



# e'Pap Children's Feeding Project Newsflash Dec 2013

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*We were not planning to publish anymore newsflashes this year, but this letter we received today is too appropriate to this season for it to wait.*

*An American client of Gill and Graham Maskel asked if there was a way she could help with funding one of our trainee students. We wrote to this lady, Diane, explaining that the annual cost of a bursary for teacher training was R7500.*

*Below is her response. It's heart warming - read it!*

*Hi Gill,*

*Count on me for a full sponsorship - I will wire you US \$750, which even after deducting the wire fee should be slightly more than R 7,500. It's amazing how this is working out. I felt I could donate \$250, and more if I sold my old car.*

*It has been hard for me to part with it, though I know one should never never become sentimentally attached to an automobile! Still, I picked it up in Sweden in 1991, and I have spent many hours and many miles in it, it almost felt like a second home - or a friend - especially when I was commuting to my design job in the 80's, and then for my teacher training after my divorce in the 90's. It has the most comfortable heated seats, for one thing!*

*Anyway, I was willing to sell it to a friend of a friend, who needed a safe car for her daughter, but her mechanic found major things wrong with it that I hadn't known about. So I took it to my mechanic, who confirmed the problems and said it would cost as least \$1400 to fix them, making the car too expensive for its age. However, my mechanic is going to buy it, for \$500 - that gives me exactly \$750. Plus, he won't just use the car for spare parts, he will fix it up for his son. A win win all around! I will try to pick up the check and wire the funds to you by Monday.*

*Also, I have spoken to my friend about how her Myanmar charity is constructed, and she has referred me to a source that may be able to be an intermediary between the US and SA. I will keep you posted. I would love the name and a photo of the young woman I am sponsoring, but sometime after the holidays is fine.*

*There was an interview on TV with a man who had become acquainted with Nelson Mandela. He said through him, he began to see helping people rise out of poverty not as charity, but as justice. I really like that.*

*Warmly,  
Diane*