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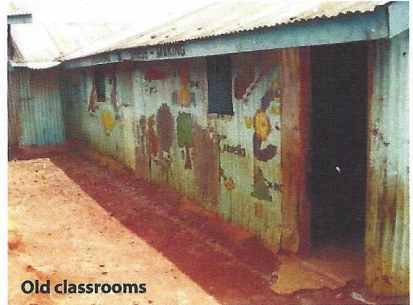
THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

Again my first words are to all of you who continue to support the work of the Kenya Trust through Corps donations, individual donation, organising fund raising events, giving in memory of friends and loved ones and those who provide help in many other ways. Some will get a mention in this newsletter, others will remain anonymous but all of you deserve a sincere 'Thank you' for what you do.

I wish I could take you to the many places that have benefited from your generosity and to hear the words of gratitude that come from carers and the cared for alike. I hope however that, from this newsletter, you get an insight into how you are helping improve the lives of many, but particularly the children where our project work is going on.

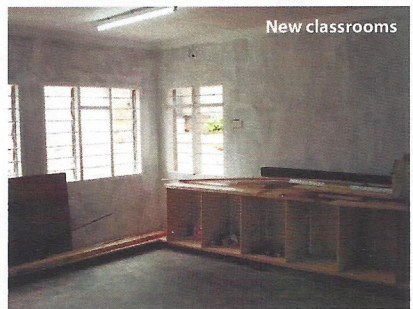
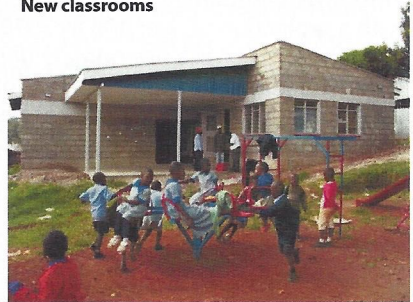
On this page you see photos of the nearly finished Kibera schoolrooms, taken in November, and now completed. This was funded in 2005 and we have now moved on to a project at Irukose Primary School in the Western Province (details on page 2). Our music fund has assisted in the formation of a Territorial Band dedicated to spreading the gospel through music and encouraging the new Bands being formed throughout Kenya (page 3). We complete the newsletter by featuring a few fund raisers and donors in the hope that it may give you an idea for a fund raising event.

Please pass this newsletter on to anyone you feel may be interested in supporting our work. We are available to visit and to give a PowerPoint presentation.



Old classrooms

New classrooms



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Aims of The Kenya Trust

To assist in improving conditions and facilities at The Salvation Army's schools, hostels and community centres in Kenya, a country trying to cope with poverty, water shortage and widespread HIV/AIDS.

To promote and support the development of music within The Salvation Army in Kenya. The enthusiasm for music making in Africa is renowned and there is a continual need for musical instruments and music leadership training to support this Army's expression of evangelism.

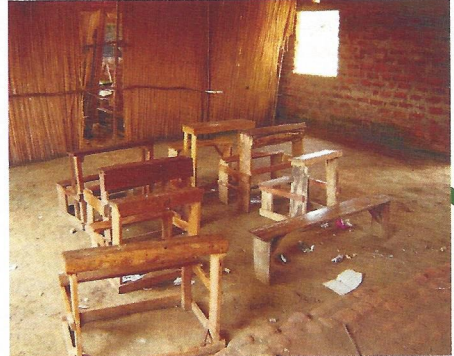
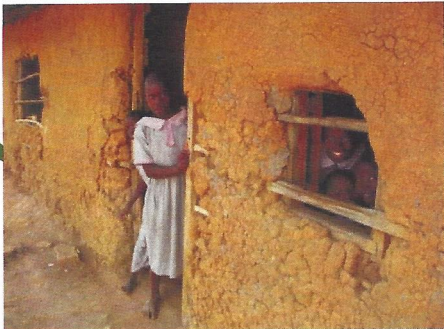
THE TRUST'S 2007 SOCIAL PROJECT

Building seven classrooms, an administration block and other accompanying facilities at Irukose Primary School, Western Province, Vihega District, Shaviringa Location.

Project cost £36,000

Irukose Primary School was established on the 3rd of January 2004 to serve a population of 10,000 people. The nearest neighbouring school is some 6km away at Kaptisi and the distance (and subsequent difficulties) students had to travel to attend this school is the main reason for the establishment of Irukose Primary.

The current enrolment is 239 children with a projection of over 800 by 2010. The school also has a pre-primary unit of over 40 children. A temporary classroom block containing 3 classrooms has been erected by parents using mud and sticks.

