

# Plumber-turned-aid worker helps orphans

PLUMBER Jo Lawrence is proving an effective catalyst for social change in AIDS-torn South Africa.

Mrs Lawrence, 35, of Latimer Road, Chesham, is working on two initiatives at The Hope Centre near Pietermaritzburg.

The mother of two and owner of Pink Plumbers is co-ordinating the project in tandem with a London-based charity, Love Is All We Need.

She said: "I hope the work that we are

doing will be the first step on the road towards a new life for these youngsters.

"It is an awesome project and I would never have thought that I would be involved in something as pioneering as this work."

Many children in the region have been orphaned at an early age by Aids.

Mrs Lawrence and her colleagues are hoping to launch a sponsorship scheme for some of them.

Hemel Hempstead builder Mark

Hibbert has also offered to help build a range of new homes for the youngsters.

Mr Hibbert flies to South Africa next month and hopes to be up and running with the building project from February.

In addition a friend of Mrs Lawrence, Phil Paine, is hard at work on a promotional video, which will help kickstart an appeal for cash before Christmas.

For more information about the project, contact Mrs Lawrence on 07768 596180.



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