



Bi-annual Newsletter



Volume 19 | Issue 01 | The Kenya Trust Newsletter – Winter 2019

Announcement

Welcome to our new look newsletter. It has been a while since our last newsletter was produced. It was not that we had nothing to say or that we had not been working on projects, it was just that several changes in The Kenya Trust have taken place over the past year or so and we did not get round to getting our newsletter published. We will now publish 2 newsletters each year, one in the summer and one in the winter. Welcome to this first of the new format newsletter.

Some changes have taken place in the make-up of the Board of Trustees. Two new trustees have been appointed and one trustee has retired more of this a bit later in the newsletter.

Three of our trustees made a visit to Kenya this year. A full report on their visit is on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Inside this issue

Page 2

The Chairman's commentary
Trustee News

Page 3

Report on the trustee visit to Kenya

Page 4

Featured project – Joyland Primary School for the Physically Disabled, Kisumu

Music update

The Chairman's Commentary

The efforts of The Kenya Trust have been supporting the work and meeting many needs of The Salvation Army in Kenya for over 20 years now although the organisation only became a Trust in 2004.

In the 15 years since then we have raised over half a million pounds for the aims of developing the country's music ministries and improving the work in the area of social needs.

It all came about from the vision of Envoy Ken Clark who, having visited the country, saw these development needs and decided to support an aid program. Formally there were 6 working Trustees but on the recent retirement of Ken and his wife Wendy three new members joined the Trustees Board, Philip Northwood (Bedford), Sue Brighton (Staines) and Richard Whitmore (Potton) and their contributions have been invaluable to the ongoing work and growth of the Trust.

Having been aboard this venture since its beginning it has been very exciting and encouraging to see the sound platform laid for the country's music ministries and see the many projects completed, particularly those which have sought to improve the lives and conditions for deprived and disabled children. As Chairman of Trustees I would like to ask that if you would like to help and contribute to our work then please get in touch. We would be happy to visit your church or organisation to talk about our work, projects or organisation.

The thanks of all Trustees go to those who have supported us in our efforts to improve the lives of those so less fortunate than us.

Thank you and God bless.

Wes Maughan
Chairman – Board of Trustees - The Kenya Trust

Trustee News

2019 has been a sad year for our board of trustees. One of our number passed away after a relatively short illness: Terry Powell was one of the newest trustees he was married to a Kenyan lady, also called Terrie. He had a valuable insight in to the customs and traditions of the Kenyan people. When planning meetings with the teams in Kenya he knew the correct and polite way to initiate such meetings and the courtesies that would be expected. His enthusiasm and genuine commitment to the Kenyan people came from a deep respect for their way of life and the principles they held. His illness and untimely death has been a loss to all involved with The Kenya Trust.

We also say a big thank you to Cath Pender who reluctantly, due to pressures of work, has felt the need to step down as a trustee, her contributions to the board will be missed. However she continues to be an active supporter of the work of The Kenya Trust.

The trustees are more than happy to come to your church, or organisation to give a talk on the work of The Kenya Trust. If this is something you would like us to do then please contact us via email info@thekenyastrust.org.uk

The Kenya Trust moving forward.

The Trustee Visit to Kenya

Three trustees visited Kenya from 28th September to 8th October 2019. This trip was the first trustee visit for a few years so reconnecting with the leaders of The Salvation Army in both Kenyan Territories was high on the agenda as was the visits to projects the trust have worked on recently and seeing new proposed projects. A more detailed account of the visit can be seen on our website:

<https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/latest-news/>

Kenya West Territory: Headquarters in Kakamega

At the Kwirenyi Secondary School, about an hour from Kakamega, the trust had funded the refurbishment of the school dining hall with newly painted walls and the provision of dining tables and benches. Previously the children had to sit on the floor for their meals.



We then travelled over 3 hours to the William Booth Primary and Secondary Schools. Here the trust funded the construction of latrine blocks for boys and girls as well as providing water tanks for rain water collection.



Returning to Kakamega we stopped off at the Emurembe Primary School where the trust provided new latrine blocks for the students. Here the need for new desks was evident as one class were being taught seated on the floor while another class were taking a mock exam outside as their new classroom is not yet completed.



At the Kibos Primary and Secondary Schools for the Blind in Kisumu we were shown a number of possible projects. The Kenya Trust has not supported these schools up to now and a project to help supply much needed Braille paper and for maintenance of their Braille machines is being started during our Christmas Appeal this year.



Kenya East Territory: Headquarters in Nairobi

The Trust built the Kosovo Nursery School in Mathare, one of Nairobi's slums, and through the association and support of the Staines Rainbow Pre-School this project is ongoing.



Probably the high-light of the trip was the visit to the Njoro Special School about 2 hours drive from Nairobi.

This was a very inspirational place where the Head Teacher and staff do a wonderful job with the children and young adults in their care. The trust funded the construction of the girls' dormitory, housing 33 girls, and the Head wants us to build a second one. The school caters for 83 mentally handicapped children. The trust has also provided toys and teaching aids to the school.



Other visits to projects in Kenya East were also made, details are on the website.

The swimming pool has been refurbished, new pump and chemicals supplied.



The borehole has been surveyed and work is underway to replace the pump.



New industrial lawn mower purchased to keep the grounds clear.



10 wheelchairs have been ordered. They are custom made for each child according to their needs.



Instruments & Music:

If you would like to donate any instruments, brass, keyboard, woodwind or guitars to The Kenya Trust to be shipped out to Kenya to grow and enhance the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya then please contact us.

Contacting The Kenya Trust



The Kenya Trust,
'Fairhaven', Bevere, Worcester, WR3 7RF



Email: info@thekenyastrust.org.uk



www.thekenyastrust.org.uk



Follow us on Facebook

Featured Project: Joyland, Kisumu

During the trustees, visit, the last visit in Kenya West was to the Joyland Primary and Secondary Schools for the physically disabled.

The project at Joyland Primary School was as a result of a visit to the school in April 2019 by a Salvationist from Bedford Congress Hall, who visited Kisumu as part of another charity working with the Kenya Fire Service. Unbeknown to Melvyn Joyland was a Salvation Army School and was selected to receive some laptops provided by the charity. On learning that Melvyn was a Salvationist, the Chaplain at the school asked him if he knew of anyone who could help the school. On his return to Bedford he made contact with The Kenya Trust and so our summer project was initiated.

- 1) The Swimming Pool circulation pump and chemicals were installed and the pool is again fit for purpose to provide hydro-therapy sessions for the children to recommence.
- 2) The borehole pump is being replaced to allow for extraction of fresh water so as not to rely on costly municipal water.
- 3) The industrial lawn mower had been purchased.
- 4) But the most significant discovery was that 10 of the promised 15 wheelchairs had been ordered. The wheelchairs are custom built to the child's needs and size.

Music Update:

In June of this year we sent a shipment of 18 brass instruments, 1 keyboard and a good number of tune books to the Kenya East Territory. These have now been distributed to corps bands outside of the capital Nairobi, and to corps which have not had bands before. This supports our aim to support the growth of The Salvation Army music ministry in the country.

