

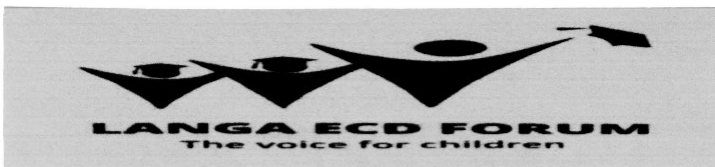


# NEWSLETTER

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LTPT continues with the above recently established theme for its mission in Langa Township. As an example of the appreciation received for this support the letter below from the Chairwoman of the Langa ECD Forum was received on 27 August following the LTPT first aid training course in Langa on the previous Friday.



26 August 2025

Dear Mr Gordon & Team

We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous funding of the first aid training program for all 38 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers in Langa community. Your continuous support has enabled us to provide essential first aid skills to the principals and staff, which will undoubtedly benefit the children in their care.

We would like to extend our special appreciation for the following aspects of the program:

- **First Aid Training:** The training has equipped our ECD staff with the knowledge and skills to respond to emergencies and provide basic first aid care.
- **Catered Lunches:** The provision of lunches during the training sessions was greatly appreciated, and it allowed our staff to focus on the training without any distractions.
- **First Aid Kits:** The first aid box kits provided to 30 ECD centers will enable them to respond to minor injuries and emergencies, ensuring a safer environment for the children.

Your contribution has made a significant impact on our community, and we are grateful for your commitment to improving the well-being and safety of our children. Your funding has not only enhanced the skills of our ECD staff but also demonstrated your care and concern for the centers to reach the norms & standard that needed in DBE.

Once again, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generosity and support. We look forward to continuing our partnership and exploring future opportunities to work together.

Thank you for your kindness and commitment to our preschools & community.

Sincerely,  
Thozama Tukulu  
Langa ECD Forum Chairlady

The trustees have been keen to explore how LTPT can help to empower and encourage the staff through training. It had been brought to our attention that a requirement of the City of Cape Town is that each pre-school should have at least one person competent in understanding and applying first aid. Training costs money so here was a clear area for a constructive contribution if we could find the money to cover this, because such a lately informed initiative could not be covered by this year's budget. Happily the Cheltenham College Charity, Community and Partnership initiative agreed to cover the cost and we were able quickly to commission the work.

*(See picture on page 2)*

## Outturn 2024/2025

Subject to review by the LTPT Treasurer, and the annual independent inspection, the outturn for 2024/2025 on 31 March was a breakeven position of Income £26,000 and Expenditure £26,000. The £30,000 provisional donation from Cheltenham College, its anticipated contribution to the cancelled Langa ECD Forum Building, had been returned. On the positive side this cancellation left LTPT with a deposit of £17,000, which is being used over the next two years to greatly widen its support for pre-schooling in Langa, as reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Events

Owing to circumstances beyond our control we along with Clayton Stevens regret to announce the cancellation of 'Legends of Motown', the Gatsby event scheduled for Thursday 9 October. We intend to arrange another event for April next year and are reviewing other possible local venues for this.

## The Clueit Foundation

Message from Gordon Gaddes: the last issue of the newsletter announced that Gary Clueit had accepted an invitation of the trustees to become a Patron of LTPT. He and I have been working together for two years and now there is a significant prospect that financial contributions from the California – based Clueit Foundation will help us to further extend our mission in Langa Township. Below Gary writes about the situation as he sees it.

The Clueit Foundation's focus for 20 years has been on sub-Saharan Africa in the field of sustainable agriculture and almost exclusively with empowering women in the field of sustainable agriculture. We have always used the direct recipient route, primarily due to the US IRS regulations but also because many charities working in the sector spend too much of their income on marketing and administrative overheads. We have nearly always operated on the basis that almost 100% of the funds in the Foundation are for aid.

In recent years, due to several new business endeavours and most especially since my election to public office in the Isle of Man, we have found it increasingly difficult to manage the disbursement of aid to the standards we require. As a result we have made few recent grants, so our partnership with LTPT solves the problem our Foundation has in dispersing funds that are presently sitting idle.

The Foundation was involved with sponsoring the One World Charity Challenge on the island a few years ago which has featured in a previous edition of this newsletter. It was during this event that we linked up with Gordon and LTPT and discovered a synergy that led to our ultimately unsuccessful attempt to deliver a new education centre in Langa Township. In LTPT we have found a similar ethos and aims to ours, including a commitment to spending funds on aid. We are slowly working our way through the process of obtaining an equivalency rating that will satisfy the IRS that LTPT is a bona fide charity and once this is achieved we will be able more easily to transfer funds to LTPT.



