

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st March 2023

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote the Christian faith by showing and demonstrating God's love through practical action to: ~

Relieve poverty,

Advance education,

Improve and promote the health of the Kenyan people.

Annual Report of the Trustees 2022-2023

Chair's Report

It is a pleasure to present the Annual Report of the trustees to the supporters of our charity at the end of the financial year. Our accounts have been positively examined and show a healthy balance.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing away of our leader at Mothers' Vision, Susan Ngigi. We will all miss her passion and dedication to God's work at the Centre. Damaris, manager and the trustees are continuing this vital work.

The shop is closed on Tuesdays and Sundays but is still our main source of income. Mr K O'Brien kindly allowed us to use two of his empty shops for 3 months to store our excess goods.. We have been able to fundraise this year with table top sales, a fashion show and the Black Tie Event which have all been very enjoyable and successful.

We thank Caroline Warren for initiating and continuing the Global Giving <https://goto.gg/53201> which enables her to fundraise in Singapore and all around the world. We thank her also for the up keep of the web-site, Christmas cards, Gift in Kind and her gifts which provided flip flops, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, renewable sanitary wear for over 50 girls along with over 200 pairs of underwear at Barani Primary School.

We have continued to help the village children with school uniforms, giving out over 300 uniforms this year. 100 being provided by Emily Rowbottom who did her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award with BBK.

With the help of Acorn Project, who we would like to thank for their continual support, we have given out food parcels to the most vulnerable people in the village on three occasions, 65 families each time were given £17.50 worth of food. This has helped the three villages along with the school uniforms, clothes, mattresses, emergency medical needs and rent.

The trustees have been able to visit Kenya twice this year and on both occasions have been glad to see the children doing so well. A number of options needs discussing at the next meeting on how BBK moves forward in God's will. One being The Gates of Joy which are now totally self-sufficient.

We would like to thank the Rotary for their continual support, it is gratefully received. The charity would not exist without all our volunteers and I thank each and every person who dedicates his/her time and energy to raise funds to provide for those who need our help in Kenya.

I personally would like to thank Margaret Hall our treasurer for all the hours of hard work she dedicates to the charity. To Maureen Holland, Moira Walker, Margaret Neatham and Rose Elloitt for their commitment and dedication as trustees.

This year BBK has managed to look after 70 children in our Centres with accommodation, food, clothes, medical assistance, education and friendship. The charity has been able to spread its wings and establish a close relationship with the villages providing, food parcels, school uniforms, a water well and medical support. Please see the 'Report of Achievements' for a more detailed account of the work of BBK. Our God has guided us through this last year with such rewarding results. We are His hands, BBK is His Charity. Thank you God for being in charge.

Maureen Nevitt

BBK has decided to include this following information into this report after the trip to Kenya and the resignation of the treasurer Margaret Hall.

The Trustees met on 24th April 2023 to discuss the future as Margaret Hall decided she was standing down as treasurer. She has given many years of devoted service to BBK but at 80years old believes it is time to pass this difficult job over to someone else.

At the moment we are looking for a new treasurer.

I read out the report from the Kenya Trip which had been enlightening. These suggestions were made and agreed so that the Charity could continue.

Now that the Gates of Joy were self-sufficient we will send them £6000 and say good bye to them. A letter was sent to Mr Tuva explaining BBK's position that BBK no longer needed to support them as they are now able to support themselves.

Caroline Warren has £700 and this will be used for Barani Village children and Mama Margaret over the coming year..

BBK will no longer support the clinics and hospital.

BBK therefore would only be sending money once a year to Mothers' Vision and Jesus Healing Ministry.

This will reduce the work of the treasurer and would encourage someone to join the BBK team as treasurer. If not then BBK needs to seek an alternative solution if the charity is to continue.

Finances

£6000 will be sent to The Gates of Joy.

£20,000 will be sent to Mothers' Vision to feed the two villages three times in the coming year and for the children's, education, food and clothes.

£20,000 will be sent to Jesus Healing Ministry to build shops and to cover the children's education, food and clothes.

