



Good News from Happy Home - Dorcas Awinda

Give thanks that **borehole drilling** has commenced on the new Happy Home site at **Kopere**. This is a major milestone in the provision of water and sanitary arrangements, which will serve **both** Happy Home **and** the surrounding community. Funding is coming together thanks to several generous donations e.g. from the Derby Rotary Club.

A **bicycle** has recently been purchased as a result of a generous 'alternative gift'.

Please **pray for funds** to construct the **initial dormitory block and dining hall**, essential to allow the move of children from the current home site. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the move could be completed by **this Christmas!**

Also **please seek God** for **ongoing welfare and education cost related funds** which are running below the desired Happy Home budget.



UK Team visits Happy Home

Rev. Ken Horleston, one of the HHKT Trustees, organised a small **working party** in February this year to assist with detailed planning for the new site as well as helping practically at the existing site. Here is an extract of comments from a visiting couple who have now become **committed supporters**:

"After being welcomed by the children of Happy Home on our arrival at the orphanage we were given a meal and during this meal we became aware of the children singing. There was hardly a dry eye amongst our party the singing was so beautiful, and the children appeared to be enjoying themselves. This singing continued at times throughout our stay. On our final day, at the 'Ground Breaking Ceremony' on 3rd March (see picture with Rev. George Ochola making the first cut), the children again brought a tear to our eye as they made their way across the new site to join in the proceedings, singing as they came. This time they were joined by children from the local school which they will attend when they move to the new site.



We were very impressed by the dedication of the Kenyan Trustees. They made us very welcome and did their best to introduce our party to all the local schools and take us to places of interest. We became aware that it was not always easy for the Trustees to be at the orphanage, some having to travel many kilometres on public transport. They are very special people." - Anne and David

Ken Horleston himself writes:

This was my third visit in nine years. I took seven people from St Clement's Church, Jan and Martin Jones; David and Ann Harris, Sally Westcott; Tony Knight and last but not least Lyn Reeve, a Primary School teacher from Denby Free School, in a neighbouring parish. Sadly, Sally, who had had an operation only two weeks before our journey, had to return before we reached Happy Home. Revd. George Ochola and Mr Peter Adkins, also HHKT Trustees, met my 'team' at Happy Home and the Kenyan Trustee Board.

The children were happy and well looked after, refreshingly polite and innocent. During the week's trip we visited several primary and secondary schools and the new orphanage site at Kopere (see picture (right) showing one of the local Kopere schools which Happy Home children would attend). The latter is surrounded by the Nandi Hills, adjacent to one of the few good roads in the area (see picture left). The first priority is a water borehole and pit latrine. Then the focus will shift to building of a new brick dormitory complete with toilets and showers. This will be quickly followed by a kitchen and dining room, at which point the children will be able to move on site. We met some of the intended contractors and were impressed by their commitment to the project. As a reminder, the reason for this new Orphanage is because the old wood and tin one has been up for 32 years now, is major fire hazard with candles and oil lamps, and very dilapidated.



Not only were we impressed with the building contractors though, but we were also impressed by the commitment and dedication of the Kenyan Trustees, Dorcas Awinda; James Okul; Shadrack Okoth; Joyce Arek; Mary Ogada and Samuel Ogalo and with Johnson the Manager of Happy Home. What was even more amazing though was the fact that here we all were, total strangers and yet within five minutes feeling as though we had been friends all of our lives. When the week came to an end we were all sad to be leaving and without exception, we all hope to make the return trip just as soon as the borehole and buildings are up.

You could help to make the building of the new Orphanage by next year a reality simply by making a one off donation of any amount, or better still, becoming a regular monthly contributor, £5/6 per month can make a huge difference to a Kenyan orphan.

Treasurer's Report - Peter Adkins

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

	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007 *
Total Income – Donations, results of fund raising and Tax reclamation	£12,411	£13,500
Total Sent to Happy Home	£13,040	£15,000
Other costs e.g. printing, bank charges	£375	£118

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

The financial certainty for Happy Home continues to improve. In the last 4 months, several **new donors** have committed to regular financial support of day-to-day operations. However, **cash flow** is still a **major challenge** and we are not **reaching the desired Kenyan budget** of around £16,500.

Praise the Lord that sufficient funds were raised to pay for the **water borehole drilling** at the new Kopere site. Efforts are now being made to secure funds for the sanitation works, prior to construction of the new buildings.

All-in-all, this is an exciting time for Happy Home and its ministry. Much has been achieved but there is more to be done. We must **pray that God will continue to provide** for the needs of the children and the staff, and create opportunities for donors and sponsors to help.

N.B. Gift Aid, Direct Debit, Standing Order and alternative gift forms are all downloadable from the HHKT website.

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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 **Standing Order/Direct Debit** 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.

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More impressions from recent Happy Home visitors:

"**Unbridled happiness/welcoming** of the Kenyan people—the happiest people I have ever met in my life." - Tony

"Back in the UK and still the **memories** are as vivid as ever. The countryside was lush and beautiful, the people were incredibly **kind, generous** and endlessly **optimistic**. They had so little and yet, with pride and dignity, they **shared everything** they had with us. "Happy Home" was true to its name; where were the sad, underfed, poor children - they certainly weren't living here! (see cultivation picture right). There was an **abundance of fun**, laughter and love in the tatty, dangerous, old wooden building.



The dedication and **hard work of the Kenyan Trustees** was ever present and we all felt privileged to be part of the **ground-breaking** ceremony which they had worked so hard to achieve. It was wonderful to witness for ourselves the **love** and **responsibility** they have for the children. The words "if only" don't seem to be part of their vocabulary and it is vital they have our full support in building the new "Happy Home."

One little boy, **Caleb**, the only one not at school aged about 3 and brought to "Happy Home" as a baby, came to symbolise for me the reason we need so **urgently** to **build** a new orphanage: a beautiful happy little boy who **deserves the best**. There are sadly many Calebs in Africa and we need to do our very best to support them. I can't wait to go back." - Lyn

Ways of Helping Happy Home - Jonathan Barnes

We are still 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 - also downloadable from the website.

A **new DVD/Video** will be available shortly with edited and full copies of material from a December 06 celebration at Happy Home. A donation of **£2.50 per item** will cover production and postage costs.



Can **you help to raise funds** in other ways e.g. by organising a special event?
Could **you** provide **children's or modern Christian books** for a Happy Home Library?

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