*First Aid Training provided through LTPT by Cheltenham College Charity, Community and Partnership initiative.*

## Striving for Better - a Cumbrian lad's 90 year journey

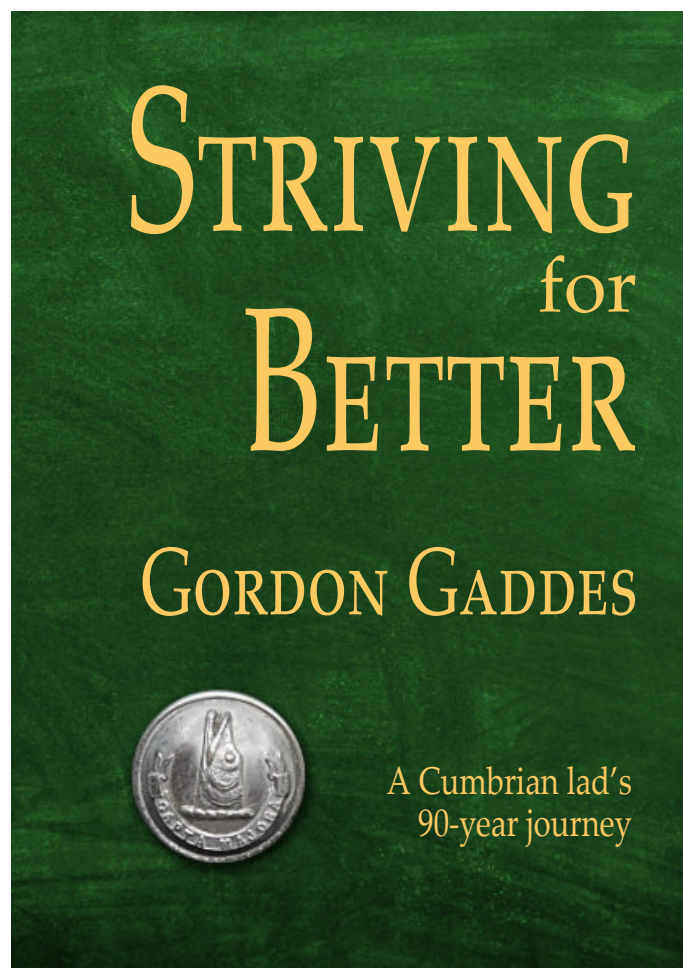
This autobiography by Gordon Gaddes, a founder trustee and the Chairman of LTPT, will be launched on his 90th birthday, 22nd May next year, other things being equal.

The book is dedicated to the pre-school movement in Cape Town's Langa Township and in memory of his wife, Pam Gaddes, a founder trustee of the UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust.

This edition in hard back will be a private edition and the costs will have been covered by sponsorship.

The intention is to sell this to give some further financial support to LTPT; with print on demand and costing £12 a copy it will be sold for £20, plus postage and packing where appropriate. Thereby each copy sold should yield £8 for the coffers of LTPT.

Pre- publication publicity, with pre-ordering, will be early next year through the LTPT network, and Gordon's family, friends and contacts.



## 2025 Christmas Card



LTPT Trustee, Aimee Luther, linking with designer Joe Towsey has produced this very original card at her own expense. It expresses the theme of Christmas in an African milieu, and a mother and her young child heading for a pre-school early in the morning with the emphasis on learning and food. The card will be A6 in size and will be available in multiples of 10. The cost will be £5 for 10, postage and package included. Profits made from this Christmas card will be set aside in LTPT and included in the account being set up for the Olivia Lindh-Llusia project described elsewhere in this newsletter. If you wish to order please e-mail [gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com) or phone or message 07561 450633.

## Nutrients 2025 February, May, pending September

Last April page one of our newsletter described the 'Food for Kids' decision made by the LTPT trustees and page 3 featured the warm thanks of the Chairwoman of the Langa ECD Forum, Veronica (Thozama Tukulu). This followed the distribution of nutrient boxes early in February to give special support to 20 unfunded pre-schools covering 12,000 children. This was followed by a further delivery in May, and September, to be followed by a delivery in each of January, May and September 2026.



## Major project development: Olivia Llusia-Lindt –(see p.3 Issue 50)

Following a ZOOM consultation with Olivia and her mother we are pleased to announce that Olivia intends to launch a campaign to raise £2000 to pay for nutrients for the 20 unfunded pre-schools, which LTPT started to support last January. She aims to cover the cost of the consignment planned for January 2027. This ambition emerged after her trip to the township of Langa as she felt a strong willingness to help out. She will be organising fundraisers and contacting her circle of friends and family in order to raise the funds as she strives to meet her goal. In addition, she will be reaching out to local South African food companies with hopes to organise a regular charitable food supply for them. The LTPT chairman will support to the extent needed and may in the future go to Olivia's school to make a presentation in order for her classmates to get an insight into the work of LTPT. Aged 16, Olivia is about to start Sixth Form at school and will be studying Economics, Spanish and maths as her A-levels, as she plans to study economics at university.



