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SVP Sudan Resources: A CD is being sent out to each Central Council containing a great deal of resource material:

- A large number of photographs showing various aspects of our work in Sudan, these are split into files for each element of our ongoing Appeal.
- Copies of the reports produced following the last three visits.
- A rolling PowerPoint presentation on Sudan which can be shown on a laptop and left running.
- A file with all the display posters that have been produced. These cover the other countries that we support as well as Sudan.

Thanks to Kate Bretherton who put most of the material together and to David Wiles who arranged the copying. I hope that the material will be of interest and of use.

2008 Reps' Meeting: A date for you new diary. Our 2008 meeting is being planned for April 5th at our usual Birmingham venue. Further information will follow nearer the date and I look forward to seeing as many as possible there.

Disaster Fund – India Floods: At the request of Council General we have provided £15,000 to assist rebuilding of flood damaged homes and the construction of new housing in Bihar and other states affected by recent flooding. This is about 1/3rd of the total cost of this major project and the remainder is being provided by other twinned countries.

I understand that a similar project is being undertaken in Bangladesh. This will be supported by their twinned countries.

UK Floods: We still have funds available to support any CCs who needs assistance with the aftermath of the Summer's floods.

Sudan Appeal: Thank you to everyone for supporting this work so enthusiastically and so generously. As of a few days ago we have sponsorship to support the following works:

- Babies Feeding 2465
- Adult Training 224
- Medical Aid 27750
- Orphans Feeding 247
- Orphans Primary Education 232
- Orphans Secondary education 201

This has ensured the continuity of our support for the vital work being carried out by our Brothers and Sisters at least at the current level for the coming year.

The special Christmas appeal in the Catholic Herald and Catena has raised over £10,000 and had the additional benefit of raising the profile of the Society in the wider Catholic community. We hope to build on this success in 2008.

Sudan Day of Prayer: We would like to call for a Day of Prayer for peace in Sudan to be held on or about February 8th which is the feast of Josephine Bakheita. Please advise your CC members.

Everyclick: For internet users only - Rather than Google why not set Everyclick as your internet homepage. This search engine gives a small amount the charity of your choice every time it is used and has so far raised a grand total of £359,629 of which the SVP's share is a rather slim £506.87.

If you have tried and rejected the site before please look again as it has improved significantly since its launch – and if all else fails you can always use it to search for “Google”.