



Happy Home Orphanage

and Christian Fellowship Centre

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Happy Home was established in 1990 at Muhoroni in Kenya, by Rev. Dr. Johana Mruka Mgoye, known to his friends as Doc. Doc remained as Director of Happy Home until his death on 3rd November 1997.

The wooden buildings which were erected then, are still in use today but it is hoped to replace them in the not too distant future.

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Mirroring Kenyan social structure, older children and adults share responsibility for looking after younger children. In this way each child becomes part of a new 'family unit'.

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Children outside the wooden buildings of Happy Home



Founder and first Director of Happy Home: Rev. Dr. Johana Mruka Mgoye.

The Challenges ahead for Happy Home in meeting and sustaining each child's need, remains considerable.

Not unexpectedly the priorities include food, clothing, shelter, health and education so as to equip the next generation with the basics for self support and self determination in a 'shrinking' but highly competitive world.

Happy Home currently requires an annual budget equivalent to around £18,000 per annum, just to balance the books. The majority of this support is received in a monetary form primarily from the UK.

In the past two years there has been a growing short-fall in funding. As a consequence essential maintenance of the property and equipment had to be sacrificed, and so the fabric of Happy Home has inevitably fallen into disrepair.

And then there is the drought in East Africa not only affects the harvest, but also Happy Home's water supply as it comes primarily from rainfall collected in its water tanks.

The local community continues with its commitment to Happy Home, yet the future remains a tenuous one, a future which can only be assured by God and the action taken by His children world-wide.

Hope For The Future

comes from God and the certainty that by His grace, He will continue to bless everyone who crosses the threshold of Happy Home.

In 2004, land was purchased on which one day a new Happy Home will be built. A Happy Home of bricks not wood. A Happy Home to mark a new beginning for staff and children alike.

At a cost of some £20,000 to build, the new Happy Home must wait until God leads His people to provide for it. In the mean-time, the land is put to good use, where it is farmed to provide food for the children. Any excess produced will be sold to help pay for other costs in running the home.

Maybe one-day, the new Happy Home will be blessed with running water to drink and irrigate the land.

2005, saw many children leave secondary school and go on to University and Poly-technic colleges.

This is a wonderful testimony to the ministry of Happy Home, its staff and local supporters as well as all those who have engaged through Happy Home Kenya Trust.

The success of these young people inspires the other children at Happy Home and brings promise of a more prosperous and successful Kenya.

A happier future in which we can all share.



Site for the new Happy Home—
currently being farmed



11 new children came to live
at Happy Home in
December 2005

Your Help is needed and is vital if the growing success of this ministry is to be sustained.

In 2003, Happy Home Kenya Trust (HHKT), Charity Commission for England and Wales registration number 1101336, was established with the aim of providing a focus for UK support for Happy Home.

HHKT is working steadily, raising awareness of this vital ministry, allowing local churches and individuals to play a role in transforming God's world as Jesus, our Lord and Saviour so taught us.

HHKT works on four themes in support of Happy Home:

- Raising UK awareness;
- Prayer;
- Encouragement for Kenyan children, staff and trustees; and
- Financial support.

All of this is provided while leaving the operational management decisions for Happy Home to the Happy Home Board of Trustees.

“They all gave out their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

(Mark 12:44)

What Does It Cost To Help?

Well the simple answer is, not as much as you might think.

The following list provides a few ideas:

- £5 – For a set of casual clothing
- £5 – For a pair of new bed sheets
- £5 – For a new blanket
- £5 – For a new mattress
- £5 – For a pair of mosquito nets
- £5 – For a church choir uniform
- £20 – For a new junior school uniform
- £35 – For a new secondary school uniform
- £40 – For beans for one month
- £40 – For firewood for one month
- £40 – For detergents for one month
- £40 – For a bicycle
- £50 – For maize for one month
- £65 – Each for Rice, wheat flour and sugar for one month
- £70 – For a tape recorder
- £100 – For text books on joining form 1 of secondary school
- £100 – For a small TV with batteries
- £100 – For a music keyboard
- £200 – For each child to go to junior school
- £250 – For a camcorder
- £300- For each child to go to senior school
- £20,000 – To build the basic buildings for the new home



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Contact Us:

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*The Welcome Sign outside
Happy Home*