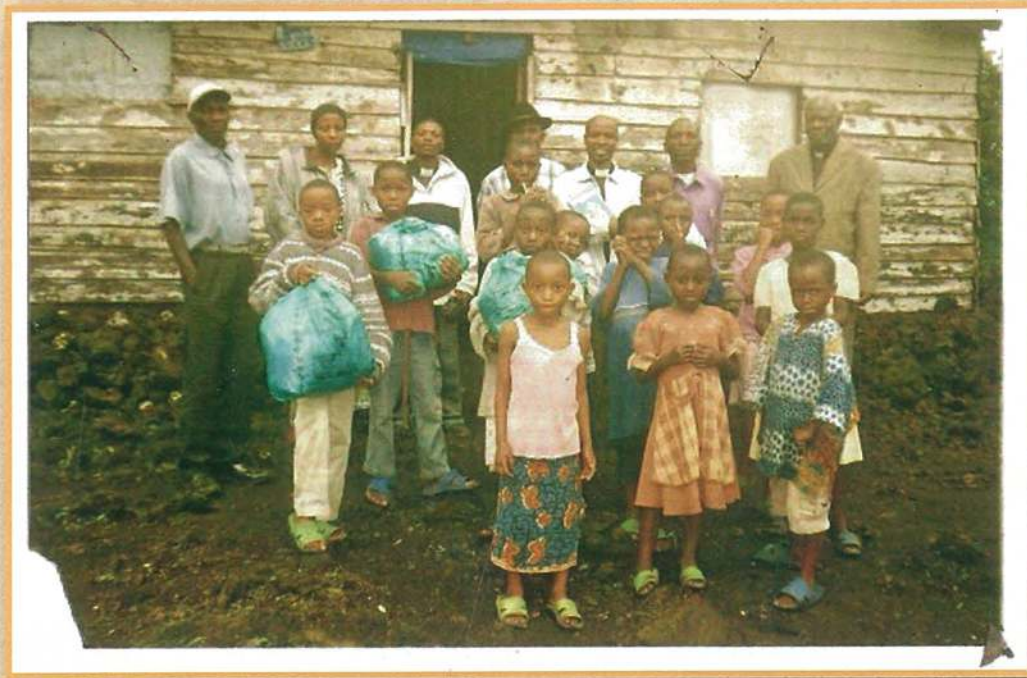




The Tchukudu Kids' Story

Goma, DRC



In 2008 12 children, orphaned by the violent armed conflicts raging in Masisi territory in eastern DRC, were brought to a new home and a new life in Goma.



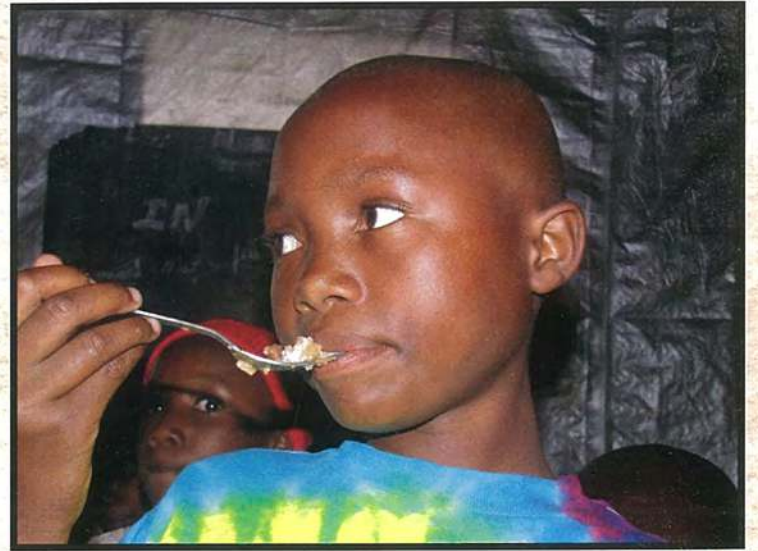
Kizungu Luanda Hubert, Director of The Tchukudu Kids' Home, founder of the NGO Volunteers in Mission for Children Care, tireless supporter of vulnerable people in eastern DRC, with his wife Rachel.



