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Project update/New Partners/Thika 300/Prayer requests

Helping us to achieve our

On November 23rd four of our Trustees plus a 'Friend' of TABS visited the Spring of Hope Project within the slums of Kiandutu, Thika Kenya, (Kiandutu means 'place of the dirty people'). The purpose of this visit was to undertake a monitoring exercise as well as meet with our prospective TABS KENYA Trustees and to hold their inaugural meeting.

These new Trustees will enable us to take our Business Plan forward and will work with project staff at Kiandutu towards sustainability.



Inaugural meeting of TABS Kenya

Fundraising update:

[Thank you for your continued financial support and fundraising activities this year.](#)



Once again we express our thanks to All Saints Church Bedworth for their continued financial support in respect of Kiandutu School staff salaries.

A big 'thank you' to Grange School North Warmley Bristol, to pupils and staff for their fundraising cake sales and their school vegetable garden and chicken rearing photos.

Thika 300— thanks to those of you who have completed your 12 monthly payments Certificates on the way to you!

Special thanks to The Cake Shop Bedworth and staff for undertaking a Sponsored Run in memory of Jude Reader and donating this income to TABS .

The Feeding Program costs have increased due to the increase in cost of rice. Thanks to all who continue to support this feeding program .



Schools information

Achievements to date: The school now has classes at the following levels;
 Baby, nursery 1, nursery 2, pre-unit and year 1
 There are structured lessons in English, Swahili, Mathematics, Science.
 Piped water into the school is used for the cooking but also hand-washing before lunch and after using the la-trine.

The recent project visit included spending time at the School in Kiandutu and experiencing a very unique 'end of term assembly'. Some of the parents were able to attend and were thrilled to receive a Report Card showing the progress of their child. School numbers have increased and standards have raised considerably. Whilst there, Trustees purchased new teaching aids and gifts of toys donated from England for the pre nursery class were distributed.



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As the Spring of Hope Project continues to flourish staffing levels have increased. The current needs are many but education remains the priority of the community, with parents expressing their thanks for the opportunity to send their children to the project. Pastor Ian continues to work within the community to seek ways of improving conditions within Kiandutu. The provision of a carpentry workshop is the next venture for him and his team. Our new Kenyan Trustees will support

- 2 TEACHERS
- 2 NURSERY TEACHERS
- COOK
- PASTOR
- NIGHT SECURITY

Pastor Ian in this venture. We left several useful carpentry tools donated by supporters of TABS which were well received. The Anglican Church in Thika have a Community Development Trust and Trustees, with project Staff met to discuss the opportunity to access micro finance through credit provision, much like our Credit Unions here in England. If successful this will fund a Chicken/Rabbit rearing program for both the school and community members.

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Pray for:
 Our Kenyan Trustees in their new role.
 For project staff taking a well earned break over Christmas. Preparations for Feb 13 trip applications out January 2012.
 Praise for:
 Gods faithful provision in the selection of Kenyan Trustees.
 For answered prayers in respect of commitment and dedication of the project team at Kiandutu.

Current Trustee activity:
 Trustees are currently planning for our next trip in 2013 and will be sending our application forms in January 2012 to Ch1 Service users and staff. They will short list in February and hold a selection day in March. This will be followed by a Team Building event in August/September.



Morning assembly at Kiandutu.



Jim Nicholls our Fundraising Trustee discussing new initiatives with teaching staff.



Jayne one of the cooks with Kath Farmer Trustee at entrance to project.