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Project Information Sheet

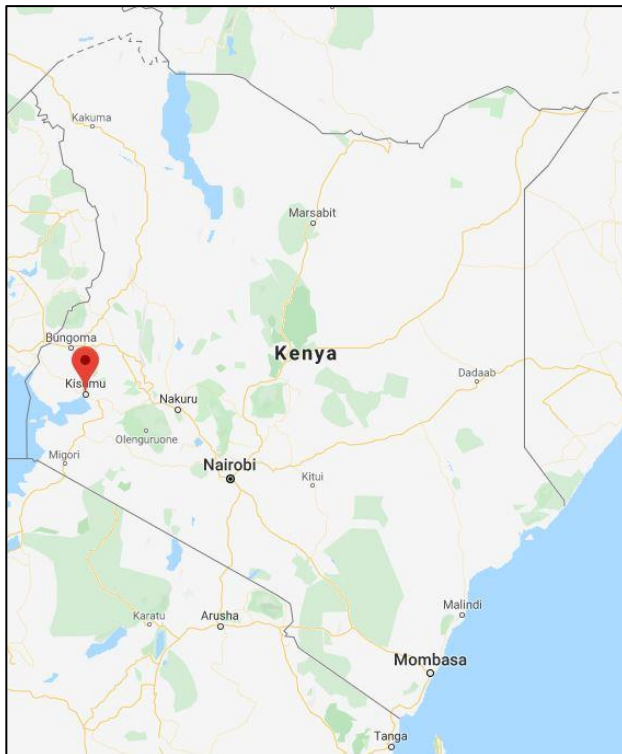
Project Name: Joyland Primary School

Location: Kisumu, Western Kenya

Project Start Date: Summer 2019

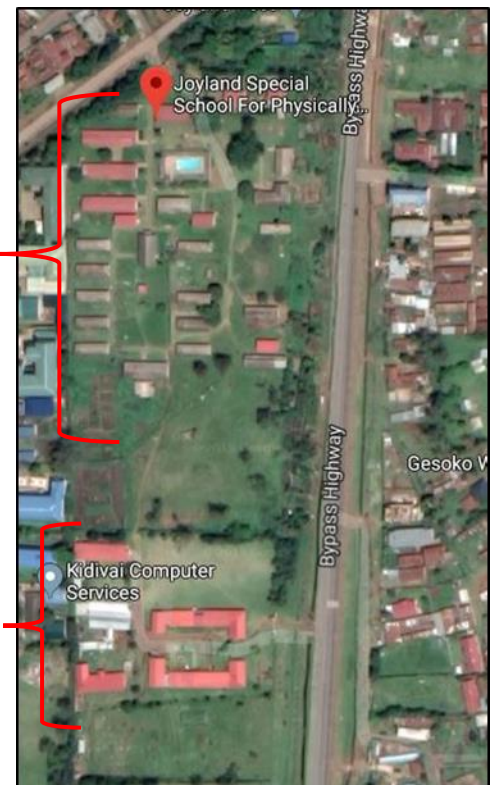
Project Completion: December 2019

Project Cost: £3,750



Joyland Special School for the Physically Handicapped is located on a large plot of land owned by The Salvation Army close to Kisumu International Airport on the shores of Lake Victoria. Kisumu is the largest town in western Kenya.

Joyland Primary School was started by The Salvation Army in 1974 as a rehabilitation and education centre for children who were physically challenged. The school is a boarding school and it currently has 253 pupils, 129 boys and 124 girls. There are 13 grades in the school catering for children from the age of 6. In addition to the academic stream within the school following the Kenya National Curriculum there are a number of vocational training courses aimed at helping those children with other learning difficulties, these include: leather work, carpentry, metal work and tailoring. There is a swimming pool at the Primary School which provides for much needed hydro-therapy sessions as well as recreational swimming. Graduates from the Primary School go on to the Secondary School if they attain the entry qualifications.



Primary School at the top.

Secondary School at the bottom

There are two separate schools on this compound, the Primary School for children up to aged 14 and the Secondary School which has pupils up to the age of 24.

The Project:

In April of 2019 one of the members of The Salvation Army in Bedford, Melvyn Stevens, who is an On-Call Firefighter, went to Kisumu as part of a delegation from a Fire Service Charity to deliver a couple of fire engines and to provide a week of training to the Kenya Fire Service in Kisumu. While there the team went to Joyland Primary School to deliver some laptop computers which were donated by the Aviva Bus Company in Dunstable. Melvyn did not know Joyland was a Salvation Army School he had made himself known to the Chaplain of the school, and a request was made for some urgent support. Melvyn knew of The Kenya Trust and approached one of our trustees and so the project was initiated.



15 Wheelchairs were requested at a cost of £250 each, the money was raised in just over 8 weeks over the summer of 2019! Picture on the right shows the Chaplain of the school with 5 of the new chairs.



Swimming pool repair and maintenance

Industrial petrol lawn mower.

Wheelchairs are custom built for the specific child, size and special requirements and so are quite an expense which the parents are unable to afford.

The swimming pool circulation and chemical dosing pump burned out, the pool had become green with algae and was unusable, the pump needed to be replaced and new chemicals purchased.

With the children's physical difficulties it is important that the grounds are kept as neat and tidy as possible so a new lawn mower was required.

The wheelchairs will benefit one child, but will also enhance the whole school, while the other "smaller" individual parts of the project will have a significant impact on the life of the whole school. Sometimes it is the smaller things that have a large impact. Thank you to all our supporters who provided the funding for these important parts of the whole project. The Headmaster was so thrilled to think that people so far away and totally unknown to them have supported so generously.

See the Project Data Sheet for information on Phase 2 of this project completed in June 2020

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