The children welcome two of their first foreign visitors
Helen Pope and Alberto Corbino
2009



Bringing in some supplies

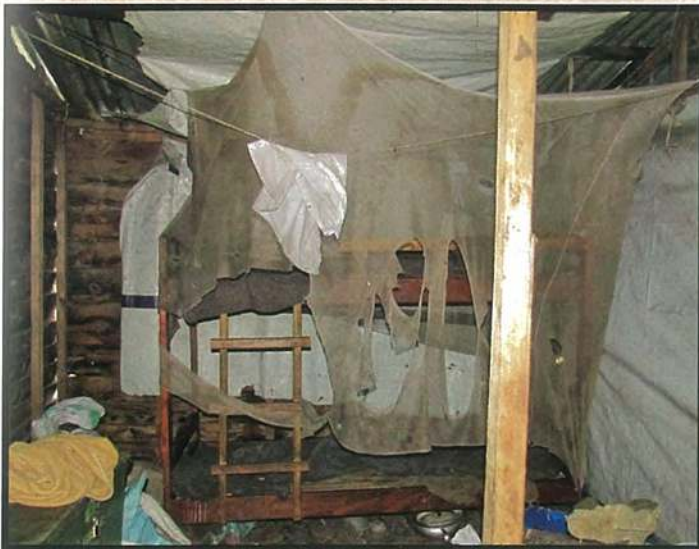




Kizungu with some of the children going to the border with Rwanda to meet Helen.

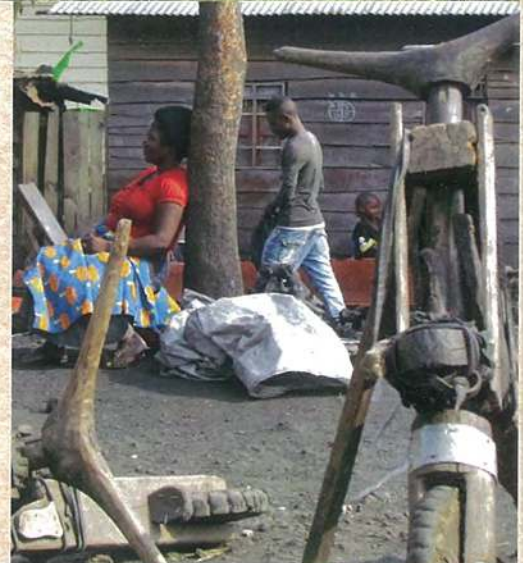


The first house was very simple, with a dirt floor, canvas to cover the holes in the wall, torn mosquito nets and a basic external toilet.





The road to Katoyi
in the Commune of
Karisimbi on the
outskirts of Goma,
where the
orphanage is
located.





Mt.Nyiragongo, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, lies just 18 km to the north of Goma. The eruption in January 2002 spread lava across 13% of the city.





The first sewing machine 2010





The electric mill 2010

There was no mill in our road and the mamas are very happy to have a mill nearby where they can grind their maize, cassava, sorghum and soya, and they say Thank you."

WE MUST SAY
HOW WE LIKED
YOUR GESTURE
THANK YOU VERY
MUCH.



The new home

By the end of 2011 the old house was hopelessly inadequate, and the children were facing eviction. Many more orphans had been accepted and a bigger and better house was desperately needed. By chance Kizungu met Heather Haynes in January 2012 and she raised the money, which, together with additional funds from Helen, provided for the construction for a new home and kitchen and bathroom for the children.



The children help to clear the ground for the construction of their new home.

