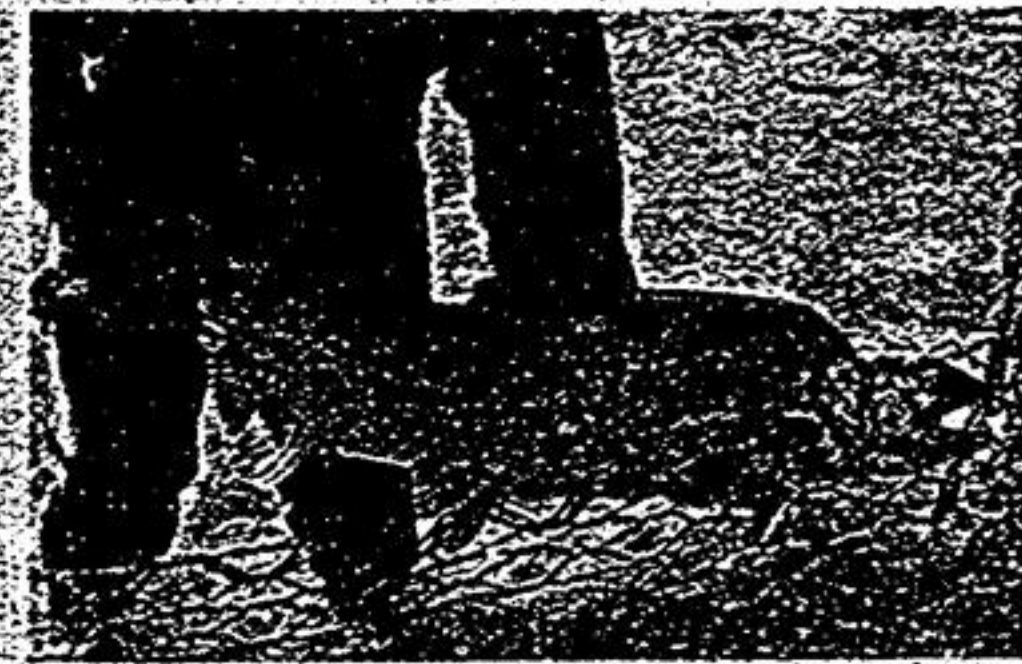


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## VOLUNTEERS BIG ON AFRICAN ORPHANAGE

*Gormley family, church helping Kenyan kids*

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
 Staff Writer

Gormley residents Chuck and Lore Ormrod have a soft spot for a Kenyan orphanage for 580 children.

This year they travelled, with their 12-year-old son, Matthew, as part of a team of volunteers.

Last year, the whole Ormrod family, including sons Nicholas, Christopher, Richard and Matthew, volunteered at the orphanage called the Mully Children Family Home.

The Ormrods and Deb and Alec Reilly, who are members of Christ Church Anglican, formed the Stouffville contingent of the team.

Mr. Ormrod originally became involved since the trip was organized by a fellow staff member at KPMG, part of a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services.

