

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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James' update from Happy Home



October/November-James reports that all is well at the Orphanage. There are presently 5 Form 4 students taking their final exams over the course of the next 3 weeks. Those who do well will hope to go on to further education next year. Class 6 students finished their exams on 2nd. November.



Additional funding from UK has enabled them to carry out essential maintenance to the kitchen, fencing (including painting it) and repairing 16 dormitory beds.

James asks we continue to pray for the children and young people sitting exams. Also that there is greater cohesion between them and the local community. As always, we pray for the continued good health of the Trustees, staff and the children.



Election update:

Currently all is peaceful in the area and James reports the Orphanage has received "good protection" from the government. At the moment the president elect cannot be sworn into office but it is good there is relative peace in the area.



James asks us to pray for the unity of the Kenyan people and also that God would raise up leaders who want the very best for Kenya and not just power for themselves.

The Kenyan Trustees meet regularly and in November entertained the new Bishop of the new Diocese of Masaeno.

At this time of year we asked James how they celebrate Harvest. "Harvest was celebrated this year on 22nd October. It was a very joyous service, people mostly bringing maize and beans and other produce they have been able to grow. Whatever is brought to the church is traditionally given to the local clergy. Repairs are often carried out to the church at this time. Any produce brought to the Cathedral service is then distributed by the Bishop to widows, orphans, and vulnerable poor people"

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



Groundwater Relief Update

GROUND WATER RELIEF

We have now received enough pledges of money to allow us to commission Groundwater Relief to undertake surveys at the Orphanage and Roseate School to identify the best sites to drill wells. The surveys will be carried out by local Kenyan Hydrogeologists under the supervision of Groundwater Relief. This work is planned to be carried out before Christmas so that by January we should have costings etc. and then we can begin a programme of fund raising to implement these recommendations.

Exciting times ahead!

HHKT Meetings

Seven Derby based Trustees and three Ipswich Trustees meet/ speak regularly to keep informed about the Orphanage and the local young people we support. In Derby we have been given an audio conferencing terminal which enables everyone in the room to clearly hear or speak to the other participants in the audio conference.

Meeting at Jan and Martin's



HHKT-where are we now?

Last year HHKT was able to raise just over £34,000 to send to Kenya. The gap between the needs and the income is growing as the children become older e.g. last year primary education, which is largely free in Kenya cost us £2,500 for 41 children but secondary education cost us £14,000 for 22 children.

Our main challenge continues to be supporting the basic costs of running the home and the welfare and education needs of the primary and secondary school children.

Besides this we have two other areas of investment which we can focus on once the basic running costs are met

- Clean, fresh water for drinking
- Sponsorship and giving help to former orphans to enable them to move into college, university or vocational training.



Koriga Matthews, currently studying at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology recently wrote to us thanking us for all the help.

Recent fundraising events



Congratulations to Ken who raised £462 plus £39 gift aid in his sponsored abseil for Happy Home. Many thanks to all who supported him.



Congratulations also to the people of Ilkeston for supporting Lyn's market stall. A total of £500 was sent to Happy Home.

LOOKING AHEAD 2018

We shall be facing the same challenges in 2018 of a shortfall of income over expenditure; with that in mind would those of you who give so generously occasionally consider becoming regular donors? OR would you consider holding an annual event for Happy Home?

Every penny raised by you, our supporters, REALLY does make a difference for the good of our children and their futures.

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH



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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!



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