



Kenya Children's News

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Thank you so much for your very generous donations to our "Giving Tuesday" campaign to raise funds to support our 8 feeding centres, which provide a hot daily meal for the more than 1,000 poor and vulnerable children we feed each day. Your donations were doubled by a sponsor, and, with gift aid added, they exceeded our target and totalled £40,000. Your generosity will ensure that the extremely disadvantaged children we support will continue to get their daily lunch for the rest of this year.



Termination of humanitarian aid from UK and USA

Life continues to be a challenge for the poorest people in Kenya. It has been made worse by the recent decision to terminate US Aid of \$360M, of which 50% paid for food, and reductions in UK Humanitarian Aid. We want to respond to this action by expanding one of our centres from 100 to 250 children and opening a ninth feeding centre in another very deprived slum community that will feed 350 children. Our projects rely entirely on donations so we will need to raise funds through grants and donations to make this happen.

If you would like to help you [can donate here](#).

More Babies have a happy home

Our purpose-built abandoned baby home occupies the top floor of our Kujali children's centre near Thika. It is a cheerful and colourful place with capacity for up to 14 babies, who are looked after by a nurse and a team of carers. Our objectives are to help them recover and then find them a happy home. Initially, our social workers try to trace the mother or a next of kin willing to care for the baby. If no relatives can be found, we apply to the Court to allow the baby to be put up for adoption. After careful selection, potential adoptive parents go through an extensive supervised process of introduction, bonding and mentoring before the baby is eventually released into their care. It is always a joyful occasion when a baby is adopted, and we know that they will have a positive future in a caring family. Since the home was launched five years ago, we have rescued 50 babies and found them new families to care for them.



Graduation

One of our primary activities is education. Our various projects support 1,500 children in primary, secondary and tertiary education, including a special needs school for children with autism. We do not expect the majority of children to enter university, but it is always a pleasure to celebrate our graduates each year. They are important role models for the younger children and this year we had 12 graduates!



Trustees visit in December – reflections of Liz Eaton

At the end of November fellow KCC Trustee Ian Faulkner and I flew out to Nairobi before travelling up to Kujali, Thika. After receiving a wonderfully warm welcome from all the staff, we worked out our schedules with the two managers Janet Gichira (who manages our outreach work) and Rachel Kimanya (who manages the centre).

On our first day we met the students of the Women's Leader Programme and joined in the celebration for two who had recently graduated from university.

The following day Ian travelled with Rachel to Nanyuki to meet with someone with ideas of how Kujali could become self-supporting. This is, and has always been, our aim for the future, but it is an uphill struggle. I spent my time with our team of social workers and counsellors visiting desperately poor slum areas, where in some 'homes' there was absolutely no evidence of food, beds and bedding, clothing, books - or anything.

We walked to the local quarry to see how hard the work conditions are there. Women chip rocks with small hammers all day and rarely earn more than the equivalent of 65p a day. The only shelter where they leave their babies and young children out of direct sun whilst they work is a small hut with only roof covering.

I visited the Thika Children's Department with Ian and Rachel. A priority was to rehome three disabled children from our Abandoned Baby unit. Kujali is suitable for babies up to three years, but there is neither staff nor facilities to care for those who are older or need specialised care. We were pleased that our meeting was positive and, since returning home, we have heard all three children have been placed in special homes that will care, love and help them have meaningful lives.

As always, my visit left a deep impression, most especially as I returned to European Christmas festivities.



Check out our exciting new website!

It provides an up-to-date description of the work we are doing to keep vulnerable children safe, healthy and educated. [Click here.](#) Let us know what you think....send a comment to admin@kenyachildrencentres.com



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