

KENYA HOPE CHARITY AGM: 26/11/2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last 12mths have been very successful for Kenya Hope Charity. Under the stewardship of our host Pastor Edward Wata and his YAWASOP Charity, myself and trustees Martyn & Lorraine Dinsmore visited Kenya in May/June and during a hectic 15-day visit, we met our Kenyan committee, widow's groups, youth groups, tree nurseries, partied with most of our sponsored children, took part in 2 seminars - and distributed another 1,000 trees taking us up to 2,500 trees planted. Before this mission, apart from June 5yrs ago, no-one else on the committee had been to Kenya so my committee had to support my reading of situations and my assessment of the people involved when making important decisions. Now 3 trustees, myself and Martyn & Lorraine have visited our work in Kenya, met the people involved, and are happy with all of my judgements. We are sending many thousands of £££s to Kenya, and the 3 of us have scrutinised photos, receipts and reports of the work done and seen most of it with our own eyes. Due diligence is being met, the money you donate is being wisely used to change many lives. At a time when I was feeling burned out and ready to stand down, I also want to thank them for their enthusiasm and energy that has helped me to keep going.

Back to this year's mission, we also visited Malanga Primary School to survey the field that we had paid to be ploughed, top-dressed and planted using money provided by the children of both St Anne's Schools who took part in a sponsored walk - our best ever fundraiser - that raised over £2,000 to help feed the 500 Malanga pupils who were not being fed because the school food programme had collapsed. The crop of maize we saw in the fields was over 6ft tall and during the following months, we built the school a new kitchen, the crop that was weeded and watered by the headmistress and Malanga pupils was harvested, and now the 500 hungry children are being fed. A perfect example that when good seeds of hope are sown, the Lord can produce a good harvest. The 2 St Anne's Schools, having watched videos of thanks and videos of the Malanga pupils being fed, have already set a date for next year's walk. All our fund-raising events have been well supported, thanks everyone. This year we had an Elvis concert, next year we have a Marvin concert on 17th February.

With all of original children finally being sponsored, for the first time, we added another 12 desperately needy children including 2 with special needs, and our Child Sponsorship Programme has been improved in 3 ways, firstly our qualified Kenyan social worker has undertaken an assessment of the families of all sponsored children, over 80% of the widows/caregivers are in table-banking schemes which allow them to start and support their own small businesses, and most UK sponsors have received one or two letters/messages from their sponsored child, and up-to-date photos.

Of course, there is room for operational improvement and there will always be new challenges in Kenya to overcome, but we have the financial strength, flexibility and experience to grow and increase our support for poor communities in Kenya thanks to you, our loyal band of supporters.

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 month), then please let me or any of my committee know.

Last but not least, we are starting to plan next year's mission and already have 5 or 6 interested people. If it is on your heart to come on mission next year, please let a committee member know.

I would like to finish by thanking my fellow trustees and treasurers 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.

Brian Humphreys, Chairman, Kenya Hope Charity

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 2022 – 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME	2022 – 2023	
Child sponsorship	11,185	
Community fund	110	
Donations	2,219	
Trees fund	370	
St Annes sponsored walk	1,662	
Other fund raising	2,945	
Kenya trip	-	
Bank interest	12	
Gift aid	1,804	
	20,307	
EXPENDITURE		
School fees	10,952	
Kenya funding		
Medical treatment	113	
Tree planting	410	
School construction and repairs	600	
Committee in Kenya	200	
Children get-togethers	450	
Seeds and fertiliser	200	
Maize and other food aid	1,370	
Gifts for families/children	200	
Wasonga – training etc	500	
Community farm and school land	540	
Covid aid		
Widows' business schemes	300	
Guest house electrics	475	
Other – Malanga Kitchen & housebuild	-	
	5,358	
Fund raising	236	
Insurance	190	
Printer ink	120	
Bank charges	372	
Website	308	
Safeguarding	166	
Committee meal	209	
Laptop	499	
Postage and stationery	4	
Kenya trip	-	
Locking Castle Church	-	
Other	120	
	18,534	

Balance as at 31.3.2022	8,099	
Excess income over expenditure	1,773	
Balance as at 31.3.2023	9,872	
CAF Bank account	9,872	
Child sponsorship fund	4,997	
Community fund	536	
Trees fund	375	
General fund	3,964	
	9,872	