



News from Happy Home - Dorcas Awinda

Give thanks for God’s goodness to the children of Happy Home:

- ◆ **11 new primary age** children welcomed on 15th December 2005 by the staff and existing children alike (see photo below)
- ◆ **Christmas gifts** from Horsley and Denby parishes



- ◆ 4 students sat their ‘standard eight’ exams and had good results enabling them to **start secondary education** in January.
- ◆ the **Home family atmosphere** of Happy Home with its hardworking manager, Johnson, and other staff (despite one or two more changes in the last few months, mainly as folk have left to get married) - see photo above - taken at the welcome of the new children.

A **manual water pump** has recently been purchased to provide irrigation and refill the water tanks. Plans are in place for a hall at the new site and work will be started as soon as funds allow. Meanwhile the site will be used for **agriculture** e.g. maize, beans and possibly tomatoes. It is hoped to sell some vegetables and use the proceeds to purchase some sheep and provide a further income source.

Rev. Ken Horleston, one of the HHKT Trustees, is looking to organise a **working party** early in 2007 to assist with some of the building – would you like to be involved, if so then contact Jonathan Barnes ?

Finally, the Kenyan Trustees are examining the potential for sending the secondary children to **day schools** which have recently improved in quality and hence reduce current boarding school fees.

The picture to the right shows the Trustees and the new children when they were welcomed in.



Thanks and Prayer

- ◆ Give thanks for God’s provision as described above
- Pray for:
 - ◆ enough rain to ensure the crops grow successfully
 - ◆ funds to continue developing the new site wisdom for planning a working party in 2007.

N.B. The next newsletter will be in the Autumn.

Treasurer's Report - Peter Adkins

The table below summarises the recent financial figures for the past two years:

	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006 *
Total Income – Donations, results of fund raising and Tax reclamation	£14,126	£12,411
Total Sent to Happy Home	£12,900	£13,040
Other costs e.g. printing, bank charges	£424	£375

* these figures are not audited at the time of going to press.

We **praise God** that HHKT has been able to continue to provide for some of the **essential needs** of Happy Home, especially school fees. A recent donation from Eastbury Church has been a significant help in the current financial year. It must be recognised, though, that we are **not reaching the desired Kenyan budget** of around £16,500 to fully support the children and willing workers.

Prayerfully consider again what you might be able to give to the work of Happy Home –small, regular, gifts are just as useful as the occasional larger one. Don't forget to ask for a Gift Aid form if this is relevant (the form will soon be downloadable from our web site too).

We should shortly be registered with www.givenow.org and www.allaboutgiving.org.uk to give more opportunities for you

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Reply Slip:



Please return this slip to Jonathan Barnes at the address above.

- I would like to **help Happy Home** by:
- Promising to **pray** regularly
- Giving a one off **gift** of towardse.g. general funds
- Giving a regular **gift** of per month/year towardse.g. general funds
- I would like you to **send** additional "Updates"
- I would like to **register a new contact(s)** for future "Updates" (details on separate sheet)
- Please send me a **Gift Aid** Form so tax can be reclaimed on my gift(s)

Please make all bank or Charities Aid Foundation cheques payable to "**Happy Home Kenya Trust**".

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....**Email**.....

- I wish to be added to/deleted from the mailing list (N.B. address details are not passed to other bodies).

Please note that all gifts received by the Happy Home Kenya Trust will endeavour to be targeted at the specified need but it must be recognised that from time to time other priorities will arise. When this is the case, in agreement between Happy Home and the Trustees of the HHKT, funds may need to be redirected.

New Ways of Helping Happy Home - Jonathan Barnes

As UK Trustees we are continuing to seek new ways to increase funding , including the selling of Happy Home related items.

We are now offering some '**alternative gifts**' which can be purchased for any special occasion, including Christmas (yes it is still June!). Please see the enclosed leaflet with details of the items on 'offer' at present.

We are also looking to produce the following **items**, not only raise money but help keep us and others pray for Happy Home:

- ◆ simple open **greetings cards** with a Happy Home photo/theme – estimated price £1
- ◆ **2007 calendars** – estimated price £4
- ◆ **Fridge Magnets** – estimated price £4

Please be in contact to indicate your interest in these items and suggest other ideas.

A **DVD/Video** will be available very shortly with edited and full copies of material from the December welcome ceremony - please contact me for a copy, enclosing a cheque for £2.50 inc. postage and packing to cover costs. An **Audio tape** with singing from the Happy Home children's choir is also available at £1.50 inc. postage and packing to cover costs.

Happy Home are looking to **raise funds locally** themselves e.g. by making baskets, mats and hats using 'Othith', straw of a plant that grows by the banks of the Makindu river near Happy Home.



Can **you help to raise funds** in other ways e.g. by organising a special event, making use of the new video and audio material as well as this newsletter, running a book stall, or by other creative ideas ?

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