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Headlines

1998 the Salvation Army Music for Kenya Fund was launched at Staines Salvation Army by Ken and Wendy Clark.

2003 sees the embryonic start of The Kenya Trust as the work of The Music for Kenya Fund widens to include support for the many social needs of The Salvation Army in Kenya.

2004 The Kenya Trust is entered on the Register of Charities in England and Wales on 17th August.

2024 sees the 20th Anniversary of The Kenya Trust as a formal registered charity supporting the work of The Salvation Army in Kenya.

Support for the work of The Kenya Trust is solely by donations from supporters such as you. If you would like to host an event to raise awareness and funds for The Kenya Trust, then please contact the trust via email: info@thekenyatrust.org.uk

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Serving The Salvation Army in Kenya since 1998

Chairman's Comments.

Welcome to this special 20th Anniversary edition of our newsletter.

Yes, it hardly seems possible that The Kenya Trust has been a registered charity since 17th August 2004! The trust continues to go from strength to strength building on solid foundations laid down by the founding members.

Ken and Wendy Clark founded the Salvation Army Music for Kenya Fund in 1998 after visiting Kenya in the summer of that year. The primary goal was to support the growth of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya.

As the work of the 'fund' grew it also expanded beyond its primary goal. It became apparent that the need to support the many social institutions run by The Salvation Army was increasingly important.

20 years on and today The Kenya Trust is run by a board of 7 trustees, two of which are founding members. Each of the seven trustees have a heart for Kenya, two, me being one, spent time in Kenya as children whilst both sets of parents were missionaries with The Salvation Army.

I am pleased to include in this newsletter comments from our previous chairman, Wes Maughan.

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Wes Maughan Remembers

It was in the late 1990s that I became aware of the work that Ken Clark was doing in Kenya. I was invited to join Ken on a trip to Kenya to see the work first hand. Ken had been running music schools in the Territory and had also seen the vast need for social improvement.

Following this visit we decided to register Ken's 'Music for Kenya' Fund with the Charity Commission which would make us tax efficient with the donations being received. So 'The Kenya Trust' was formed which initially comprised 6 Trustees.

It should also be said that this trip changed my perspective on life. To see vast poverty and disabled children living in such squalid conditions led me to know how lucky I was and how we need to support those far less fortunate than ourselves.

One of the Trust's first projects was to upgrade facilities at Joytown, a school for the disabled, where it was heartrending to see badly disabled children having to sleep on stone floors or at best badly broken beds. Upgrading the facilities gave Trustees the motivation to work hard in their efforts to raise money and help many places which were in a similar position.

Many stories of success in terms of improvements could be told, and it is to the credit of the Kenya Trust that the work of improving sites similar to Joytown has been going on now for 20 years.

God bless The Kenya Trust and its God inspired work and the work of Trustees.

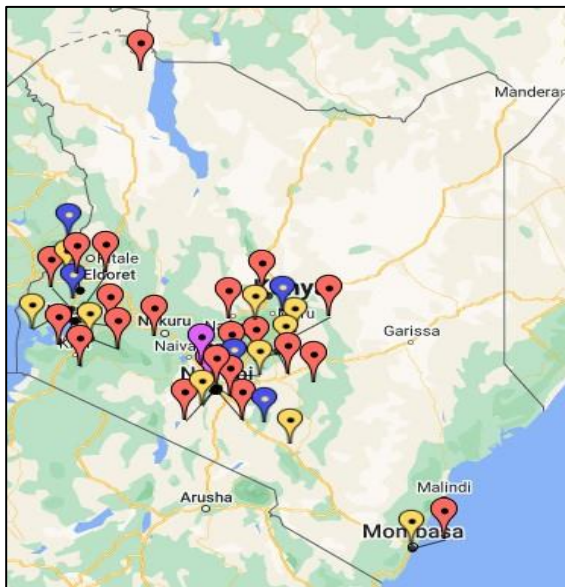


20 Years as a registered charity in England and Wales

Social Projects

Assisting in improving conditions and facilities at the many Salvation Army schools, hostels and community centres in Kenya.

Since becoming a registered charity in 2004 over £600,000 has been raised and sent to Kenya to improve the conditions of the many social institutions that The Salvation Army run in the country.



Picture shows the distribution of the major projects supported by the trust in recent years. They are concentrated around the areas where the population is most concentrated.

- The blue markers are predominantly water supply projects.
- The red markers are primarily education projects.
- The yellow markers are mostly sanitation, health and hygiene projects.
- The purple marker is a hostel project.

Many of the projects marked as education projects also include water supply and sanitation elements as they include the provision of rainwater collection and storage as well as new latrines and washing stations.

Water Supply: Water is a precious commodity and one which many communities do not enjoy.



The Kenya Trust has as one of its aims the provision of clean safe water as a major priority. Providing community

water tanks as above or rainwater harvesting and even drilling of boreholes and providing hand washing stations at schools, the trust has funded many of these vital projects.

Education: The Salvation Army in Kenya sponsors over 580 schools.



The trust has provided funds for the building of new classrooms, dormitories and kitchens as well as

provision of desks, chairs, dining tables and benches as well as teaching equipment to many of these schools.

Sanitation, Health and Hygiene: By providing



funds for the building of health centres and dispensaries or for the building of pit latrines and shower blocks, the trust recognises that

healthy living requires basic hygiene facilities.

Making basic improvements to the infrastructure of many of these social institutions often involves all three of these priorities; building a new classroom, building new pit latrines, providing rainwater harvesting, boreholes and washing stations all are necessary to improve the lives of so many in Kenya.



**Music Schools
Instruments
Seminars**



20 Years as a registered charity in England and Wales

Music Projects

Promoting and supporting the development of music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya.

Over the years the support for the development of the music ministry of The Salvation Army in Kenya has changed. Adapting to the changing need has been one of the features of the trust's ability to tailor the support we provide.

Music Schools: Pre The Kenya Trust, in the early years, the Music for Kenya Fund was, in addition to the provision of brass instruments, primarily focused on providing financial and physical support as well as staffing of music schools for the many upcoming brass band players. These music schools were large events which were funded by the trust. Members of the



trust, mainly being talented musicians and musical leaders, ran these music schools on an annual basis for a number of years.

Music Leaders' Seminars: It became apparent that, rather than funding and running the actual music schools, the need for training musical leaders was more important. Building and equipping musical leaders was now the trust's focus and a move from music schools toward



music leaders' seminars was the first change. The picture is one of the first Music Leaders' Seminars conducted by members of the trust.

Instruments: Musical instruments in Kenya



are extremely expensive and out of reach for most people. Right from the beginning of The Music for Kenya Fund the need to

supply musical instruments was a key aim. Instruments, mostly brass but also keyboards and guitars, are collected from donors in the UK, maintained and repaired, as necessary, before being shipped to Kenya where they are distributed to local Salvation Army churches to equip their music groups. Since the inception of The Music For Kenya Fund over 4,000 instruments have been shipped to Kenya.

Instrument Repairs and Maintenance:

After the closure of the instrument repair facility in Kenya East, the next step is to await the setting up of a sustainable and viable brass instrument repair and maintenance workshop in Kenya to provide local support for the instruments we have and continue to supply

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