

# Kindfund



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## Twentieth Chairman's Report – Feb 23 to Jan 24

Bible verse: Proverbs 22:6

### Summary

At the close of the last reporting period, we were faced with a major challenge which involved the closure of our primary education at Wamba. The transfer of the 6 small classes to the local state primary classes of 70 to 95 children was painful but the eventual transfer to a smaller local village school has ultimately been a good experience for our children and team. The children from the home rather than being the underdogs are the role models. We are supporting the community by providing a teacher and Bible materials. After KCSE in November 23, as work experience, Michael and Maureen acted as assistant teachers until their tertiary courses commenced September 24.

KCPE in November led to three young going to a good quality boarding school in Maralal. Two went to Polytechnic, boarding in Isiolo. We now have five young people attending polytechnic courses with a further four in Tertiary education. I mentioned last year that funding Secondary and Tertiary is an increasing challenge for us. As a result of this growth, post year end we have launched an Education Sub-committee to manage this workload, to develop a structure of support, and for raise funding.

The health of the children during the period was in the main routine with two exceptions. One child with Cerebral Palsy and another who was fainting required extra treatment.

Except for myself, all UK team members visited the work during the period. Having gone to Kenya early on Gillian unfortunately became ill and after a short stay in a local hospital returned to the UK to recover. Pamela arrived shortly after Gillian, followed by Ken and Watson Black towards the end of March. Ken and Pamela visited again for five weeks at the end of September. Lea visited for about ten weeks from December when she arrived with her brother Jonathan and sister Miriam who both stayed for several weeks. Finally, Pamela returned to Kenya in early January 24.

During his visit in March, Ken took the opportunity to run a two-day team management seminar at a local hotel. Representatives from all the projects participated each taking the opportunity to give an account of their work. Philip was able to update the team with a synopsis of the changes to education and how they would affect our children and team. Further to his visit, Jonathan, Lea's brother, encouraged Samson to commence a running club which has been formalised and is now a well-attended weekly meeting, twice a week during the holidays.

We continue to cooperate with the Kenyan Government across the breadth of the work. KRA (Kenyan Revenue Authority) to maintain our tax-free status, NHIF (National Hospital Insurance Fund) and NSSF (National Social Security Fund) as we seek to maximise the benefit of belonging to these insurance schemes. In relation to their policy on the future of children's homes we continue to plan for and implement the downsizing of our operations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Kindfund in prayer, financially and by their time over the last 12 months. I am also thankful for all on the committee and beyond who give freely of their time and resources.

**Jonathan Dobbin**  
**Chairman**



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## **Treasurer's Report for Twentieth year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

During this past year, we yet again give thanks to God and marvel at His provision for the work. The challenges facing the world do not lessen. Our income whilst showing a drop of 25% this has been almost totally represented by the banks partial redress for the error in 2022. Donations and gifts alone show a much smaller 2.5% reduction which is acceptable given the 17% increase the previous year.

We thank God for the generous hearts He has given and for the growing support from Austria as well as the faithfulness of our core support.

Summarising the figures. Opening balance £119,343, income for the year was £120,739 (£160,039) and the closing balance was £129,934. An increase of £10,591. We transferred to Kenya £110,000 (£120,000)

### **Financial Highlights**

Gifts totalled £110,839 (£113,747) and the Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) contributed £9,552 (£9,863). We are thankful for this to all those who have signed Gift Aid forms.

We continue to receive donations from several Charitable Trusts, and we give thanks to God for their faithfulness and generosity.

All the funds transferred to Kenya continue to go to the account of Kind fund Society of Kenya. The funds transferred to Kenya this year fell back £10,000 to £110,000 reflecting a levelling off between the two years and an improvement in the exchange rate.

The Kenyan Shilling remained weak throughout the first half of the year with an exchange of 180+ but strengthened during the latter part of the year as Kenya sorted out some of its borrowing requirements and this resulted in a drop for us by around 20 ksh in the pound to rates in the 160s. In the current year we have been receiving 165+ and there are signs of it again rising above 170 to the pound. This is very helpful for us as we are faced by high levels of inflation in Kenya. In the year 2023/4 we granted staff a rise of 9%+ to account for inflation.

A minimal amount was spent on administration £148 (£1973).

All expenses for those travelling to Kenya continue to be met personally by the traveller.

The financial position has remained sound in the current year.

### **Thanks**

I would like to take this opportunity to again say thank you:

First, thank you to all of you who have responded to God's call on your resources to support the work. We very much appreciate both the financial support and the opportunity to tell others the good things God continues to do.

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To the members of the Kindfund Committee who have been faithful in prayer and generous with their time giving us of their wisdom.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Watson Black BSc Econ, LIB for his advice and support as Examiner and for his interest in the work in Kenya where he spent 4 weeks with Ken in early 2023. I would also like to thank Maurice Lee who has been a tower of strength supporting me by keeping the general ledger up to date.

Gillian Stevenson our Treasurer is continuing her recovery, and we hope will be able to resume light duties soon. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

I will be happy to answer any questions.

**Pamela Dobbin**  
**Assistant Treasurer**