

Emmanuel Home Newsletter

January 2020

(formerly Kanyawegi Children's Home)



How Donations Are Used

We are so grateful to all our sponsors, donors and supporting churches for the gifts made to support the work of 'Kanyawegi UK' – the registered charity responsible for the work of Emmanuel Home. It makes such a difference to the lives of the children and young people we care for. We are confident that we are doing all we can to ensure the money is used effectively to enhance their care and education and give them a hope of better prospects in the future.

After a period of change in the latter half of 2019, now is probably a good time to update readers about how funds are used. Although our work in Kenya still operates under the 'Emmanuel Home' title we no longer have a physical 'home' for orphans as we did in the past. In recognition of the smaller numbers of individuals we are supporting and in line with Kenyan Government policies to reduce the risk of orphans in traditional children's homes becoming 'institutionalised', we ceased renting the building we had last summer. This, and the consequential staffing changes, saved considerable funds that are now used more directly for the support of individuals.

Care for Families: In November and December all the children we support returned to the relatives they stay with for the school holidays. In recognition of the fact that this gives needy families additional mouths to feed and to ensure our children are well cared for we supply extra provisions such as maize flour, cooking oil, long life milk, sugar etc. This is always appreciated.

The picture shows Kelly and Nelly standing behind a table of provisions supplied for their home and holding donated clothes taken over in October.

Christmas Treat: Occasionally one-off gifts to our work are targeted to specific things. For example, in the autumn five of the children who joined the Elite Academy Primary School needed



Bibles and notebooks for school and at church. A kind donation made by an elderly gentleman in Midsomer Norton was used to purchase these (pictured on next page), as it is so important to us and to him that the children are able to learn about the love of God



through the Bible. In addition, some of the gifted money was used to provide a Christmas treat for all of the children and young people we support.

It isn't often that these orphans have the chance to do something different, special and fun. A minibus was hired and they all went to a games centre in Kisumu. The pictures below show some of the children enjoying their time there.

On the same day, while the

children were all together, the chance was taken to speak to each of them about their school or college performance. Lydia, our Kenyan 'overseer' took part in

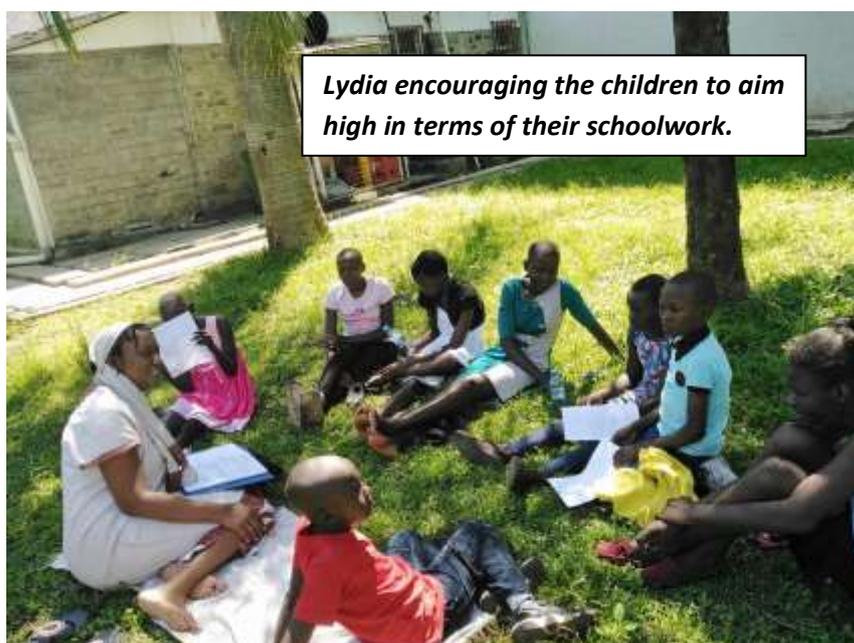


the day and spoke to the children about their results from the autumn tests and encouraged them to re-commit to working hard in the coming year. Lydia used to run a private school in Kisumu and has a good understanding



of the education system and standards. We particularly value her input on this as some of the children didn't perform as well as we had hoped last year.

John Lloyd & Alex enjoy a game while Ida (below) tries out a motorbike!



Lydia encouraging the children to aim high in terms of their schoolwork.

Education & Training: Naturally this is one of the major costs catered for by the donations received by the charity. Nearly all our children and young people are at boarding schools or colleges. Boarding is more expensive than day school, but it is a good way to ensure all our children are cared for well, with regular meals and support throughout the week. This doesn't always happen to children who are staying with relatives and travelling to school daily.

In Kenya the new academic year begins each January. Our Manager, Linda Joan, was kept very busy in December and early January preparing all the children for their new year. We now have 5 children at the Elite Academy Primary School. Maurice, who was also there in the autumn, completed his end of primary exams and has now started at a new secondary school. In addition, Ida and Mercy, who were at different primary schools, have also now got places in secondary schools. For these three there was the need to purchase new uniforms, books, clothes, bedding and personal hygiene supplies etc. etc. The other three secondary school children, John Lloyd, Alex and Beryl are now in their second year.

One of our older young people, Ibrahim, has his university fees in Nairobi paid for by another sponsor, but we provide him with monthly upkeep for his living expenses. He has been doing well. Kevin4 is more local and undertaking a higher diploma as a Medical Laboratory Technician. We have been paying his fees and upkeep. Finally there is Lilian, who is doing well on a Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics and is fully supported by us.

Health Care: We do what we can to ensure the children are kept well and take proper precautions (such as use of mosquito nets). From time to time, however, sickness does occur and treatment is required. One of our girls, Mercy, has had a long term battle with anaemia and last May during the Chairman's review visit with Lydia, it was discovered that Mercy hadn't been receiving the best treatment and was quite ill. We arranged for her to have a series of tests and she spent time in hospital being supported by Linda, who also ensured Mercy's diet was supplemented with iron-rich foods. By October, when Peter Skinner returned to Kenya, Mercy was much better and preparing for her primary final exams. On the right is a recent photo of Mercy wearing and holding some of the clothes that were donated in the UK and taken over to Kenya in October. She is now much stronger.



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Kindly remember to notify Kanyawegi UK if you no longer pay an amount of income tax or Capital Gains tax equal

Prayer Pointers



Please pray...

- Giving thanks for how God has provided us with the funds to sustain this work.
- For the children and young people starting a new school year; 3 of them at new schools.
- That the children who have been struggling at school are able to do better.
- Giving thanks for the individuals and churches who regularly support the work.
- That through the charity's work children, young people and adults will know and experience personally the reality of God's love for them.

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The website has been updated! The website is a fantastic source of information about the work of Emmanuel Home and the charity generally. Our thanks to Richard Portsmouth for his continued work on managing this and adding new content.
<https://www.kanyawegi-uk.org/>

Note the Facebook page address:

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelHomeKanyawegiUK>

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Thank you.