

Muthanthara Secondary School classroom under construction



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Headlines

- 1- Project 2022 - Muthanthara Primary and Secondary School Infrastructure Improvements – We have completed the funding for this project and construction is nearing completion.
- 2- Project 2023 – The trust is now holding conversations with headquarters in Kenya west to identify our next project. See more of this in our next Newsletter.
- 3- Shipments of brass instruments is an ongoing project and continues year in and year out. Learn more as you read on.
- 4- If you would like to host an event to raise awareness and funds for The Kenya Trust, then please contact the trust via the website or by email:
info@thekenyatrust.org.uk
one of the trustees will be more than happy to speak at your event.

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The Chairman's Commentary.

Spring and summer bring hope and optimism in that the weather promises to be warmer than the past few months and spring flowers are reminding us of new life. The return of the warmer seasons and longer days also bring the opportunities to get out and about, enjoy nature and generally feel good about life.

I wish this could be true for those we seek to help in Kenya. Life continues to be a struggle for many. A return to some sort of 'new' normality has proven to be more elusive than for us in the Northern Hemisphere. We just don't realise sometimes how fortunate and blessed we truly are. The war in Ukraine has had repercussions far wider than just Europe. Price rises in fuel, building materials,

transportation, foodstuffs and shortages of grain and other commodities continue to have a wide and disproportionate effect on those in Kenya and the developing world in general.

The work of The Kenya Trust is just as relevant today as it always has been.

I would like to thank all our donors and especially those who make a regular monthly donation - your financial help means a great deal. I can assure you that 100% of your gift goes straight to the projects we support in Kenya.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Philip Northwood

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



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Trustee Profile – Christine Bryant

Hello readers – I am the treasurer for The Kenya Trust and would like to tell you a bit about myself and how I became involved with The Kenya Trust.



I am the mother of three sons, with a lovely daughter-in-law and am Nana to my lively, little grandson who is a sweetie. After retiring I have continued to follow my career in teaching by working for a supply agency which has kept my brain intact!

As I write these words, I am looking at an old Building Society Passbook showing an initial credit for £200.

This account payment was my first action as Treasurer for The Salvation Army Music for Kenya Fund, later to become The Kenya Trust.

As you read this Newsletter you will realise the truth of those 'tiny acorns' for I never envisaged, when I made that modest deposit, that I would one day be sending tens of thousands of pounds, to a Nairobi bank, for projects to improve the health, living conditions and education of thousands of Kenyans.

Looking back on all that The Kenya Trust has achieved leads me to acknowledge the tremendous support from people like yourselves. As you read the bi-annual Newsletters I hope you feel a sense of pride and humility at how God has used The Kenya Trust to transfer your donations into so many practical improvements in the lives of our friends in Kenya.



Muthanthara Update



Scan this QR code to be directed to the Project Data Sheets for this project.



This project may seem to have been a long time in the making. The trust started work to raise funds for this project in late 2021 and needed to raise more than £34,000 to complete it. Initially the project estimate was in the region of £22,000 but with the escalation in prices caused by the war in Ukraine and other factors the trust was faced with this huge, unexpected increase.

The project is now fully funded and nearing completion. It is expected that the opening ceremony will be sometime in April or May. It is a great achievement thanks to the generosity of so many people.



The latrine blocks at the primary school are almost complete. The block on the right is straight and square, it was just the cameraman put a slight slant on the image!

The building and furnishing of the two classrooms at the secondary school is also nearing completion. When built and operational the school will meet the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education in Kenya to qualify it to receive support and so improve the education of the 220 students. The before and after images are very stark. What an improvement!



Block vs corrugated iron, windows vs open walls, concrete floor vs earth.....

Would you send your child to school if this was the classroom?



Fundraising Report

Sunday Lunch and Learn Presentation

A presentation was made at The Salvation Army in Ramsgate last year which raised over £650.

Speaking Engagements

Speaking engagements at clubs, churches and other organisations raised another £500 for our 2022 Project.

'An Evening with Colonel Joyce' Bedford

In October 2022 Colonel Joyce Northwood spoke about her missionary service in East and West Africa. Years spent in Africa from 1959 to 1984 and then again during retirement returning to Tanzania and Nigeria and for the first time to Bangladesh she related stories of the years with her husband Colonel Eric Northwood. Over £1,400 was raised that evening for the work of The Kenya Trust.

'Into Africa' Concert Staple Hill

In November 2022 a concert was held at Staple Hill Salvation Army organised by retired trustee Hilton Baker. This was the first large scale public fundraiser for the trust in almost 2 years. Just over £3,400 was raised for the Muthanthara Secondary School new classrooms - a fantastic result.

In Tribute:



We pay tribute to and thank God for the life of Commissioner Margaret Siamoya who was Promoted to Glory in March 2023. The Commissioner was the Territorial Commander of the Kenya West Territory of The Salvation Army

having served previously as the Territorial Commander of Kenya East. The Commissioner was a great leader, it was a pleasure working with her in both territories. While her influence will long be felt, we have lost a compassionate, capable person. The Salvation Army has lost a great leader.

Still Available online or email your order:

Two CD's of reflective music:



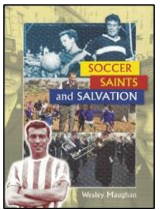
Patricia Owen is the Secretary of The Kenya Trust and the representative for Kenya East Territory. Patricia is a gifted pianist and has selected, arranged and performed 23 tracks of reflective 'Musical Offerings'. The CD, released in 2020, costs only £11.75 or download version £8.00



Only limited numbers available - 'Blessings' was produced in 2015 as a result of the strong Facebook following enjoyed by Susan Avison for her weekly piano interludes. The CD costs only £7.00.

Buy both CDs for £15.00 inclusive of Post and Packing.

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 was not easy. The book costs only £9.00 inclusive of Post and Packing.

You can order by sending us an email at the address below or go to the On-line Shop page of the website. <https://www.thekenyatrust.org.uk/shop/>

Forthcoming Events:

- 1- Saturday 22nd April: 'Youth Makes Music' An evening of music presented by Bexleyheath Salvation Army youth. Venue is Addlestone Salvation Army, donation tickets are £10 from Major Ian Loxley on 07586 570467.
- 2- Monday 17th July: 'Into Africa Concert' by the Kempston Concert Band. Venue is Kempston East Methodist Church, Kempston, Bedford. Ticket details will be posted on our website.
- 3- Additional events will be posted on the News Headlines page of the website:

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

Instrument Update:

As this newsletter is released the next shipment of donated brass instruments, accessories and music is being prepared for shipment to Kenya. It is anticipated that over 120 instruments will make up this consignment. The instruments will be inspected, routine maintenance carried out or repaired by the Instrument Repair Shop recently set up in Kenya before being distributed to Salvation Army churches throughout the country.



Since 2020 shipping costs have escalated tremendously. It will cost £5,000 to make this shipment. If you would like to contribute to this cost, please get in touch.

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. Scan the QR code on the left to go to the Donate Page of the website.



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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