

# The Rural Africa Children's Education Trust

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## Milestones: The First Five Years

Our earliest sponsors will recall this photo taken of our first 12 students in September 2008.



At that time the Community School of Ntrigom was being rebuilt (with the children's help!) and they were temporarily schooled in a very derelict building until the new buildings were completed. New uniforms accompanied the new facilities, as seen below in this photo from February 2012.



In September these RACET students and 2 others from nearby schools will begin their final year of secondary school. With your help we will have a total of 48 children in school then. Thank you for making all of this possible!

Visit the RACET website at [www.racet.org.uk](http://www.racet.org.uk) or email us at [secretary@racet.org.uk](mailto:secretary@racet.org.uk)  
For sponsorship information and other queries by phone, contact Elizabeth Clifford on 01732 463344.

## Sir Brandon Gough Memorial Hall

Many of you will remember the untimely passing of RACET supporter Sir Brandon Gough in April 2012. We are very grateful for Lady Sarah's decision to name this charity to benefit from the generous donations made in her husband's memory. The trustees of RACET have worked together to find a project that would greatly assist RACET's children in addition to creating a fitting memorial to Sir Brandon, a true advocate of the importance of education.

To that end, we have had plans drawn up for a state-of-the-art library and computer hall to be built at the Community School of Ntrigom. It is a big project, and although our fund currently stands at an amazing £23,000 we are still £7,000 short of the amount required to begin construction.

This educational facility will be a very valuable resource that will enable the Community School to become a centre of excellence which will also benefit the local community and students at other nearby schools. At present no such library exists in the area—much less a computer centre. But these resources are desperately needed by the children of Ntrigom if they are to have any chance of joining the 21<sup>st</sup> century which belongs increasingly to those who can navigate their way through a high tech world to access information.

Although the construction of the Memorial Hall is separately funded from RACET's main work of sponsoring education, two of RACET's trustees are heading this project, namely Tunji Adeleye and Mary Ann Perasso, both of whom have visited the site of the proposed project and closely monitored the building plans. Our hope is that the work can be started this summer so that our oldest group of students would be able to use this wonderful resource as they prepare for their final exams next year and consider attending university. Please contact Tunji (01732 741018) or Mary Ann (01959 522337) if you wish to see the plans or support this project in any way.