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**DURBAN RIOTS  
SPECIAL**

*“Just when you thought it could not get any worse – it did!”*

In the UK we have 70% of the population “double jabbed” and have the pleasure of Euro 2021, Wimbledon and now the Olympics from Japan. We have been talking about Freedom Day which perhaps should have been called Personal Responsibility Day. We anticipate normality.

You may have heard of South Africa’s problems recently but it was only in a very recently received email from Anne Snyders, the school principal, that we have become aware of the plight that Durban and Montclair are in.

### This is how the BBC reported the situation.

*“Long queues have formed outside shops and petrol stations in South Africa’s port city of Durban following days of unrest sparked by the jailing of former President Jacob Zuma.”*

*“Zuma, 79, was convicted of contempt of court last month after failing to attend an inquiry into corruption during his presidency. He handed himself in to police last Wednesday to start serving his 15-month prison sentence, but this sparked violent protests, arson attacks, and opportunistic looting in his home province of KwaZulu-Natal”*

*Firefighters are cleaning up the mess, helped by local residents wielding brooms. Rioters looted and destroyed shops, leading to severe shortages of basics. Some petrol stations have limited the amount motorists can buy, as fuel transportation has been disrupted.”*



**It doesn’t take a lot of imagination to think about the vulnerability and anxiety being faced by the children of Udobobo School.**

## Anne Snyders (School Principal) wrote this last week :

"The looting and trashing and burning happened at the Montclair Mall which is very close to our church and the school. The entire centre was trashed - not just for food but all the shops were looted and shops such as the local Specsavers was just trashed.

"We live 10minutes by car away from where all this was happening. Residents from our crime watch stationed themselves and checked cars and people. These people are of all ages, colours and creeds - everyone stood together until the police were able to take over. We were able to prevent our local Spar being trashed. My husband stood in a queue for five hours and came away with the basics but no bread or milk. People in the queue were once again from all walks of life and all colours and waited patiently in the queue."

"In Montclair where there was so much harm done, groups of people got together and cleaned and worked and were together sorting out the centre. Once again, all people came and worked side by side ! This has been horrible but so much good came out of it, there are so many people standing together and wanting good things for the country."

I praise God that our school was untouched! The work there will continue soon - all schools are now closed until 26th July. Teachers are now receiving their vaccinations against Covid so please pray with me that these won't be too disrupted."

"We will be dealing with more job loss through this burning and trashing of companies so I will have to deal with that when we go back - please pray for me. The country is in a bad way but the people are amazing - the vegetables that our school would normally fetch tomorrow are being fetched and will be distributed to the needy in the area. People are praying and pulling together and although it is going to take some time to recover economically our people are wonderful! "

**COVID ~ NOW MORE  
SOCIAL CRISIS**

*What hope for the children?*



## ... This is what you can do!

- Your prayers and those of your faith group
- Your loyalty and any extra supporters you can recruit
- Your money – an extra donation if you can afford a little
- Your support by telling your friends and family
- Share what you know with the communities of which you are part
- Use the website to become our active ambassador

### *Every little helps*

As the very name of Udobo School tells us we need to fish to grow.

[‘Udobo’ means ‘fishing rod’]

- Remember 97% of the income received goes directly to Udobo School.
- Leaflets on the work of the charity, standing order forms and gift-aid forms are always available from our Treasurer.

Simply make a request via our e-mail address, or by post, remembering to include your name, address and contact details, and resources will be posted out to you.

Your support is of immense value to these vulnerable children and their hardworking families.

Without you we cannot maintain our funding to the school.

So on behalf of the Trustees, the Principal, staff, governors, helpers and most importantly the children of Udobo School we thank you once again for your involvement with this charity:

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**"Giving disadvantaged children a chance in life"**

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