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Announcement

NEW LOOK WEBSITE LAUNCHED:

On March 1st we launched our new look website. It has had a complete overhaul, news and information on the projects we have recently completed as well as all the Newsletters published by The Kenya Trust are all on the site – please take a look: www.thekenyatrust.org.uk

Regrettably, but equally understandably, quite a few of our fundraising activities, talks, concerts, coffee mornings have had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. This has had a really negative impact on our ability to raise funds for our featured project for 2020 – Makhwabuye Primary School Refurbishment. Please, if you are able, visit either our Facebook page or the website and make a donation to the project – details of which are in this issue of the Newsletter.

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

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The Chairman's Commentary

As I write, COVID-19 is having a ravaging effect on our world to an extent that would not have been believable at the turn of this year. So many people are suffering because of the Coronavirus and many are mourning the loss of loved ones as the virus claims many lives.

This situation will change the future for the majority of people if not everyone and a downturn in the financial wellbeing for most will have its ramifications. It is inevitable that charities will find life harder to raise money and it will be a challenge for them to maintain the level of support for their chosen cause. Already The Kenya Trust has identified fundraising activities that will now not be able to take place. The situation is already presenting a real challenge as we move forward with our 2020 Makhwabuye Primary School project (see page 3). However the project, considered by the Trust as a real necessity, will have high priority in 2020/21. We thank all of you who continue to provide financial support. 100% of any donation goes toward our project which itself has been identified as a real need in giving children a better life.

We appreciate your support so much, so "Thank you". I quote a recent email received from The Chief Secretary of the Kenya West Territory – Lt. Colonel Morris Vincent.

"Friends: You may never know the impact you are having on the life and ministry of this Territory. Our schools do not get the local attention they often require, not necessarily because of lack of concern, but purely because of lack of resources. Your great assistance, and that of your kind and generous donors allows us to improve schools and create a safer and more hygienic environment for our children. From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you. Trust you are all keeping safe and healthy during these challenging days.

God bless you.

Morris Vincent

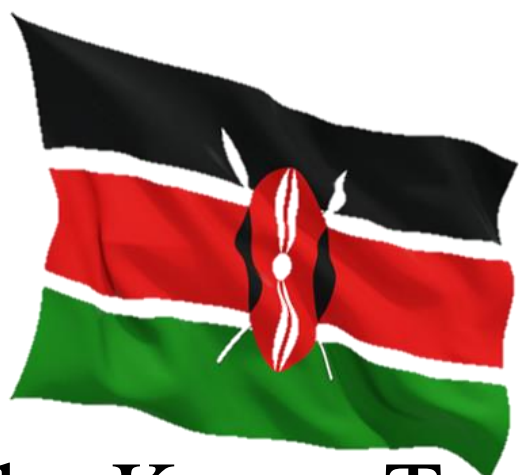
Lieutenant Colonel

Chief Secretary

The Salvation Army, Kenya West THQ

Wes Maughan

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



The Kenya Trust continuing to move forward.

Trustee News

The Kenya Trust is overseen by a Board of 7 Trustees each with a specific responsibility in addition to looking after the general running and governance of the trust.

The board members are (Salvation Army church):

- Wes Maughan – Chairman - (Staines)
- Patricia Owen – Secretary and Kenya East Territorial Representative – (Birmingham)
- Christine Bryant – Treasurer – (Bristol Easton)
- Richard Whitmore – Accounts/Internal Auditor – (Potton)
- Hilton Baker – Kenya West Territorial Representative – (Staple Hill)
- Sue Brighton – Fundraising – (Staines)
- Philip Northwood – Communications – (Bedford)

We welcome Sue Brighton and Philip Northwood to the board of trustees.

Sue brings a wealth of organisational and project management skills to the role as a trustee from her business career with a blue-chip chemicals company. Sue takes on the responsibility for Fundraising

Philip brings to the trust his engineering and business experience having been in international business for over 44 years. He was brought up in East Africa where he grew up with his Salvation Army Officer parents. He is also a Swahili speaker. Philip takes on the responsibility for Communications.

Project 2020

In conjunction with The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters in Kakamega, Western Kenya, The Kenya Trust have adopted the Makhwabuye Primary School in Malava, Western Kenya as our focus project for 2020.

The project is a substantial one and has been split into 5 phases to make it manageable. This will allow the project to begin as soon as funds have been raised for each phase. This will allow improvements to the school to be seen more quickly than waiting until the whole project has been funded.



We have set our sights on raising up to £31,000 for this particular school. The phases will not necessarily be in the number order, it will depend on funds becoming available.



Phase 1: Complete or rebuild classroom depending on a structural survey.



