



Kanyawegi Newsletter August 14

Greetings to all readers of this newsletter, and particularly to sponsors and other supporters!

The Big Move!...

We mentioned in the last newsletter that some of the **work** may need to move – and now it's happened! Last month the children have moved from the original Kanyawegi site to a new home being rented just down the road near Riat Market. This has come about because it was agreed with the Kenyan Board that it is time to sell the original site and the UK Committee was committed to continuing to support the youngest and most vulnerable orphans in a 'home' setting.

The new Home:

The new place is an attractive looking building within its own gated compound, with electricity and piped water.



Previous readers of our newsletters will know that the original Kanyawegi site was under threat from a road expansion scheme. Although the original planned route of the dual carriageway has now been altered so that no Kanyawegi buildings needed to be demolished, the road will still take the front courtyard, bringing it too close to the building and obliterating the boreholes (the only fresh water source).

We praise God for his provision of this new place. Currently the room for the boys still needs to be prepared, so they are being accommodated locally and will be joining the girls soon.

We are hugely indebted to Roy Samo (the Home Manager) and the other staff who made this move possible and ensured that the transition for the children and young people was as smooth as possible.



The children were fully involved in helping out too, and by all accounts they are very happy at the new place. It is great to know that all of them are able to continue at their current schools, as the new place is not far from the original site and their education wasn't disrupted at all.



Pastor Luke and another member of the Kenyan Board (Dr.Tolo) supervised the removal of all that was needed from the original site. Pastor Luke will now seek to sell the site and the proceeds (after costs) will be used for the benefit of the Kanyawegi children and young people.

A 'Thank You' to Pastor Luke and his Board:

It is appropriate that we take this opportunity to thank Pastor Luke for his many years of being Chairman of the Kenyan Board, and for the good that he and his fellow Board members have done for the Home. He has decided to step down as chairman and focus on other interests and has been joined by Dr. Tolo too. We wish them well. It is our intention to attract new people to share in the oversight of the new Home.

What's the plan, then?

The UK Committee have suggested an alternative way forward for the Home which is based on looking at the needs of 3 distinct groups of individuals. The first group are the youngest and most vulnerable and who still require a 'children's home' level of care. These are the ones who have moved to the new Home.

At the other end of the scale are the older and more mature young people who are away at boarding school, college or university and have a greater degree of independence for a large part of the year.

Between these two groups we believe there will be some who can be encouraged to be supported in their home communities. The term for this is home-based care (as opposed to being based in a Home! – confusing?) and is something the Kenyan Government is keen to promote.

The government sees the risk of children in Homes like Kanyawegi becoming 'institutionalised' and less able to re-engage with their home communities when they leave. This can mean they fail to integrate well and do not prosper. By supporting them within their communities it is felt they can gain the benefits of education but retain and develop their links with the community and the life skills required to thrive.

We are keen to explore how this might be implemented (in a phased way) for some of the young people for whom this approach is appropriate.

Staffing the Home:

Due to the change in nature of the work and reduced numbers it is likely there will be some staff changes. We will report more on this in the next newsletter, but, if you can, please pray for the Manager as he sorts this out.

The picture on the right shows the Home Manager Roy (on the left with the white cap) and one of the house parents, Pamela, with a group of the youngsters before they left the old Kanyawegi site.



Website details:

There are a few more recent photos on the **Kanyawegi website** under 'New Photos'. We again want to thank one of our supporters – Richard Portsmouth – for creating and managing this website for the charity. Please make sure you have a look at it if you haven't already done so, and let your friends and family know too. Here is the address: www.kanyawegi-uk.org/index.aspx



The website is a fantastic source of information about the Home and the charity. There is also a Facebook page – so have a look at that too!

There are new and specific needs identified on the website (see the next page of this newsletter too) and you will also find details of other ways you can support the charity – including through ebay.

ebay Whenever you buy or sell something through ebay you can make a donation to Kanyawegi UK – and we are grateful to those who have done this in the last year.

Specific Needs:

We are grateful to all our sponsors and donors. We trust that you will be encouraged by hearing of the new home and will be keen to continue giving.

