

Makhwabuye Primary School  
The Official Opening

THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
THIS CLASSROOM  
WAS FUNDED BY  
THE KENYA TRUST THROUGH  
THE SALVATION ARMY  
AND DEDICATED TO COMMISSIONER  
STEPHEN CHEPKURUI  
T.KENYA WEST  
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### Announcement

- 1- The image above shows the opening of the new classroom at Makhwabuye Primary School in western Kenya. The project has been featured in previous issues of this newsletter. The project was completed in July 2021 and was opened by Commissioners Grace and Steven Chepkurui, the Territorial Leaders in Kenya West.
- 2- Two of the trust's longstanding trustees have retired since the last Newsletter was published. See 'Chairman's Commentary' on page 2 for more information.
- 3- If you would like to host an afternoon/evening event to raise awareness and funds for The Kenya Trust, then please contact the trust via the website or by email [info@thekenyastrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thekenyastrust.org.uk) and one of the trustees will be more than happy to come and speak at your event.

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## *The Chairman's Commentary.*

Change is something we can either embrace or runaway from, some people are drawn to change and thrive on its new challenges, others are reluctant acceptors of change while still others run away from it. Well, The Kenya Trust has recently undergone a bit of a change. In May of this year two of the longer serving trustees decided to retire, including the chairman.

The board of trustees are unanimous in being reluctant acceptors of this change. The trust would like to say a very big thank you to both retiring trustees and their spouses for the hard work and dedication they have all made to the success of the work of The Kenya Trust over the many years of service given by them both.

First to Hilton Baker who has been a trustee for over 18 years. He and his wife Lilian have been involved in the running of music schools as well as raising funds for the work of the trust since its inception in 2004. Hilton was a great fundraiser for the trust organising car boot sales, big breakfasts and cream teas to name but a few of the events he regularly organised. Hilton was the Kenya West representative, providing the main point of contact between the trust and the Kenya West territory of The Salvation Army. The hard work and enthusiasm for the work of the trust shown by both Hilton and Lilian will be sorely missed.

Secondly, Wes Maughan has decided to retire as chairman of the trust after serving in that capacity since March 2018. Wes was a founder member of The Kenya Trust and has been deeply involved in everything the trust has accomplished.

Taking over the reins as chairman from Ken Clark, when he resigned, was not something Wes would have sought, but he has driven the trust forward with sensitivity, wisdom and enthusiasm. Together with his wife Cath, Wes has visited Kenya on numerous occasions. His passion for the people of Kenya and the work of The Salvation Army in that country has been the driving force behind the growth of the social aspect of the trust's work. His steady, wise and considered opinion and direction will be something the trust will miss. You can learn more of Wes and his life by purchasing his autobiography 'Soccer, Saints and Salvation'. Details of how to order the book are included later in this newsletter.

The trustees will all miss Wes', and Hilton's contributions to the day to day running of the trust and know that their love for Kenya and the work of the trust is not diminished by their retirement.

Thank you both for all you have done to make The Kenya Trust what it is today.

Philip Northwood and Sue Brighton joined The Kenya Trust as trustees in April 2019. Sue has taken on the role of Kenya West representative to continue Hilton's great work. Philip has accepted the role of chairman and will continue with his communications role. A more detailed introduction to both trustees will be included in future newsletters.

*Philip Northwood*  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



## The Kenya Trust Serving Kenya since 1998



# The Salvation Army in Kenya is 100 years old!

Congratulations – The Salvation Army in Kenya celebrates its centenary this year.

In 1921 Commissioner Alistair Smith sailed to Kenya to start the work in that country.

Major Frank Pell joined the Commissioner in October 1922 and in 1925 Captain Eva Griggs sailed to Kenya to marry Major Frank Pell, probably the first wedding of Salvation Army Officers in Kenya.

The pictures here, taken in the 1920's, show an interesting glimpse into those early years of The Salvation Army in Kenya and were provided by Major Frank and Eva's children, daughter Cath Pell and son Albert Pell, both retired Majors.

