



Bi-annual
Newsletter



Headlines

- 1- Instrument Shipment - 115 instruments and twenty-three boxes of music were shipped and arrived in Kenya in October 2023.
- 2- Project 2023 – Funding for the Chombeli Workshops for Street Families was completed in November 2023.
- 3- Project 2024 – Launch of the project at the Chekombero Special Primary School for the Deaf.
- 4- A recent donation of 19 brand new trumpets has been received. A very big thank you to the school in Peterborough who has made this hugely appreciated donation.
- 5- 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@thekenyastrust.org.uk
One of the trustees will be more than happy to speak at your event.

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The Chairman's Commentary.

Over the last 6 editions of this newsletter, we have introduced you to all 6 of the trustees. I think you will agree with me that we have a talented team with a variety of skills and gifts which are used to enhance the work of the trust in Kenya. Our roles are completely voluntary, we take no costs or expenses for the work that we do so that 100% of your donations are used directly to fund the projects we undertake.

In March this year we welcomed a new member to the board of trustees. Major Ian Loxley, who recently retired from active service in the Salvation Army, joins the team. Ian will be featured in the 'Meet the Trustees' section of the next newsletter.

Our 2023 project, The Chombeli Workshops for Street Families project was started in October and was funded by November 2023. We launched our 2024 project in January.

This edition of the newsletter takes on a slightly different format and highlights the work of the trust in support of its aim and reason to exist:

- To assist in improving the conditions of the many social institutions, schools, vocational centres, hostels run by The Salvation Army in Kenya and
- To promote and support the development of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making 2023 such a great year for The Kenya Trust.

Philip Northwood

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



**Music Ministry
Instruments
Repair Shop**



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Music Ministry

In 1998 'The Music For Kenya Fund' was started with the aim of supporting the development of music ministry in Kenya. Brass and other instruments were donated and sent to Kenya, music schools were organised and run and after a few years it became evident that music leadership development seminars were needed. These seminars for music leaders equipped and developed the inherent musical talent that was evident in Kenya.

Only recently has it been possible to purchase new brass instruments in Kenya and even then, they are extremely expensive and out of reach for the vast majority of players. The trust has continued to ask for donations of all types of brass instruments and accessories, particularly lyres, mouth pieces and music stands, keyboards and guitars. The generosity of so many has enabled the trust to ship over 4,000 instruments to Kenya over the years.

Due to the increasing costs of shipping these instruments the trust now collects and collates the donations together and makes one consolidated shipment per year. In 2023 the trust shipped 115 instruments, music and accessories which amounted

to just over a tonne in weight! The cost of the shipment was £4,395. The trust sells donations of other instruments to raise funds to pay for the shipment of more useable instruments. An example of which was a kind donation of 150 clarinets and 151 children's violins which raised a significant amount toward these ever-increasing shipment costs.

When the instruments are received in Kenya, they are distributed by The Salvation Army headquarters to church bands. Most are used to equip newly formed bands.



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A focus going forward is the development of the Instrument Repair Workshop to care for all these instruments.



The pictures show instruments being presented to representatives from churches at the headquarters of The Salvation Army in Kenya west.





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Project 2023

Chombeli Workshops for Street Families

Three drop-in centres for street families are run in western Kenya, in Kakamega, Eldoret and Kitale townships. At these centres families are offered counselling, health services, skills and talent development advice and food. A referral programme is run to place families at the workshops at Chombeli, a suburb of Kakamega. Families referred to the workshops are given training and experience in developing the skills necessary to generate an income and start a new life. At the completion of the training period stipulated by the Government a certificate of completion is provided along with start-up tools for their chosen businesses.

Although a relatively small project it has had an immediate impact in the community. Eight thousand pounds was provided by the trust to the project to purchase tools and equipment for the various trade workshops in the centre. The workshops provide training in the following trades: metalworking, woodworking, tailoring and horticulture.



Picture above shows one of the workshop classroom blocks and demonstration of the new welding equipment purchased by the trust.



Picture above shows the new sewing machine for the tailoring course and band saw in the woodwork shop.

Thank you to all our donors who have made all this possible. Now onto the next project.....

Project 2024

Chekombero Primary School for the Deaf

One location, 5 projects: So much is needed at this special school that the overall site infrastructure improvement project has been split into 5 more easily managed projects.



Project 1: Building of 2 new early childhood development classrooms at a cost of £13,375. This has been completely funded by a donation from a single benefactor.



Project 2: General repairs and maintenance include water tank repairs, kitchen and classroom refurbishment and decoration at a cost of £2,325.



Project 3: Security at this special school for the deaf is important so this project will provide a security fence around the complete site at a cost of £2,780.



Project 4: Sanitation is a big issue where mains drainage is not available. New latrine blocks for both students and staff will be built at a cost of £5,610.

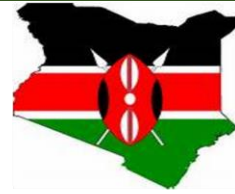


Project 5: The two new classrooms will enable the school to provide education to more students. The dormitories will be refurbished, staircase rebuilt and 50 new beds and mattresses will be provided at a cost of £8,665.



Scan the QR code to be taken to our Just Giving page for this project.

Thank you for your support.

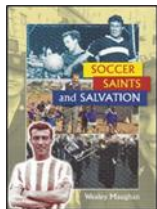


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Still Available – order online or by email



The CDs of reflective piano music are still available on the website. Special offer for email orders only £15:00 for both CDs.



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.

All prices include Post and Packing in the UK.

You can order by sending an email or go to the On-line Shop on the website. Details at the bottom of the page.

Forthcoming Events:

- 1- Saturday 20th April: Celebration Brass celebration concert at Staines Salvation Army, Woodthorpe Rd, Ashford, TW15 3JY at 7PM. Entry is free with a retiring collection for The Kenya Trust.
- 2- Sponsored Event – A 100-mile cycle ride around Essex by Ian Loxley on the 29th May. Donate via the Just Giving QR code below:
- 3- Sponsored Event – A 1km Open water swim to be completed by one of our own trustees, Sue Brighton. Monday evening July 1st at Swim Heron lake near Staines!



Sponsorship donations for both events can be made using this QR code.

Fundraising Update:



The music evening presented by The Kempston Concert Band raised £450.



The Salvo Brass evening at Bedford raised £860.

Donations received as a result of the concert at Bexleyheath Salvation Army raised £1,211.

Donations:

Thank you to every one of you who has donated to our work and especially to those who make regular donations via standing order 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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