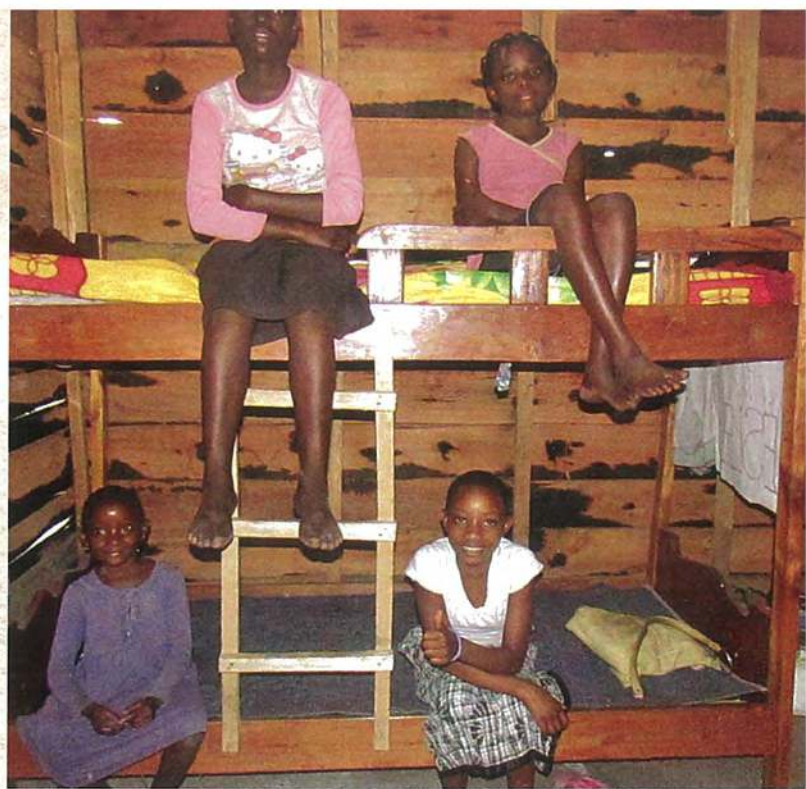
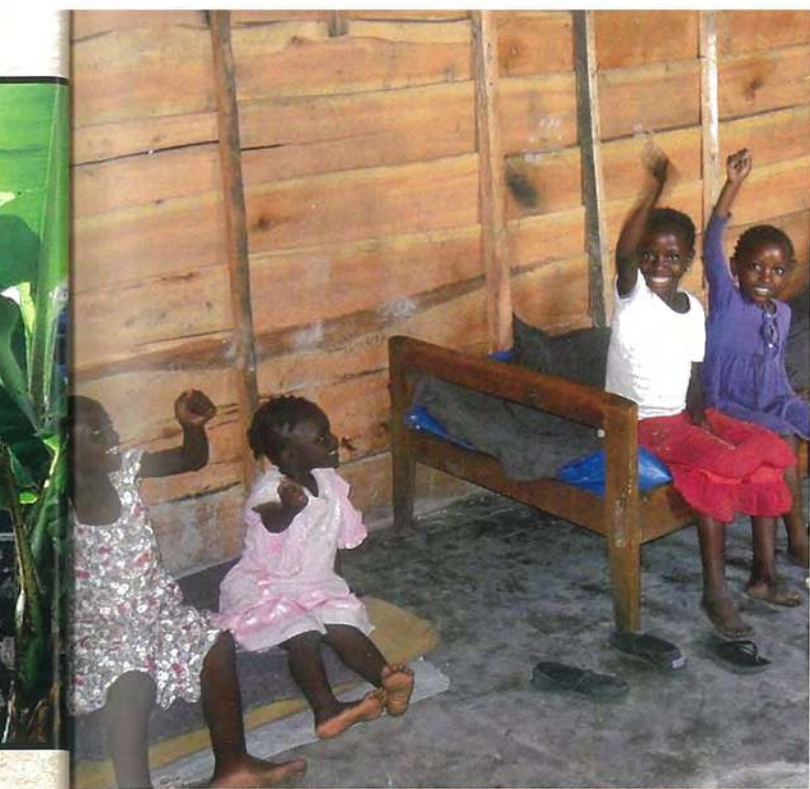
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Exactly one year to the day after
Heather met Kizungu, the children
moved into their new home.
January 10, 2013







The kids had a new home, and they had a new name. Kizungu had given Helen Pope the honour of choosing a name and she thought immediately of Tchukudu, which was not only a symbol of Goma, but also a symbol of strength, resilience, and achievement despite poverty and hardship.





"The children now have hope to live in their house. It was a dream for them, but when they see how the construction is going at full speed, they dance and say Asanti. Without your contribution, the children would be street children. So that we must say Asanti."

