

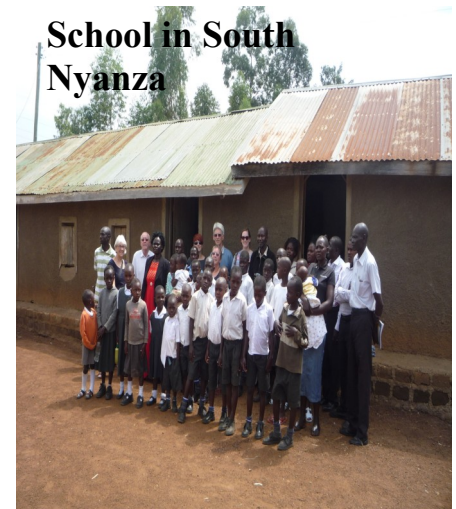


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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER October 2015



Jane school cook working with trustees in preparation for lunch.



Trustees have recently returned from a monitoring trip to Kenya. The purpose of the trip was to check on the progress of the work being undertaken at the Spring of Life School in Kiandutu, Thika and to work with our TABS Kenya Trustees to plan for the next phase of development. We also took the opportunity to visit our friends in South Nyanza and visit the project in Rongo District.

We are delighted to report that the project in Kiandutu is making wonderful progress. All classrooms have now been completed thanks to the hard work of our volunteers on the trip in 2013 and our Kenyan partners. As a result we now have 262 children from the slum who are receiving education and a nutritious lunch every day they are at school. ***The school has developed a very positive reputation within the slum and has achieved credibility and support.***

None of that would have been possible without donations, fundraising, support and prayers of all of you who contribute to TABS International, or without the dedication and selfless contribution being made by the project staff and trustees in Thika, who make many personal sacrifices to ensure the children benefit. We look forward to welcoming new children in January 2016 as the new school year starts and the current Standard 5 children move to Standard 6.



Kenya Trip 2015

INFORMATION:: There are 8 Standard Years in Kenyan schools. So, part of our planning meeting was to look at how we can develop a secondary school in the slum so children with academic potential can progress onto the next level of attainment once their primary education is completed.



TABS MONITORING TRIP 2015

NEXT STEPS

We have developed 3 phases of development going forward :

1. Immediate goals:

- To purchase an adjoining piece of land to create a playground for the children and to build 2 training workshops and enterprise buildings to offer training to young people who want to learn a trade rather than progress their education, as well as earn money for the project. We estimate the cost of this to be approx. £6,000
- To increase our financial contribution to the project from the current £1,200 per month to £2,000 to pay for additional staff, resources and food needed to achieve a full 8 Standard School.

2. Medium term goals:

- To acquire land to build a secondary school for the slum so that children can progress their education. Most of the teachers in the project live in Kiandutu, contributing to the local economy, supporting their community and setting examples of how aspirations can be achieved. A secondary school would really benefit the local community.

3. Long term goals:

- To develop a network of social enterprise that supports the work of a number of projects in Kenya. Our aim is to build sustainability so our partner projects become full determinants of their own futures.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Positive responses to our fundraising (more people are choosing to be Friends of Tabs through their fundraising efforts).
- The TABS Kenya Trustees and all the staff working in the project (for continued good working relationships and openness)
- The children in the slum including those who do not come to the project. Their lives are so hard. (Praise God for the School Chaplains outreach work within the slums supporting families)
- All who support our work and contribute their time and talents

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your prayers and financial support and contributions they have been invaluable in achieving our progress thus far. But we want to achieve more!

**Thank
You**

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

We will be listing fundraising activity on our website so ideas can be shared and progress seen. As well as increasing our target of £2,000 per month for Kiandutu we want to raise funds for the Playground, a new secondary school and social enterprise activity.

You can begin by using online Christmas shopping to raise money without it even costing you a penny!

Do this by subscribing to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Visit their website and register as a donor by creating an account. Don't forget to tick Gift Aid if that applies to you and install the donation reminder. Every time you shop on line at partner retailers which include Apple, John Lewis and Marks & Spencer among many others, you can select to make a donation to TABS International. The retailers you have shopped with then make a donation to TABS. **Nothing could be easier and we benefit hugely.** So, lets see if we can use our Christmas shopping to make a significant contribution to the playground in Kiandutu. Wouldn't that be a wonderful Christmas present for the school.

And when all the Christmas festivities are over for another year look out for our African detox! as well as an annual `Friends of Tabs` trip to Kenya in September 2016 to visit the project and see how money raised is spent and the difference it makes.



How you can help

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