

Happy Home Kenya Trust exists to support charitable work in Kenya, including, but not limited to, **education, relief of poverty and religious knowledge (specifically Christianity)**. In particular, this includes assisting those associated, or formerly associated, with **Happy Home**.

Thank God for other organisations that support Happy Home and let us **keep praying that more local organisations in Kenya** will help supply the needs of Happy Home and also assist in providing much needed employment opportunities for its students.

Reminder on ways to support Happy Home via HHKT in the UK

Cheque - send to our Treasurer made payable to "Happy Home Kenya Trust".

Payment by BACS:

sort code:30-93-08 account number:01592248

Sharegift - a low cost means of selling shares for charity.

Call 0207 930 3737 or email help@sharegift.org.uk for more information on how to help HHKT.

"Giving a Bit" - If you register with <https://www.givingabit.com> you can buy from over 1,200 online shops and choose HHKT as a beneficiary.

JustTextGiving - you can **text a gift** of £10 to HHKT at any time using JustTextGiving by Vodafone.

Simply text "**HHKT01**" to "**70070**". Your donation can even be gift aided!

VirginMoneyGiving - it's now easier than ever to donate to HHKT anytime by going to uk.virginmoneygiving.com, click on 'Make a Donation' and then enter **HHKT** in the search box and click 'Donate'.

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Web site: www.hhkt.org (this contains Latest News items, Project specific information and photos, current & archived Newsletters, Gift Aid and Standing Order forms)



Keeping in touch.....

Hello friends.

What a difference a fortnight makes!

Our long-standing trustee Ken Horleston posted the following message on 13th March.



Hi All, spoke with James earlier in the week (James Okul, the Chair of Trustees in Kenya– see picture below: Ed) James reported that all was well, quiet even. The children went back to school last week and are all doing well. The rains have now stopped and they are in the process of beginning to plant maize and beans. The water pump is doing well and it is a great benefit to them to have clean water.

The Trustees are in the process of getting the school registered with the Government; currently they have 48 children attending the school and two teachers.

James once again sent his thanks for the funding that we have been able to send and said that the staff had been paid and debts cleared.



Within a few days of this conversation, as a result of the COVID_19 epidemic, all schools and further education establishments in Kenya were closed (also the churches), and Happy Home along with other Community Based Organisations were instructed to return children to the care of their guardians to prevent further spread of the virus.

As a consequence, the trustees and staff of Happy Home have now arranged for each child to be visited regularly in the community to deliver such necessities as food and toiletries according to need.

The workers remain on site to look after the animals and the 'farm' – attending to the maize and bean crop – and to maintain security.

How long this situation is likely to last is anyone's guess but, along with my thanks as always for your continued support, could I please encourage you to keep Happy Home in your prayers; your donations have given many disadvantaged children a future over the years, and will be needed more than ever in the coming weeks as we begin a programme of support for our vulnerable children in the community.



News updates.....



The school

The fledgling school is now well into its second year. Teaching began last year in the Emily Sadler building; an additional classroom was added in January to enable the appointment of a second teacher; the roll is currently forty-eight children in pre-school (reception) and class one and two.



Following a successful name search, approval has been given for the school to be named *'Happy Home Education Centre, Koperi'*.

The next step is to have the school registered with the Kenyan Government. The Ministry of Health and the Department for the Environment have both visited the site, they are satisfied with all that they have seen and have given the necessary certificates; the Ministry of Education have also visited the site and formal registration is expected. This project however, must now remain on hold until Happy Home can open its doors once again.

Water

We are excited and delighted to report that a new borehole was finally sunk during February, and is now at last providing Happy Home with a reliable source of clean water to supplement the rainwater collection facilities previously provided by HHKT which are already in place.



The borehole is already proving a tremendous boon to the health and welfare of the children and young people in our care together with the staff who care for them, finally



removing any need for the daily visits to the local river which were needed during times of drought. to supplement their water supply .

Our thanks go to 'Wellboring', the UK Charity with whom we have partnered over this project, for their expertise and local contacts in Kenya, and to all of you who have made this possible by your generosity.



Trustee Phoebe presenting Christmas presents provided by donations from the congregations of St. Clement's and St. Mary's Churches in Derbyshire

Looking to the future

The planned visit scheduled for May 2020 is now sadly in abeyance until further notice due to the coronavirus epidemic. Two young people from 'Friendship Creative' (a company who are offering their time and expertise to help us to develop our outreach) were to visit Happy Home along with two trustees, in order, among other things, to obtain some professional photographs and video footage for our publicity.



While our visits remain a vital way of maintaining face to face contact with the children, workers and trustees of Happy Home, for the moment at least we continue as always to offer that support and prayer from a distance.



Grinding maize

Prayer Requests

In his last communication (before the lockdown) James made the following prayer requests:

that they would do only what God wants them to do for the children in their care.

that the registration of the school would go through without any delay. for the children, the staff and the trustees.

for the spiritual nourishment of all of us involved with Happy Home.

for a good harvest despite the weather delaying the preparation of the land for planting.

for the visit of UK trustees and friends.

In view of the changed situation might I now add:

for the safety and well-being of all the children and young people and for those currently looking after them

for the manager and the matron and any staff of Happy Home who will be visiting the children in the community

for the care services in Kenya that they will have the resilience to cope with this epidemic

for the many lives that will be affected both in Kenya and here in the UK

and as ever, that God's will be done.