Kizungu, 2012

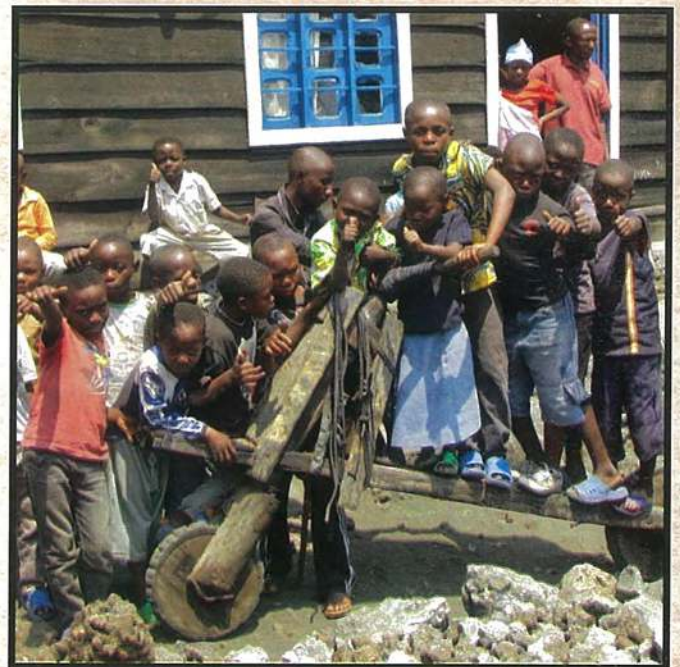
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Buying our own tchukudu

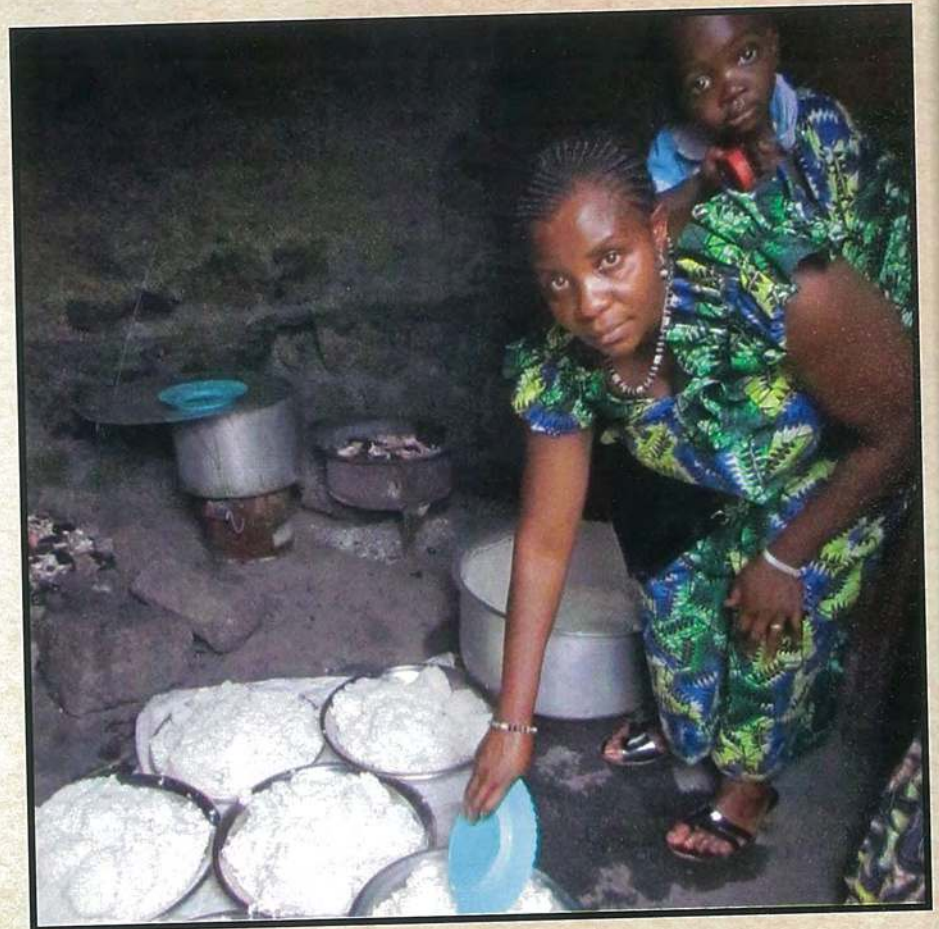
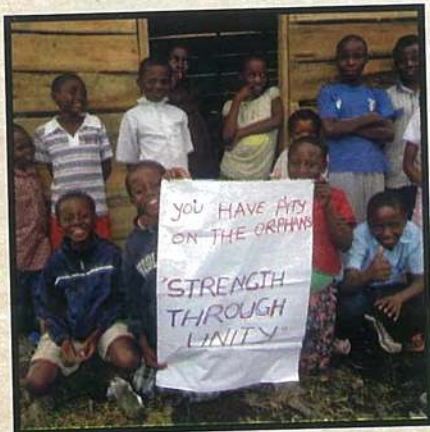
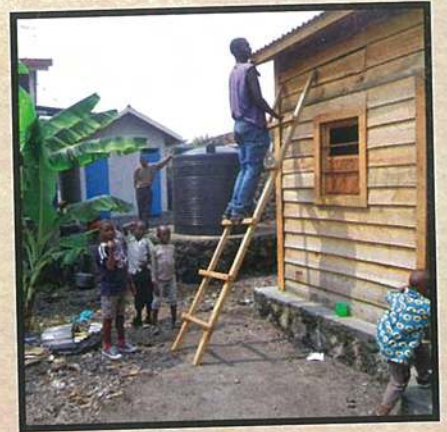


