



A quick note from our friends in Swaziland regarding a special donation in memory of Georgette Bolt Wiggs, Kay responded as follows:

We are so grateful to you all for investing the gifts from your precious granny's memorial here in Africa. As I'm sure Doreen has shared with you, the needs here are acute and seemingly endless. The disease and poverty are overwhelming.



Please know that we have begun to put your generosity to work in many ways. You are already touching many lives here! So far we've repaired a widow's roof and provided her with gutters so she can collect rainwater to use. We are in the process of providing two destitute single mothers and their children a pair of goats each at their homesteads so they can raise goats and earn an income that way.



Some of the money has been allocated some to our emergency fund. We use this fund almost daily as we encounter various needs amongst those we know and serve since we know which ones can be trusted with the money. The needs include funeral expenses (sadly this is a frequent occurrence here with the AIDS epidemic and other diseases), getting people to and from medical care, repair of mud huts that are damaged by the frequent rains during the rainy season, buying food for families who have literally NONE, etc.



We are also investing some of the funds into education--definitely a big need here as education is not free, and is in fact very expensive and above the means of most Swazis. We have personally know mothers who will starve themselves in order to pay school fees for their children. One of the saddest sights is also one we see frequently. Children on one side of a fence playing happily on a school playground, while others on the outside of the fence peer wistfully in. These kids know that an education is the only way out of their dire existence, and want it desperately.



May God richly bless you for the huge difference you are making in lives here in Africa.
John and Kay