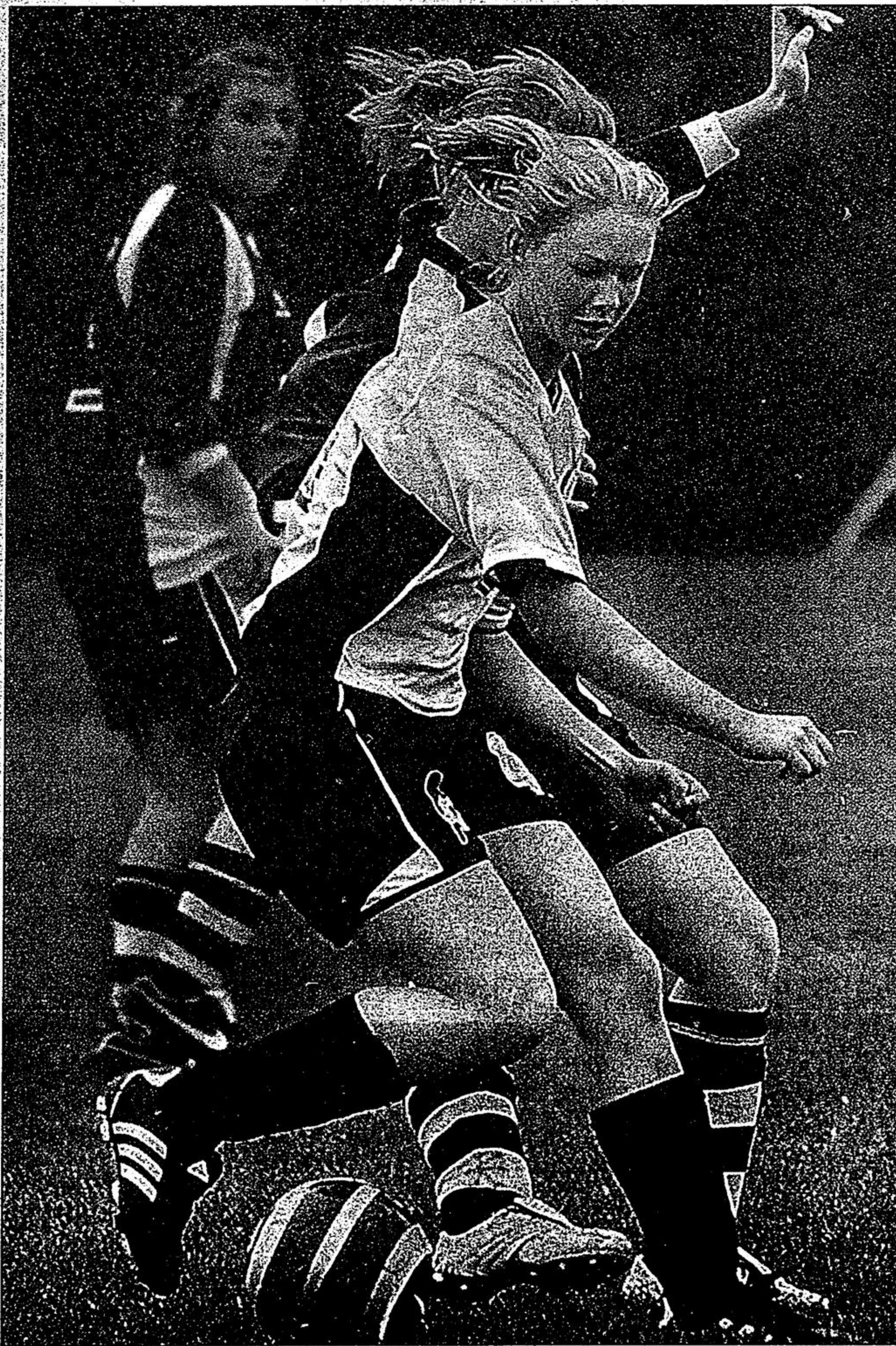
During their latest trip in the latter half of July, Mrs. Ormrod organized an eight-day medical clinic visited by around 1,400 patients. Two nurses and a doctor were on the team from Canada. Local doctors and nurses travelled more than 110 km from Nairobi to assist.

"We saw things that progress much further without treatment than we would see here," Mrs. Ormrod said.

There are 10,000 people in

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## FEET ACROSS THE WATER



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Brittany Crago of Stouffville District Secondary School handles the ball during her team's 4-0 win over the touring Blessed Edward Oldcome from Worcester, England, at the Stouffville Arena fields Tuesday. Jaime Sparks had two goals. The English school earned revenge in the junior rugby game, winning 31-12. SDSS hosts a touring Welsh team Tuesday at 4 p.m.

## Explosion of culture at SDSS exchange

*Visiting Markham students here for cross-border program*

BY JIM MASON  
 Staff Writer

Pranavan Ganeshalingam had never been to Stouffville.

The resident of the south Markham community of Milliken didn't know Stouffville District Secondary School existed.

Until last week.

An exchange between his school, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, and Stouffville Secondary left students and staff amazed and at least one parent crying good tears.

"It has produced an unbelievable change in our students," SDSS vice-principal Ron Zoratto said. "I don't think they knew what they were getting into."

The mother in Stouffville who shed tears of joy for two days agreed.

A former staff member at Middlefield, Mr. Zoratto thought the exchange could bridge a gap "between communities only 20 kilometres apart."

It fit with the York Region District School Board's hopes for sustainable culture and followed a similar exchange between the Markham school and Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket last spring.

Fifty students from each school spent a day visiting the other school. They ate, danced, played sports and created art that will remain as a souvenir of the week.

In Stouffville, they took a walking tour that included century homes, downtown landmarks and the old SDSS.

"The Middlefield students couldn't believe the parents, grandparents and great-parents

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