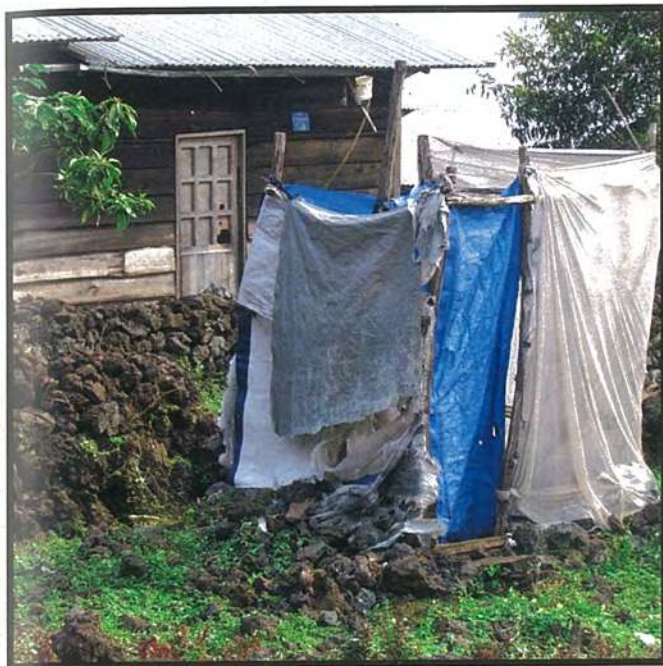


Tchukudus at work in Goma



The new kitchen





The bathroom - from the old to the new





The Tchukudu Kids' Home is located in the Katoyi quarter of the Karisimbo Commune, one of the poor areas on the outskirts of Goma, where security is always a problem.

Once the new house was completed it was important to build a security wall so the children could feel safe inside their own space.





Access to water was difficult, time-consuming and sometimes dangerous. Generous donations enabled us to buy two water tanks, one for the children's needs and one for the Tchukudu Women.

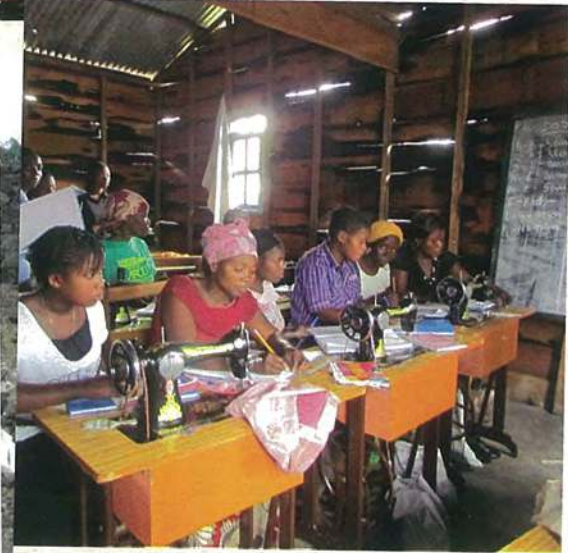




Creating a playground
where once there was
volcanic rubble. The
children are all ready
to help.







