

AMOS TRUST

£4,811

The Trust was founded by a singer-songwriter who gathered funds for communities in the developing countries he visited. Two concerns are addressed in six countries: justice and the need for hope. Funds were sought for staff and a vehicle for a Street Team working to protect, support and educate street children in S. Africa.

The vehicle is suitable for off road travel in the townships was purchased in August 2003, and put into immediate use. This has enabled the Street Team to expand their work, as they can now split into separate units, with one unit able to carry out work that involves visiting families, who can be quite a distance away, usually in one of the major townships that surround Durban. Last year the Team placed 150 street children back into their homes. This is much more effective in the long term for the child and the family than using a shelter as the primary answer - as this would be full once 35 children had been placed there, and it cannot be a long term solution. With the money raised from the Funding Network, Amos Trust has committed to the salary of a new Team member, Thanduloxo (Thando) Dyantyi which takes the team up to 13. They now wear a uniform t shirt and have ID badges to enable the children to recognise people to whom they can turn for help, and the vehicles are clearly marked also.