



(formerly *Kanyawegi Children's Home*)

**Aug 2017**



## *Emmanuel Home Newsletter*

### **An Introduction to Emmanuel Home**

Emmanuel Home is the name given to the ministry of caring for around 30 Kenyan orphans in Kisumu, Kenya – providing them with food, shelter and an education in an environment with a Christian ethos. The work is funded through the registered charity 'Kanyawegi UK' which was established in 2004 to oversee the work of the then 'Kanyawegi Children's Home'. A road-widening project forced the move out from the original children's home and Emmanuel Home was established.



The picture on the left shows the old home site, with about a third of the front of the original building demolished to make way for the new road.

After the move to Emmanuel Home there were a series of changes in how the children were supported, accommodated and provided with Education. These changes have been made to follow the lead given by the Kenyan government to

encourage more links between orphans and their home communities, and also to make most effective use of the funds available to the charity.

### **Donor support is invaluable**

We are so grateful to all who support the work of Emmanuel Home by giving to Kanyawegi UK. Every penny that is given is sent over to Kenya, with nothing being used to cover any costs in the UK.

We have some long-standing individual donors who have given for many years and others that are new to supporting the work. The need is great, and if you would like to become a donor that would be welcomed (see details of giving later). We are also very grateful to the churches and others who give regularly or on an occasional or 'one-off' basis.

The UK Committee of the charity has committed itself to focusing on supporting those currently with Emmanuel Home through to the end of their secondary education, as funds allow. In order to accomplish this new sponsorship is still required to cover the ongoing costs.

## The Rehema Mission School Link

The photo on the right shows many of the younger children we support, together with some of their friends, at the Rehema Mission School (with Peter Skinner, the charity chairman, on the right).

Many of the children pictured board at Rehema throughout the school terms and stay with relatives during holidays.

This reduces the cost of transport to and from Emmanuel Home. Staff from the Home visit Rehema regularly to check up on the progress, health and happiness of the children.



The Rehema School is in need of some refurbishment, but the education is delivered in a caring environment.

## Secondary School education

During his visit to Kisumu earlier this year Peter was able to visit several of the secondary schools attended by some of the Emmanuel Home young people.

Not only was he able to chat to the pupils, but also their teachers and/or head teachers. It was encouraging to hear how well most of the young people are doing at secondary school and how many of them have developed into helpful and positive young adults.

The photos below show some of those met with. Peter had the privilege of visiting Samwel's mud-hut home (where he stays with a relative), and on behalf of Samwel's sponsor purchase some revision textbooks he was needing.



Rehema Mission School compound



Peter with Lilian



Monica



Roy Samo (Home Manager) and Samwel

As we are no longer able to support young people through to higher education, different options are being explored for ways in which we can help those leaving secondary school to gain additional skills/qualifications (from short courses) that will assist them in gaining employment.

During his visit Peter met with two secondary school completers (Maxwell and Ibrahim) to speak about this. Both of them were keen to learn to drive, and learn a trade.

The cost of these 'one-off' courses would be £200 - £400, if you'd like to fund one.



Maxwell, Ibrahim and Roy

## The last higher education cohort?

During 2017 the last group of Emmanuel Home university students have or will be completing their studies. Unfortunately a protracted lecturer's strike earlier in the year had a negative impact upon their studies, but they are now hoping to make up lost ground and complete their courses. Sadly, as it stands currently, they are likely to be the last group to be funded through Emanuel Home to do higher education courses. The fees are more than can be afforded by the charity.

## Additional local support

We are pleased to say that a local Kenyan Christian couple have agreed to be part of the oversight of the work of Emmanuel Home by joining the Home Committee. They are Lydia and Fred Gartere, who work at Josana Academy in Kisumu, where Lydia is the Director.

They joined the first Home Committee meeting of 2017 in January, along with staff from the home, Peter Skinner from the UK and Peter Kalia (a staff member from the previous Kanyawegi Children's Home) [see below].



## Staff at the Home... Please pray for them:

We said a little about the staff in the last newsletter. (Linda, Roy and Ernest). Please pray for Linda who has recently had a family bereavement that has been hard to cope with. Also, pray for Roy, the Home Manager, who in the August Kenyan elections was elected with overwhelming support to represent about 54,000 people as a Member of County Assembly (MCA). This extra part-time role should begin in the autumn, and, once confirmed, will give him the opportunity to work for the good of many in the local community.



**MORE INFORMATION about the work:** For further information, please contact Gill or Pete Skinner, 'Carino', Old Gore Lane, Emborough, Radstock, BA3 4SJ. Telephone: 01761 23 2337. Email: [peteskinner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteskinner123@gmail.com)

## **KANYAWEGI UK**

### **Standing Order**

To the Manager .....p.l.c.

Address .....

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Please pay the account of Kanyawegi U.K. at:  
**Barclays Bank, 37 Milsom Street, Bath BA1 1DW**  
**Sort Code 20-05-06 Account No. 93390446**

The sum of £.....

In words: .....

On the .....(day) of .....(month) .....(year)

and thereafter on the same day of each month until further notice.

Please debit my Account No. ....

Sort Code: .....

In the name of .....

**Signed:** .....

Print name: .....

Date: .....



### **Gift Aid Declaration**

**Send to Kanyawegi UK, 'Carino', Old Gore Lane, Emborough, Radstock, BA3 4SJ.**

*I want Kanyawegi UK to treat all donations I make as gift aided donations until otherwise notified.*

**Signed:** .....

Date: .....

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

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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 to the tax on your donations*

## **Prayer Pointers**



### **Please pray...**

- for the safety of children and staff after the disputed Kenyan elections this month and that unrest in Kisumu will settle down.
- For provision of new, regular donors to support the work
- For wisdom for the UK Committee overseeing the work
- For God's guidance for Roy Samo, the Home Manager, during a time of transition for him and the Home.

Most of all, please pray that through the work of Emmanuel Home children, young people and adults will know how great God is, and how great was the sacrifice he gave in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **KANYAWEGI UK**

**Registered Charity No. 1106296**

**UK Committee (The Trustees):**

**Chairman:** Peter Skinner (01761 23 2337) or  
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**Treasurer & Secretary:** Sally Petit  
Sarah Moxham

(The Committee is also supported by Elizabeth Maggs & Gill Skinner)

**Website:** The website is a fantastic source of information about the Home and the charity and has been recently updated by Richard Portsmouth – Thank You!

[www.kanyawegi-uk.org/](http://www.kanyawegi-uk.org/)

There is also a Facebook page – so have a look at that too! Note its new address:

[www.facebook.com/EmmanuelHomeKanyawegiUK](https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelHomeKanyawegiUK)

Please use the form on the left if you wish to make a donation and/or become a regular sponsor. If you are a taxpayer please consider Gift Aid, as the charity benefits greatly from reclaiming the tax.

Thank you.