In 2014 Cathy Cleary visited the TKH with Heather, and after talking to a group of women there decided to set up a training centre to provide valuable skills such as sewing and basket-weaving. And so the Tchukudu Women's Training Centre was born, and another of Kizungu's dreams to help the vulnerable people was fulfilled.







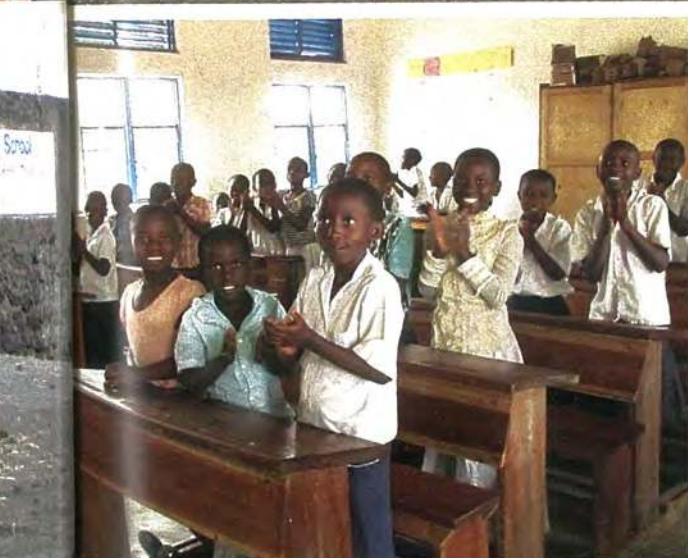
The Jonathan Holiday School, situated next to the Tchukudu Kids' Home, was built in the memory of Jonathan Holiday by his parents Michael and Carole Holiday, family and friends, in partnership with CanAssist Africa Relief Trust. Over 400 children from the TKH and the Welcome/Foster families, as well as children of the women who are part of the Tchukudu Women's Centre, attend the school.





The blue hangar provides a much needed extension of classroom space for all the students.

The Jonathan Holiday School was the 1st school in Goma to have free masks for all children - made by the Tchukudu Women - during the Coronavirus pandemic.





