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FRIENDS OF TABS The Visit 2017



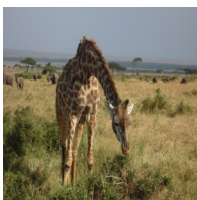
School compound

In October 2017 Trustees and Friends of Tabs visited Kenya for a First Supporters Trip.

It was a trial trip to see if we could meet the needs of our Supporters and ensure that they had a meaningful experience for their visit to the School, Springs of Life in

Kiandutu, Thika which they have faithfully supported. Also, to experience a mini safari and see more of the beauty of Kenya .

We are delighted to report that our Supporters responses have been so positive about their trip, and both staff and children of the school valued the time spent together. Around 400 children are currently being fed. ***The school has developed a very positive reputation within the slum and has achieved credibility and support and is now forming a Community Based Organisation*** None of that would have been possible without the prayers of all of you who contribute to **TABS International** in many different ways. When we left the staff were looking forward to welcoming Year 8 in January 2018. As the new school year starts, and the current Standard 7 children move to Standard 8 and a new intake in year 1, we ask that you continue to hold them all in your prayers.



Saying hello and welcome!!

Co-Ordinator & Pastoral Support Ian and Patrick



Pastor Paul meeting other Pastors and making new friends



Welcome committee



TABS PRIORITIES FOR 2018/19

NEXT STEPS

We have developed 3 phases of development going forward :

1. Immediate goals:

- To purchase an adjoining piece of land to create a play-ground for the children and to build 2 training workshops and enterprise buildings. This will enable us 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. **£30,000**
- To increase our financial contribution to the project from the current £1,500 per month to £2,500 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 able to determine their own futures.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Positive responses for parents, staff and community members coming together to form a Community Based Organisation.
- The TABS Kenya Trustees and all the staff working in the SCHOOL (for continued good working relationships and openness)
- The children in the slum who do not come to the project. Their lives are so hard.
- Praise God for the School Chaplain
- Patrick as he continues outreach work within the slums supporting families along with Co-ordinator Pastor Ian.
- For Trustees in England and all who support our work .

Thank

We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support and sharing of skills and talents with us, they have been invaluable in achieving our progress thus far. But we want to achieve much more!

You

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

Once again our Annual Skittles Evening in Warwickshire was a great success thanks to donations of excellent raffle prizes from Ediblelinks and local support from a variety of churches and social groups.



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In June we will be organising a national 5K Walkathon. For further details or to be involved contact our Trustees their details are on the Webb site.



Diary Date for
Annual Skittles
Evening
Friday January
25th 2019

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