There were to have been great celebrations in Kenya this year to mark this momentous achievement and to thank God for all that has been accomplished in His name in that country. However, due to the pandemic these celebrations have been postponed until 2023.



Picture: *Jacobu Kitatu was the first drummer of the newly opened Nairobi Corps (church).*

The trust wants to acknowledge the occasion in this newsletter and will feature the celebrations in more detail in 2023.



*The first Territorial Headquarters and home of Commissioner Alistair Smith in Nairobi*



*Major Pell in 1922 and at his wedding to Captain Griggs in 1925 in Nairobi.*



*Youth of Kariako Corps in Nairobi with Commissioner Alistair Smith on the right and Major Peat on the left.*

Over the past 100 years The East Africa Territory, as it was then named, grew. There are now four territories in that region: Kenya East, Kenya West, Tanzania, and Uganda. From those humble beginnings there are now 247,717 Senior Soldiers (church members) in those four territories.

## The Salvation Army serving Kenya since 1921

## Opening Celebrations: Makhwabuye Primary School Renovations.

In the autumn of 2019 three trustees, Richard Whitmore, Patricia Owen and Philip Northwood visited Kenya to continue and develop The Kenya Trust's relationship with The Salvation Army's two territories, Kenya West and Kenya East. This visit featured in our Newsletter of Spring/Summer 2020.

During the visit the trustees were taken to the Makhwabuye Primary School just outside the small town of Malava, about 2 ½ hours' drive from Kisumu, the main provincial city of western Kenya. Conditions at the school were very poor and a lot of work was needed, one didn't know where to start.

Discussing with the leadership of The Salvation Army in Kenya West, the trustees asked what the leadership's priorities would be; would they prefer us to fund several smaller projects (spreading the available funds thinly over a few locations) or concentrate on one location making a significant difference there. There are no shortages of opportunities. The leadership asked the trust to 'take on' the refurbishment and improvements needed at the school and to bring the infrastructure up to a more acceptable standard. A recent Ministry of Public Works report had highlighted areas where the school needed urgent infrastructure improvements.

The trustees returned to UK and presented the project to the board of trustees which was accepted and 'Project 2020' was started.

Then COVID-19 hit and all normal fundraising activities came to a halt, Project 2020 became Project 2021. The project featured in previous newsletters as progress was made. The trust received several donations as a direct result of those reports and continued to raise funds. The Kenya Trust is pleased to report that the project has now been completed.



In all the project delivered the following improvements:

- One new classroom,
- Two 6 cubicle toilet blocks,
- Eighty desks and lockers provided for classrooms,
- Early child development classroom refurbished,
- Borehole with pump and water tank,
- One washing station with 6 taps and running water built.

Not only will the children directly benefit from these improvements, but the whole community will benefit from having clean, fresh water from the borehole and water supply.

Thank you to all who have donated enabling the trust to make such a significant difference to the lives of so many at this school. Our thanks too to The St James' Place Charitable Foundation who funded one of the toilet blocks.

See the full project information on the website: <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Project-Data-Sheet-Makhwabuye-Pri-School-Rev.-5.pdf>



*New desks in the classroom*



*One of the two new latrine blocks*



*Borehole and water supply plaque.*

## Instrument & Music Donations.

The trust is pleased to report that donations of instruments have continued to be received to be sent on to Kenya. The instruments are first inspected and graded here in the UK, even instruments which are uneconomical or beyond repair are valued. Instruments that are not playable are repaired where practical and where not repairable are used for parts or sold for scrap and the funds received used toward the shipping costs of the remaining instruments. Shipping costs to Kenya have risen sharply since the beginning of the pandemic. Shipping costs of the latest shipment averaged out at just over £45 per instrument.

In July of this year a consignment of 137 instruments was sent to Nairobi. These instruments are destined for Salvation Army churches in both Kenya East and Kenya West territories to enhance and strengthen music ministry in these areas.



*Instruments arrived and unloaded at Territorial Headquarters in Nairobi.*

The trust aims to send out at least one consignment of instruments and music related equipment per year.

