

## 15 Years of accomplishments and success

This year The Kenya Trust celebrates 15 years of supporting the social and music development programmes of the Salvation Army in Kenya. This is quite an achievement and when we look back over the years supporters of the Trust can rightly feel proud of what they have achieved in touching the lives of so many people. Providing easier access to water, better schooling facilities in deprived areas, skills training for young adults, and care for special needs children are just some of the areas the Trust has helped to support. The music development programme too has enabled many young people to learn to play brass instruments, keyboards and guitars, and holding annual music schools and music leaders training seminars has not only given them a valuable skill but has played a big part in spreading the gospel message and growing the Salvation Army in Kenya. We must not forget also the regular shipment of instruments sent each year in response to the many requests being received from both existing and new Corps.

Salvation Army centres that have supported us in the last 12-18 months include Jarrow, Kilmarnock, Ringwood & Lymington, Bristol Easton, Birmingham, Twickenham and Staines. **As, in each newsletter, we again say a big 'Thank you' to all who have supported our programme in whatever way.**

**We are currently (October 2013) raising money for a project to complete the building of a medical centre at Maiani**, a rural area where the lack of medical facilities produces hardship and difficulties for over 1,200 villagers living in the vicinity, not to mention the loss of unnecessary life due to the unavailability of prompt health care. It currently takes the villagers some 20 hours to travel to the nearest centre for treatment and that is for those who are able and can make the journey. The community itself began to build the medical centre 2/3 years ago but two dry seasons resulted in very poor harvests limiting the availability of funds. The situation called for support to make progress possible and the projects manager in Kenya alerted us to this opportunity to help. The attempt by the community to help themselves with very few resources itself deserves our support and providing the capability to locally treat diseases such as malaria and AIDS/HIV, and the provision of maternity facilities for the community, will be of immeasurable benefit.



**Maiani Medical Centre project**

# Kenya East Territorial Music School

In the first week of April 2013, 93 staff and students assembled at the Officers Training College (OTC), Thika for the annual TMS sponsored by The Kenya Trust. In addition to the set Brass & Choral sessions optional classes were available in Keyboard, Guitar, Timbrel, Dance and Drama. All proved very popular as too was the tuition in Conducting and Band Training. Each day featured Morning Prayers and Bible Study Classes where it was pleasing to observe the serious approach that each student showed with Bible and notebook at the ready. Many of the fine young people are unemployed and many, despite having qualifications, seem unable to get work so the week at TMS provides an enjoyable and motivational event in their lives.



**Territorial Music School delegates (above) and euphonium players in action (left)**

# The Mathare Kosovo S. A. Community School

On visiting the Mathare Kosovo Community School over a year ago it was immediately obvious that this was a needy, urgent and worthwhile project the Trust should undertake. Mathare is a vast slum area in Nairobi and the school was being run, unpaid, by some of the parents of the pupils who realised that the children would otherwise get no education. Over 200 children crammed



View of Mathare from the school

into a building which had no electricity, running water or working toilets. The condition of the building was so bad that the authorities were threatening closure (for Kenya it must have been bad). In early 2013 The Kenya Trust decided to fund the work for the Kosovo School to be completely re-built and it can now claim to be the only school in the vicinity to have toilets and running water. The buildings are also safe and more comfortable providing the children with an opportunity to learn and develop.



New building at Mathare

# Date for Your Diary

## ANNUAL 'INTO AFRICA' CONCERT

Saturday October 19th 2013 - 7pm

featuring Charley Brighton (Euphonium), Redland High School Choir  
and Chamber Choir and The South West Divisional Fellowship Band.

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