The CURA Health Clinic

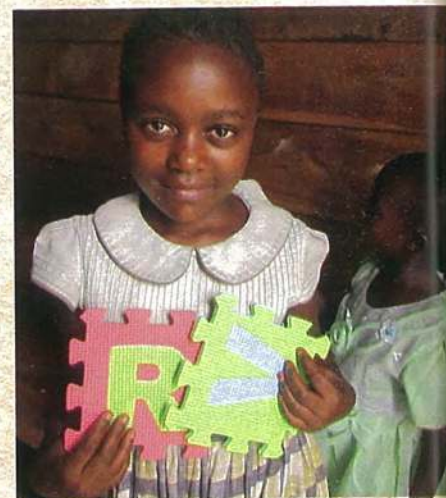
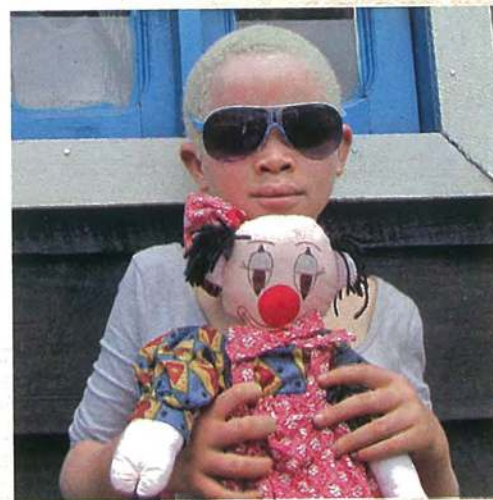
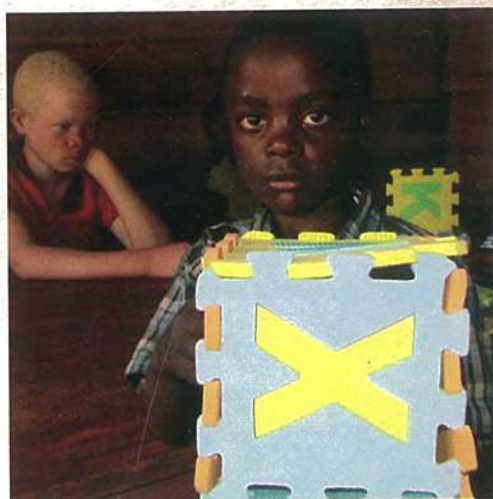
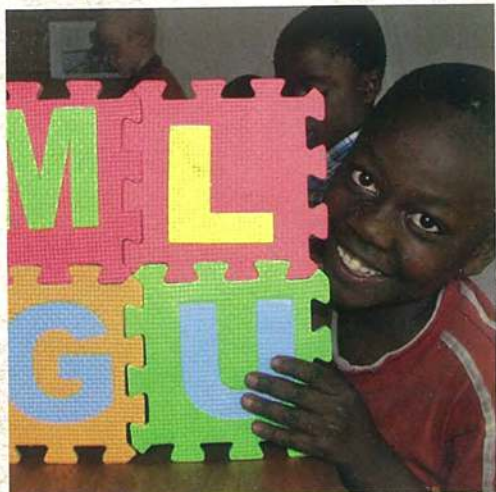
CURA for the World partnered with Worlds Collide Africa and One NDOTO (one dream) to set up a Health Clinic at the Tchukudu Kids' Home.

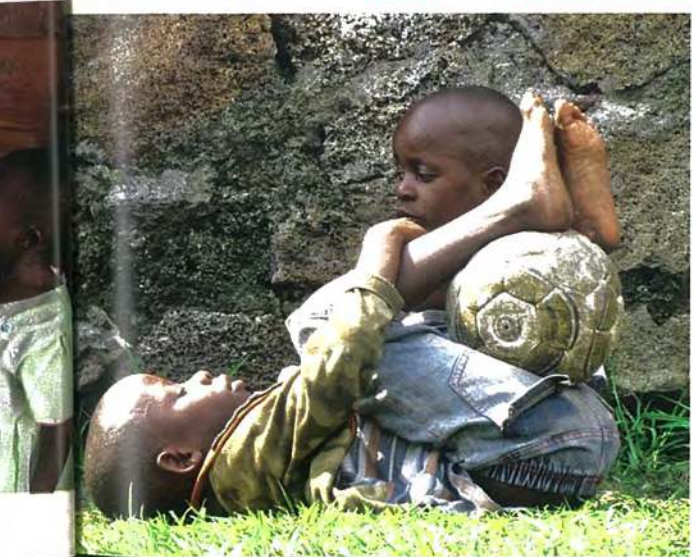


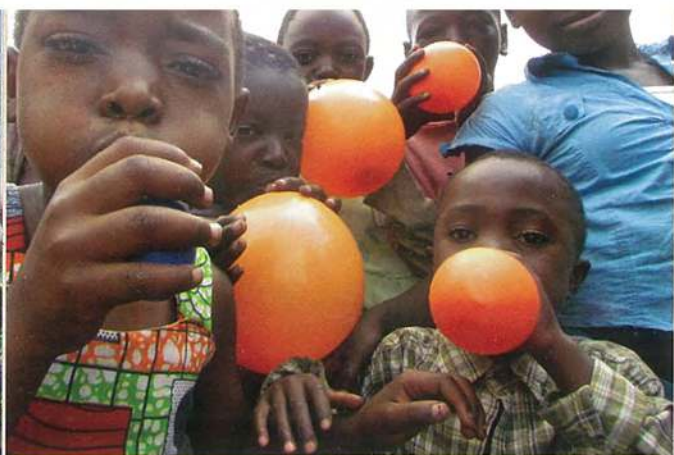


Kizungu, Furaha (TWTC), Rachel, Moise, Balibonera (JHSC)









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