Phase 2: Water harvesting, replace old concrete water tank, add gutters and new tanks.



Phase 3: Construct 2 new Pit Latrine blocks each with 4 cubicles.



Phase 4: General groundworks, creation of playground add play equipment.



Phase 5: Build Headteacher's office and Staff Room

Full details of the project can be found on our Project Data Sheet page on the website:

<https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/project-data-sheets/>

Featured Report: Instrument Shipments

To enhance the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya, The Kenya Trust ships donated instruments free of charge from the UK to Kenya. Many instruments have been loved, but unused for a considerable time, and therefore require refurbishment to a playable condition. The full cost of collection, refurbishment and shipment, including import and other duties, is born by The Kenya Trust.



A couple of donated instruments before and after repair.



We have recently collated a consignment of over 40 instruments. These are now waiting in the UK to be shipped to Kakamega in Western Kenya, to be distributed by their Territory Leaders, to the most needy local Corps (Salvation Army churches) once the pandemic has receded and shipments can be resumed.

Each instrument costs around £50 to ship over to Kenya, so donations specific to this project are always welcome along with any donated instruments, accessories (lyres, mouth pieces), cases and tune books.

Repair and refurbishment of instruments is currently done in the UK, and we are grateful for the work done by Charley Brighton (pictured) in carrying out this work for us. Each instrument, no matter what condition it is in has a value to us, either as a refurbished, playable instrument or for spares.



Forthcoming Events:

Mark your calendars: There are three musical concert events taking place in 2020. Come along and enjoy an evening of music and also meet The Kenya Trust.



June 6th – Bellshill Salvation Army, Scotland. Postponed

October 17th – ‘Into Africa’ musical evening at Staines Salvation Army, Ashford, Middx.

Also

October 17th – ‘Into Africa’ musical evening at Staple Hill Salvation Army, Bristol. - Postponed

All are subject to any restrictions regarding COVID-19

Check the website News Headlines page for up to date information on all forthcoming events.

Donations:

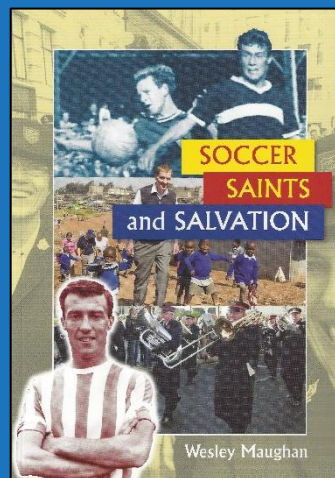
Financial donations can be made via our Facebook page and via our website. However cheques made payable to ‘The Kenya Trust’ can be sent to The Secretary, The Kenya Trust at the postal address below. If you would like to set up a recurring gift via a Standing Order then please contact us for bank details. If you are a UK tax payer, then a way to maximise your gift is to use Gift Aid and a Gift Aid Declaration can be sent to you if you get in touch.

If you would like to donate any instruments (brass, keyboard, woodwind, guitars, instrument accessories, lyres, mouthpieces or music stands) to The Kenya Trust, for shipment to Kenya, to grow and enhance the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya then please get in touch and we will arrange for collection.

Contacting The Kenya Trust

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Book Promotion:



Wes Maughan has been involved with The Kenya Trust since the beginning. He is now the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In his younger days, he was a professional footballer. Wes has written a very interesting and engaging biography, it is well worth the read.

Wes is donating all the proceeds of the sale of his biography made through this Newsletter and our Facebook page to The Kenya Trust. If you would like a copy, the cost is £7 + £2p&p. Please send your order, with cheque payable to ‘The Kenya Trust’ care of: Sue Brighton, The Salvation Army, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, TW15 3JY, Middlesex.

A very **BIG** thank you!

Joyland Wheelchair Appeal: Our Facebook appeal for wheelchairs for Joyland Primary School last summer was a great success; thank you to everyone who contributed. We were able to send funds for 15 wheelchairs with a balance for a repair and maintenance fund. In addition to this specific appeal The Kenya Trust funded repairs to the swimming pool and borehole and purchased an industrial lawn mower. This project was highlighted in the last issue of the Newsletter. Once again a huge Thank You!

Christmas Braille Paper Appeal: Both Birmingham and Bedford Salvation Army churches Christmas Appeals in 2019 were dedicated to raising funds to supply much needed braille paper for two schools for the blind and visually impaired. One school in Mombasa and the other in Kisumu were each sent £750 for braille paper. Braille paper is vital to the students’ ability to read and write exams and text books. Both the school sites house both a Primary and a Secondary school. Thank you to both churches for their generosity. For more information on these and other projects supported by The Kenya Trust please go to our website <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/project-data-sheets/>