



Christmas Newsletter

Kenya Trip 2013

All our volunteers are busy raising funds for their trip to Kenya in May 2013 where they will help build new school buildings. Some of the team are young people who have been homeless and who have had to face and overcome considerable challenges in their lives. They have been organizing a sponsored walk, 24 hour pool competitions, bag packing and collecting money in various supermarkets, organizing fetes and music events. They have to raise the funds for their passport and visa applications, inoculations and kit as well as making a contribution to the work of the project in Kenya. **Well done to them all.**



WE DID IT!

A very big thank you to all our funders who helped us raise the money to purchase an additional piece of land in September this year so the Spring of Life School in Kiandutu, Thika can expand to accommodate more children. It will enable the project to double the capacity of the school in a slum area that has very little provision currently. The school is run by very dedicated Kenyan teachers who earn far less than the going rate and are supported by a team who include cooks who help feed the children a healthy nutritious lunch every day.

We now need your help to raise £6,000 to enable us to build the additional school buildings

THANK YOU to FUNDERS

- All Saints Church Bedworth
- Grange School, Warmley Bristol
- Chapter 1 staff
- ASDA Cheltenham & Leamington Spa
- Thika 300 group
- Civil Service Rugby Club Cheltenham
- Individuals who continue to support us

TABS INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TABS Kenya

After 2 years of hard work TABS Kenya has now been registered in Kenya as an officially recognised Non Government Organisation (NGO). It is led by 3 trustees:

Chair - Pastor Luke Jakoywa

Treasurer - George Karuku

Secretary - Rev Simon Kimande

Two TABS International trustees also sit on the Board.

Our grateful thanks to our lawyer David Mwangi who helped steer us through the process and to the three trustees who although very busy with their day jobs have committed themselves to our work in Kenya and take us several steps closer to our objective of developing self-sustaining projects

All Saints Church Bedworth have committed funds from their missionary giving and their minister Rev Richard Hare is joining the group travelling to Kenya in May 2013 to strengthen links with the project. He has already been 'thrown' off his church tower to raise funds—a brave man indeed!



Fundraising Fun

A great time was had at Cheltenham Civil Service Rugby club on August Bank Holiday where teams of keen rugby players fought it out in a knock out competition while friends and family had fun testing their skill at 'Splat the Rat', coconut shy, tombola 'hook the duck' and many other activities. The day was rounded off with a BBQ and music from folk band Legacy.

Rugby competition winners: **Cheltenham Lido**

Changing lives
one by one



Chapter 1 is a charity working with people who are homeless and in need. TABS International is very grateful for the links it has with the organisation and all the support offered by Chapter 1. Staff support volunteers who have been selected to travel to Kenya with all their arrangements and in September some staff donated an hour of their salary to TABS.

Other fundraising Events

The Grange School Warmley support another of our partner schools in Kayole, Nairobi. The Grange XL Club have designed and produced 10 different Christmas cards now on sale. Proceeds will go towards TABS. The school is also donating its previous sports kit for the keen sporting pupils in Kayole.

One of the few sunny days in Devon this summer coincided with Grange Cottages cream tea! Yummy scones, jam and cream tea. Home made cakes, the sale of Traidcraft goods, second hand books and paintings from a local artist all helped. Thanks to friends and neighbours who made scones and cakes, helped to serve teas and donated items. Special thanks to Mrs S.



How you can help

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