

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.



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How is Happy Home?



Regular telephone calls with James keeps us informed.

The children, staff and Trustees are well including Veronica and Margaret who recovered well from malaria. New mosquito nets were provided during our last visit but unfortunately malaria continues to be a problem.



The children had three weeks off for Easter and happily entertained themselves within the safe confines of the Orphanage.

April saw the planting of a bean and maize crop. Short, intermittent rains has meant that the yield of maize has been greatly reduced and the bean crop all but devastated. Lack of water continues to be a serious issue.

Please continue to pray for heavy rains to help with the harvest and for a permanent solution to the water problem.



The election takes place on August 11th 2017. the children will be on holiday at that time and therefore in a safe environment. James asks that we pray for peace during that time across the whole of Kenya.



We know the children work hard at school and value their studies but we were interested to know what the children do at weekends.

Here is James' reply: "On a Saturday they usually do some work around the grounds; then on Sunday the younger children go to Sunday School and the older ones go to a later Church service. After lunch it is "recreation time" when some of the boys play football and the girls, netball"

James asks that we continue to pray for:

- Further rains
- A peaceful run up to the election
- The continued good health of the children, staff and Trustees

He gives thanks for the continued support of HHKT UK and for all its supporters



Meet the UK Trustees
John Lewis is our newest member.



"I live in Ipswich, Suffolk and am married with three adult children (two living and working overseas). I have spent most of my working life in the health and social care business, but soon to retire and am now very involved in helping out with the care of our two small grand-daughters in Bristol. I have known about HHKT for a long time through my active membership of Burlington Baptist Church in Ipswich and more recently through conversations with my Ipswich friends William and Phil, who are both Trustees. My decision recently to become a Trustee was influenced in particular by the wish to maintain the link between Burlington and HHKT, after Jonathan Barnes left the HHKT board. I look forward to supporting the work of HHKT as a new member".



Lyn Reeve leading a school assembly with local primary children. We feel it is really important that we share our Kenyan experiences whenever we can.

We are very grateful for all the support local schools, churches and groups give us. Thank you.

William's water update:
"We are still working toward either getting a new well at Happy Home or refurbishing the old one and getting it back into working order. We have engaged with Ground Water Relief, a UK charity helping people get access to clean water in developing countries. They have conducted a desk survey of the site and now are recommending that we engage a local contractor to do a site survey and a pump test of the old well. This will do two things-find out if we can reinstate the old well and if we can't, then it will tell us the best place to drill a new well.

**GROUND
WATER
RELIEF**

- The cost of this will be around £1,700, for which we already have £1,000 pledged by donors.
- We would welcome your prayers for this project and if anyone wishes to make a donation toward the cost, we would be very grateful.
- We are also contacting other funding agencies here in the UK and in Kenya to see if they can help us".

Surely it is every child's right to have access to clean water?



Fundraising

Dear Supporters
In recent months the cost of food and other commodities needed for the day to day running of the Orphanage has increased substantially due to the drought which has already pushed prices up. Not only that but the school fees for Secondary school children has increased by 25%. As we are a small charity with a relatively small donor base, we are unable to meet the budget for this year. We therefore wondered whether you would consider holding a fund raising event that suits you? Here are just a few ideas:

- Hold a coffee morning/bring and buy
- Have a collecting box at work or home for loose change
- Hold a quiz night/raffle/cake stall

Do not be limited to the few ideas listed above, let your imagination run riot! We could also include your fundraising efforts in our next Newsletter.

One of our Trustees, Ken Horleston is taking part in a sponsored abseil for Happy Home on July 2nd. Go to our website www.hhkt.org and support Ken's efforts to raise much needed funds for the Orphanage.
Good luck Ken!

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

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

MyDonate - a cost effective means of credit and debit card donation (including claiming of Gift Aid). Go to www.mydonate.org.uk and simply search for '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!

