

KENYA HOPE CHARITY AGM: 27/11/2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last 12mths have been very successful for Kenya Hope Charity. With Covid-19 finally under control and air-travel finally available, myself and Tom Yacomeni, lead minister with Locking Castle Church, visited Kenya in February to re-connect with our Kenyan communities after a 3yr absence.

During a hectic 12 days visit, we met our Kenyan committee, widow's groups, youth groups, most of our sponsored children, we painted our first newly-built school and equipped it with new tables and chairs, we officially opened our second 'nearly-completed' school and also visited four tree nurseries. In addition, we paid the rent on a field that became a community farm which produced 30 sacks of maize for the widows who worked it.

Under the stewardship of our guest Pastor Edward Watta and his YAWASOP Charity, our area of influence has grown from 2 villages to 14 villages and I had the honour of planting our 1,000th fruit tree in school compounds. We have planted many more fruit trees since then, but this time in the gardens of poor families as we aim for our next target of 2,000 trees.

After 5yrs, our Child Sponsorship Programme has produced our first graduate. This year, Christine Akoth completed college and her dream of becoming a fully-trained teacher is now a reality; and with another 2 children at college and another 2 at university, expect more success stories in the near future.

Of course, there is room for operational improvement and there will always be new challenges in Kenya to overcome, but if we can deal with and overcome major global challenges such as Covid-19, then we have the strength and flexibility to grow and increase our support for poor communities in Kenya whatever challenges life throws at us, thanks to you, our loyal band of supporters who give us a firm foundation.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees: Irene Humphreys, Shaun Rowlands, June Ford, new trustees Martyn and Lorraine Dinsmore, treasurer Martin Purnell and associates Kat and Andy Watts for their hard work throughout the year. Special thanks also to Locking Castle Church for keeping us as a mission partner, and a special thank you to all our child sponsors and supporters, we couldn't do it without you.

As we prepare for a year of growth, if you would like to be part of our journey, if you feel you have 'committee experience' and/or organisational/secretarial skills or just a heart for what we are doing (and of course a spare couple of hours once or twice a week), then please let me or any of my committee know.

Thank you for listening. Does anyone have any questions?

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 2021 - 31 MARCH 2022

INCOME		2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021		
Child sponsorship		9,215	8,900		
Community fund		120	296		
Donations	Balance as at 31.3.2021	1,734	8,178	as at 31.3.2020	5,625
Trees fund		550	1,719		
Fund raising	Excess of expenditure over income	2,096	(79)	Excess of income	2,553
Kenya trip		1,500			
Gift aid	Balance as at 31.3.2021	1,853	8,099	as at 31.3.2021	8,178
		17,068	16,696		
EXPENDITURE					
	CAF Bank account		8,099		8,178
School fees etc					
	Child sponsorship fund	6,835	6,384		6,881
	Community fund		416		306
Kenya funding					
	Trees fund		415		236
	General fund	600	884		755
Covid aid			8,099		8,178
Medical treatment		298	207		
Tree planting		372	1,692		
School construction and repairs		1,955	1,020		
Committee in Kenya		449	450		
Children get-togethers		150	250		
Seeds and fertiliser		500	450		
Maize		520	455		
Gifts for families/children		40	520		
Spending during Kenya trip		581			
Wasonga - pastor training		345			
Books etc for unsponsored children		390			
Other		76	358		
		6,276	9,262		
Kenya flights and other expenses		2,178			
Fund raising		428	894		
Insurance		183			
Printer ink		110	124		
Bank charges		372	332		
Website		206	195		
Safeguarding		166			
Committee meal		104			
Postage and stationery		25	16		
Locking Castle Church		200			
Other		64	30		
		17,147	14,143		

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