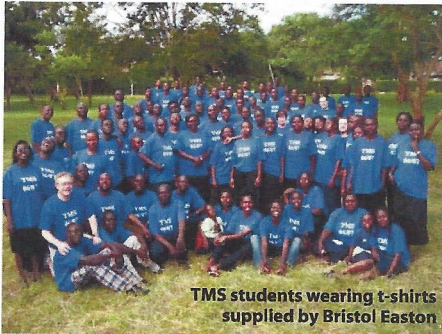


Some classes are held in the open air. The Vihiga district is densely populated, consequently land holdings are small and household incomes and general food security are low. Rates of unemployment and illiteracy are high and HIV/AIDS has had a devastating impact on children and their families in the district, increasing the levels of poverty and vulnerability. Irukose Primary has many students who have lost parents or siblings to the disease. Other common diseases are malaria, typhoid and measles. Life expectancy is around the national average of 45 years.

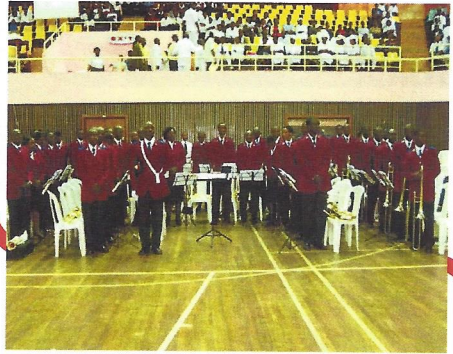
The Kenya Trust has for its 2007/8 main project taken on the task of financing the construction of seven furnished classrooms. Other requirements as part of the project are pit latrines, a 5000 litre water tank and teaching materials.

MISSION THROUGH MUSIC

The annual Territorial Music School was again held at the Officer Training College, Thika during the first week of January 2007. Commencing on the 30th December enabled the students to celebrate new year together in true Kenyan style. For those fortunate to be there it was something to cherish and remember.



Each year we have seen the standard of musicianship improving and this year again produced a step up in performance. It was good to have the Territorial Band and Songster Leaders as part of the school staff. Thanks go to Bristol Easton Corps for helping to sponsor the school and also for providing t-shirts for all the students.

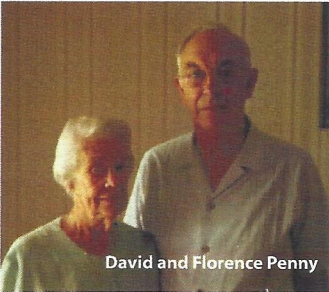


In November Trustees were represented at the Ordination, Commissioning and Appointment of new Salvation Army Officers which took place at the Kasarni International Sports Centre situated 10 Kilometres north of Naroni, which also included the inauguration ceremony of the **Territorial Band and Songsters**. Letters of congratulation from the ISB and ISS were presented along with a full set of tune books from the ISB to the Kenya Territory Band (KTB). The Kenya Trust has supported the formation of the KTB through its Instrument scheme and in providing music. We pray for these sections as they seek to attract and introduce their listeners to the Christian way of life and the mission of The Salvation Army.

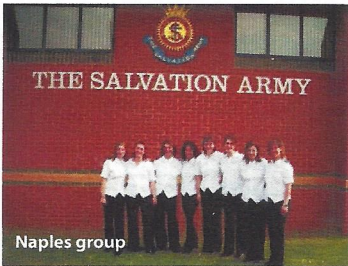


FEATURING FUNDRAISERS

David and Florence Penny of Staines celebrated their silver wedding last year and requested that family and friends recognised that milestone with a donation to the Kenya Trust. What a good idea and thank you Florence and David for thinking of the Kenya Trust



David and Florence Penny



Naples group

The annual 'Into Africa' concert at Staines in June attracted a capacity crowd who were delighted with the singing and dance of a group from Naples in Italy. Joining them were the Bristol Easton Band and Staines Songsters both of whom included and excelled with a flavour of African music. The evening made a profit of £1,800. If you missed it then make sure that you have this year's event in your diary. **Saturday June 16th 2007 we have Darren Bartlett and Salvacosta supported by Staines Band. A feast of music awaits.**

Bristol Easton donated some income from a carolling effort and, in addition to their generous donation for the Territorial Music School and supply of 'T' shirts have given a donation towards our 2007 Irukose project. Thank you Easton for again coming up trumps. Staying with Easton, Hilton and Lilian Baker raised £500 from car boot sales.

Ray and Julia Oliver ran a quiz night at Staines which raised £400 for the Trust and **Swindon Citadel**, through a number of fund raising efforts, have presented the Trust with £1,000.

The Kenya Trust was chosen by **Witton Middle School**, Droitwich, to be the school's chosen charity of the year. **Patricia Owen**, a Trustee of The Kenya Trust and a teacher at the school has overseen the raising of over £1,500 for new equipment at Kibera Nursery School, Nairobi, Kenya.

Having mentioned the above we don't forget those who give personal donations many on a regular basis. This still proves to be our main source of income and we very much value your support so please accept our sincere thanks.

Please contact the Trust if you would like more information about its work or would like to make a donation.

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