There is, in fact, an urgent need for more sponsorship and/or one-off or regular gifts to cover the growing costs of supporting these young people as they grow up. Over the next few months we will develop new ways in which people can support our young people – for example, by committing to a set amount that will see a young person through college or paying for something specific that is needed.

The recent change of home has entailed additional expenditure far above what we usually receive from supporters, (and finances are very tight at the moment) so if you would like to help out with some of the costs, here are a few ideas:

2 month's rent (needed as deposit)	£400
Relocation expenses (including transportation)	£300
Renovation costs of the new Home	£225
Temporary accommodation for boys	£100
Cooking gas	£100
Water reconnection fee	£40
Electricity reconnection fee	£40
Charcoal	£18

We also have some new young people (Wendy and Greg) who have joined the Home, brought by the Children's Department. In the latter part of August we will also need to be providing a considerable amount of money for the new term's school and college fees.

New sponsors required:

There is always a need for new sponsors, and on the back of this newsletter details are given of the regular costs for supporting children and young people at the different stages of their education. If you know of individuals and/or churches/community groups or others who would be interested in getting involved, please pass this newsletter on to them and/or ask them to contact us. We believe God wants us to do all we can for those he has put under our care and we would be so encouraged by any new donations or regular sponsorship that comes in.

KANYAWEGI UK

Registered Charity No. 1106296

UK Committee (The Trustees):

Chairman: Peter Skinner

Treasurer: Sally Petit

Sponsor Coordinator: Doreen Moxham

and.. Sarah Moxham

(also supported by Elizabeth Maggs & Gill Skinner)

What about...EDUCATION?

In previous newsletters this section has covered subjects such as the work of the Kenyan Board, the UK Committee (the trustees of Kanyawegi UK), the Home's Budget, Fundraising, the staff and the children. Here we look at how education is provided:

Primary Education:

The younger children join Primary Education as soon as they can after coming to the Home. They are provided with school uniforms and everything else they need. The academic year starts in January and each child begins at the lowest stage and normally progresses annually through to stage 8 and the final exam. The children must pass the national exam at the end of primary before being able to progress to secondary education. This can mean that if a child joins primary education late or fails the end exams, they can still be in primary education well into their teens.

Secondary Education:

The older children are based at local secondary schools or at boarding schools, and are provided with their personal and educational requirements. There are 4 'forms' or years in the secondary phase. The outcome of the final exams has a significant bearing upon what options are available beyond that. Those who gain a B grade or higher are able to enrol at a state university (where the fees are lower than at private universities). Those who don't do so well can be considered for college courses and/or 'training'. We have to pay fees for the young people in secondary education and the increasing number at this stage (about 20) has placed significant demands upon the finances.

University/College/Training:

As reported in the last newsletter, we are so proud of the young people we have supported right through to the end of their higher education and seen do well – even getting first class degrees! Soon there will be others finishing their courses. The young people who attend college and/or practical training also generally do well and gain qualifications that give them good opportunities for employment.

The staff at the home try to place the young people at institutions where the fees for the courses are reasonable. However, at each stage of the education cycle it is not uncommon for unexpected costs to emerge during the year that have to be met.

We believe that the education received by our children and young people is making a huge difference to them; they certainly wouldn't be receiving it if it weren't for our support.

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Standing Order

To the Managerp.l.c.

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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:

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Gift Aid Declaration

Send to Kanyawegi UK, Mayfair House, 21
Ashgrove, Peasedown St John, Bath. BA2 8EB:

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

Signed:

Date:

Full Name:

Address:

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

MONEY £ MATTERS

Back to Basics: For new readers who need to know the basic facts, here are a few of the important ones:

DID YOU KNOW....?

- The minimum cost of keeping a child in the Home (and providing their primary education) is now about **£45 per month**, but this can be covered by gifts from several donors.
- As the children grow up the monthly cost rises to **£60** for those at secondary boarding school, and **£90+** if they are at college/university.
- There are **around 35 children and young people** in the Home or at college, supported chiefly by gifts from individual sponsors or churches.

Want to know more?

Let us know the sort of things you'd like covered in future newsletters and/or forward your questions to us. We will do all we can to keep you informed.

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Website:

www.kanyawegi-uk.org/index.aspx



We do it for them!

(Pic: Some of the young people before the 'big move')

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.