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### Our charity for May

Since 2008, with the support of *Survivors Fund*, Samantha Hunt's '*Reaching Rwanda*' initiative has raised over 350,000; funding the build of two villages for Rwandan genocide survivors, financing more than 40 local businesses and employing 120 survivors, paying for two water pumps to provide 3,000 people with drinking water and livestock to help feed 50 orphan-headed households.

In 2024, Sam opened, and runs, a free education centre for vulnerable children and orphans called Philly's Place, offering 1,000 children an opportunity to learn.

In February this year, Martin & I joined a successful school and supporters trip to Rwanda and found Philly's Place in full use and thriving.

These pictures give a glimpse of the many activities:

***Left:*** *St Mary's Bell calls the children daily*
***Below:*** *Children taking part in craft activities*

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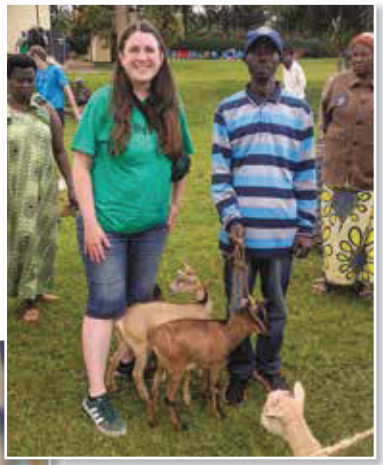

***Top Left:*** *Traditional dancing*
***Top Right:*** *Presentation of goats*
***Left:*** *Sandhurst School student with two children*
***Below Left:*** *Shoes for the children*
***Below right:*** *Plenty of gifts to go around, for the children*

Our visit to Philly's Place was both inspirational and rewarding. Sam Hunt will be visiting St Michael's on Sunday 17 May and speaking during the 9:30 service.

**Brendan Watson,**
**Charity Champion**