September nutrients joy

## 19 year - old Sophia's marathon walk for Langa kids

Target: to raise money to help buy nutrients for 1,200 Langa pre-school children next January costing £2,000

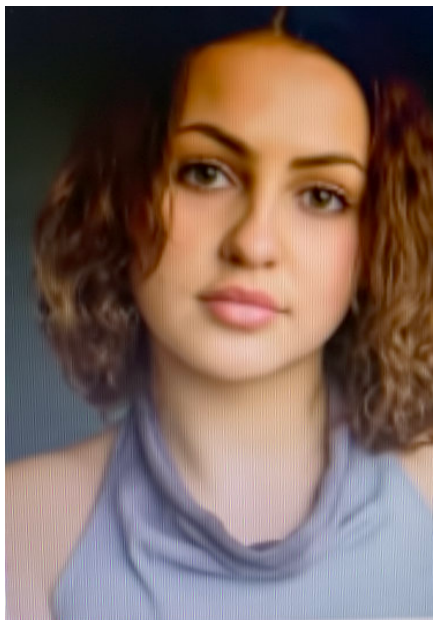
- 138 miles walked in 5 days 3-7 October, self - funded
- **285,712** steps through national border areas, from St Louis in France to Switzerland, Germany, Lichtenstein to Bludenz in Austria
- First night's 4-hour sleep in the open, then 5 nights in hotels and a hostel.
- Sleeping in the open, left passport behind, found out when questioned from police patrol car, retraced steps to find document, then started that day's walk again
- Felt very lonely, nobody to talk to, and more of a psychological than a physical problem, despite a mass of blisters
- Greatly motivated during walk with daily news from LTPT and 'Just Giving' about donations being received
- To date donations from 45 people amounting to £1,342
- Never felt like giving up but 'won't do it again in the foreseeable future'!

Further donations to get closer to £2,000 warmly welcomed!

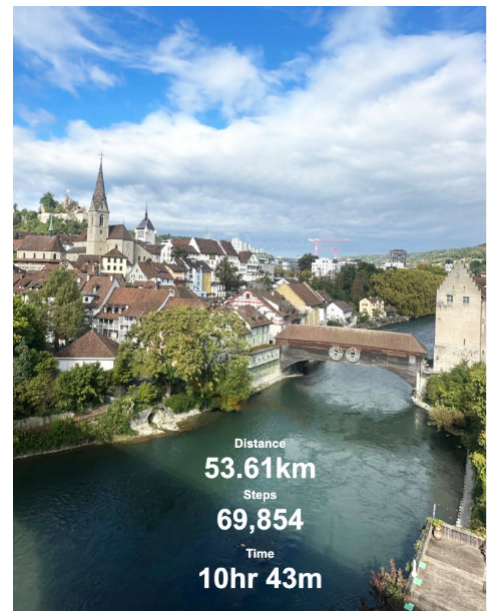
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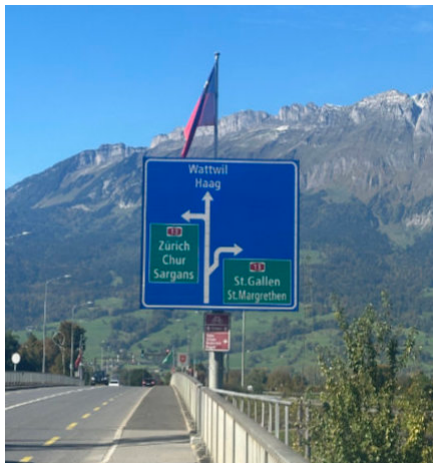
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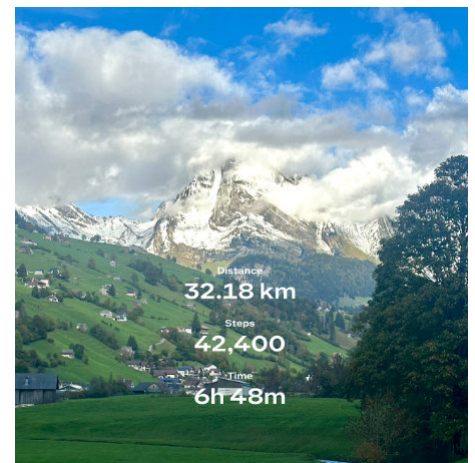
*Sophia Gaddes*



*Day 2 walk after 4 hour open air sleep*



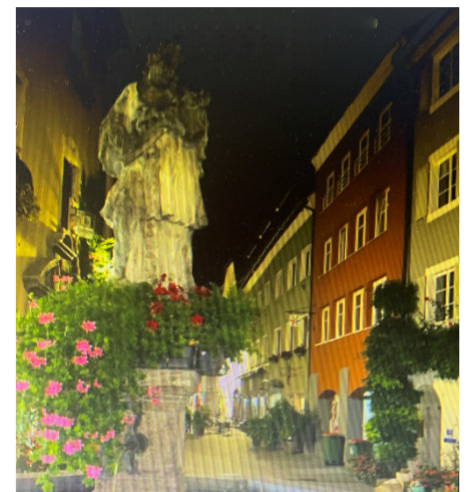
*Crossroads in Europe*



*Austrian Alps ahead*



*Passport - lost and found!*



*Bludenz, Austria, Mission completed!*

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