Recently a single donation of over 100 instruments was received. They are now sorted and added to others to form the next consignment which will be sent sometime in early 2022.

If you would like to donate instruments, cases, keyboards, guitars, brass band music, mouth pieces, lyres, and or music stands or if you would like to make a financial donation specifically toward shipping costs then please contact the trust at either - [info@thekenyatrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thekenyatrust.org.uk) or [donate@thekenyatrust.org.uk](mailto:donate@thekenyatrust.org.uk)

## Instrument Repair Shop Opens for Business



Since 1998 and the founding of 'The Salvation Army Music For Kenya Fund', which in 2004 became 'The Kenya Trust', more than 2,500 brass and other instruments have been shipped to The Salvation Army in Kenya to support, enhance and grow their music ministry.

It was recognised that a repair and maintenance facility was needed to support the instruments already in the country and those the trust continues to send. Working with the leadership of the Kenya East Territory, the trust has encouraged and supported the foundation of The Instrument Repair Shop which is now fully operational.

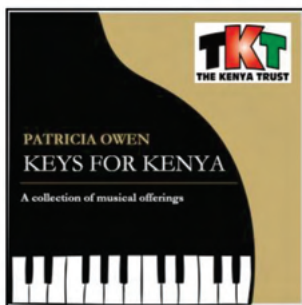
Employing 2 technicians, the repair facility has already started working, on a commercial basis, to repair and maintain brass instruments.



*Launch of the repair shop.*

The repair shop will provide a much needed repair and maintenance service not only for both Kenya East and Kenya West but also for neighbouring countries and has already received enquiries from The Salvation Army in Tanzania and Uganda. For more information on the repair shop go to the website: <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Project-Data-Sheet-Instrument-Repair-Shop-Rev-2.pdf>

## CD Promotions:



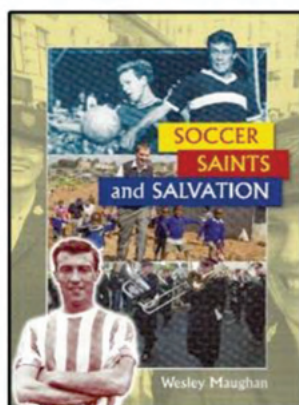
Patricia Owen is the Secretary of The Kenya Trust. Patricia is a gifted pianist and has selected, arranged and performed 23 tracks of reflective 'Musical Offerings'. The CD, released in 2020, costs only £11.75 or download version £8.00



'Blessings' was produced in 2015 as a result of the strong Facebook following enjoyed by Susan Avison for her weekly piano interludes. Susan is the Songster Leader at Bath Citadel and through this CD has raised over £4000 for the

Trust. The CD costs only £7.00.

## Book Promotion:



Wes Maughan is the retired Chairman of The Kenya Trust. This autobiography is an interesting read following his rise in the ranks of professional football at a time when balancing faith and professional sport were not easy. The book costs only £9.00.

All Prices are inclusive of Post and Packing.

To order the CDs and/or the book, please go to the On-line Shop page of the website and place your order.

<https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/shop/>

## Forthcoming Events:

At the time of printing, there are no formal events planned for 2021. However, speaking engagements have begun. Please see the website as Information will be made available there. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/news-headlines/>

## Representatives:

Would you like to become involved with the work of The Kenya Trust?

The trust is currently looking to recruit a small number of representatives from across the country (and internationally if practical) who would be willing to represent and promote the interests of the trust and help to fundraise in their local area.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Representative of The Kenya Trust, please get in touch by email using the address at the bottom of this page, the trustees would be very happy to hear from you.

## Donations:

Thank you to every one of you who has donated to our work and especially to those who make regular donations via standing orders and use Gift Aid to increase your donation.

Financial donations can be made via our Facebook page or via our website. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/donate/>

However, cheques made payable to 'The Kenya Trust', can be sent to The Secretary, The Kenya Trust at the postal address below. Gift Aid and Standing Order Mandates are available from our donate page on the website, alternatively please send us an email requesting information on how to make a regular monthly donation.

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