This will leave only enough money to cover the running costs of the charity for one year.

The shop will continue and the money banked. After one year the charity will decide how the money raised in that year will be spent, thinking of the children first.

Report of Achievements 2022 -2023

Gates of Joy – Kilifi

BBK continues to support the Gates of Joy with food, medical treatment and education. The land is producing crops and pastures for the livestock. Rearing chickens is their new project with the hope of feeding themselves and the poor in the neighbouring village.

A sewing machine was bought for Mercy as she expressed an interest in becoming a seamstress. All children are doing well.

Mothers' Vision

Most of the children at Mothers' Vision are now sponsored. Money is sent out on a regular basis for food, basic essentials and education.. Damaris the manager is looking after the children at the centre and the poorest people in the villages. BBK has sent her enough money to feed the widows and poorest people this year. She buys and distributes food and essentials to two villages.

Barbed wire was used at MV on the perimeter walls for added security.

BBK helped towards paying Susan Ngigi's medical expenses

The classrooms are on hold due to government policies on orphanages in Kenya.

The trustees decided to sponsor Jumaa over the next three years at university. A total of £939, per year depending on exchange rate.



Jesus Healing Ministry (JHM)

The new JHM home is perfect for the 22 children living there. This modern accommodation within its half acre of land brings security and comfort to children who have no parents or have one parent who is very poor or sick. All children are doing well.

The land is producing crops and fruit trees for sale and for themselves.

Security lights are now in place.



Barani Primary School (BPS)

Betty has been an enormous help to the children at her school in Barani Village. BBK has sent her sufficient money to buy school uniforms for over 300 poor children. The children receive instant dignity for looking very smart. Food, school equipment and fees have been paid for the poorest of children. Exam fees were paid for 50 children who couldn't afford to sit their exams.



Gladys has had her hospital treatment and is doing well .



Betty has also organised medical care for those who couldn't pay for their treatment. They have clothed the poor, bought mattresses, shoes and toiletries for those in desperate need. Damaris and her team have also helped the needy in Pentagon Village with rent, food, clothes and medical assistance.

University Students

BBK has two university student, Moses from JHM who is working hard for his degree. George at JHM is doing a 2 year course to become an Electrician and Hatson is in his second year doing a BA degree in Education at St. Paul's University.

Income and Expenditure Account

Entries up to: 31-03-23

Income	£ Bank	£ Petty Cash	£ Total
BBK Shop sales	39931.26	3497.39	43428.65
Donations	19591.75	0.00	19591.75
Fundraising	15839.47	0.00	15839.47
General Sales	1907.27	0.00	1907.27
interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rag man	3131.62	0.00	3131.62
Bookman	1417.97	0.00	1417.97
Transfer to account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift aid	4799.25	0.00	4799.25
Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	86618.59	3497.39	90115.98
Adjustment money returned from Kenya	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	86618.59	3497.39	90115.98
Expenditure			
Cash & cheques	69956.87	2116.41	72073.28
print/stat	0.00	66.00	66.00
Shop Rent	10000.00	0.00	10000.00
Food	0.00	167.85	167.85
Medical Care	0.00	32.50	32.50
Building	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	160.08	0.00	160.08
Hardware	0.00	0.00	0.00
Books	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	316.57	0.00	316.57
Gas & Elec.	1137.56	0.00	1137.56
miscellaneous	0.00	72.50	72.50
others	0.00	324.11	324.11
transport	0.00	732.70	732.70
Air Fares	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Bank charges	486.00	0.00	486.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	83057.08	3512.07	86569.15
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3561.51	-14.68	3546.83
Opening Cash Balance	54493.06	29.25	54522.31
Closing Cash Balance	58054.57	14.57	58069.14

Date: 19th April, 2023

The Charity Commission.

Independent examiner's report

Dear Sir/Madam,

Books and Bread for Kenya, Charity No. 1122698

I can confirm that I have examined the accounts of Books and Bread for Kenya relating to the financial year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

I can confirm the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the said year have been examined and found correct,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Emery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Emery