

CHinK - CHildren in Kenya

Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

I would like to :-

- ☐ Sponsor a Child at £ 10.00 per month
- ☐ by Direct Debit
- ☐ by Standing Order
- ☐ Purchase a desk - £ 15.00 each
- ☐ Make a Monthly donation
- ☐ Make a General Donation
- ☐ Apply to Gift Aid
- ☐ Sponsor a Teacher - price on application
- ☐ Purchase a Mosquito Net - £5 each
- ☐ Purchase a Mattress - £10 each
- ☐ Make a Donation to Building Fund
- ☐ Sponsor a Cook - price on application
- ☐ Make a Donation for Medical Aid

Please tick box

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ChinK

Children in Kenya
March 2009

November Visit - Latest News

3 trustees from CHinK, left for Kenya at the end of November. Also included in the party were Gina Frost – Roy & Georgie Frost's daughter and her two children, Joel & Warren.

The flight was delayed by 2 hours making the outward journey very tiring. We wonder where the energy comes from, because, as soon as we arrived at the hotel, found our rooms, we were eager to set off and get to the school and see the children.

The teachers and children weren't expecting us until the following day. We arrived at rest time and the children were sleeping in the classrooms their heads on hands and 4 to a desk.

Entering the classroom and seeing the sleeping children, brought tears of joy to our eyes. Immediately the children heard our voices, they were awake, shaking our hands, shouting 'Jambo' and most moving of all, welcoming us with their beaming smiles.



REST TIME IN THE CRAMPED
CLASSROOM

SLEEPING - HEADS ON HANDS

"No words can describe the warm feeling this greeting gives."

Joel & Warren had taken a football as a present for the children and before long a game of football was in progress, Kenya rules were used. Songs to welcome us followed the football game and yet more tears of joy.



GAME OF FOOTBALL

KENYA RULES!

Our main objective during this visit was to get all the legalities for the land settled, but as Kenya time is not the same as English time, this took several visits to the solicitor in Mombasa. Eventually the paper work was signed and the 2 plots of land for the school were CHInK's. Subsequently it was "all hands to the pump".



**GEORGINA, A LAND REGISTRY
OFFICIAL, WITH OUR KENYAN
ADMINISTRATOR FELISTER
SEARCHING FOR THE MARKERS**

Finding the markers (metal studs set in concrete to divide plots) was an endless task, as since our visit in May the grass and undergrowth had grown. The organising of clearing the ground and supervising the construction of a fence around the land, to make the site secure was a priority.

Books, food, cooking pots were on the shopping list. Some sponsors sent money for their sponsored child and family, so buying essentials for these children was also necessary. Once again a visit to Haller Park was arranged, once again proved this was a success. Charles, the manager of Bamburi Beach Hotel, kindly donated 120 sandwiches, whilst Roy, once more organised extra food and drinks.

As the teachers at the school are only qualified to teach children up to Standard 1, it was decided to employ another teacher who is qualified to teach Standard 2 and 3. After interviewing 3 candidates, a unanimous decision was made and Steven Karisa who lived locally, was offered the position. He started working in January. With the addition of another teacher, this meant we would need more room to accommodate an extra class.

TALKS GIVEN

We can visit schools, youth clubs, groups etc.

Illustrated talks, including display boards with photos. We can bring a selection of Kenyan goods for sale, all made by disabled Kenyans.

- ♦ Talks tailored to individual groups.
- ♦ Duration from 20 minutes to 1 hour.
- ♦ Donations for talks go to the charity, we make a charge for travel expenses.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ We need further sponsors for approximately 40 children.
- ♦ We would like to find sponsorship for the 4 teachers.
- ♦ Sponsorship is wanted for the cook and security guard.
- ♦ You could provide a child with a mosquito net for only £5.
- ♦ To provide a mattress for a child sleeping on a mud floor cost £10.
- ♦ You can donate to our building or medical fund.

CONTACT DETAILS ON BACK PAGE

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

- ★ **May 2006** CHInK was a dream made into a reality. After visits to Kenya, we were approached and asked for help by a teacher running a small school in rented rooms
- ★ **Nov 2006** An urgent fund raising program began and a vital search for sponsors.
- ★ **Aug 2007** Charity status was applied for and in was granted in 2008.
- ★ **May 2008** A plan to have a school of our own became a reality, when 2 plots of land were found.
- ★ **Nov 2008** Purchase of the land complete and signed. The plots cleared and securely fenced off.
- ★ **Dec 2008** Building of a temporary school began.
- ★ **Jan 2009** The children returned to school after the Christmas break to the new building.

VISION

These are the steps to date the charity has achieved, yet there is so much more we aim to do to further the education of the school children.

Our vision is to provide a learning environment that is stimulating and challenging for children who do not have the financial means to access education.

As a charity every penny donated goes towards the school and its pupils. Every child receives 2 meals a day, medical care, books and a uniform.

UNUSUAL GIFT

Earlier this year we were asked to find an unusual wedding present for a couple who had already set up home. The wedding took place on 08.08.2008. After arriving back in Kenya in November we found the ideal present, in the shape of Freddie who was born on 09.08.2008. Perfect find!



FREDDIE, PICTURED WITH HIS MUM ANNA OUTSIDE THEIR HOUSE

We are now able to pay the teachers, cook and security guard a small salary.

Our thanks go to everyone who has helped us so far and if you feel you can help please contact

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or

visit us online www.chink.org.uk

Freddie's family live close to new school site, so he will eventually attend the school. When we explained to the family, what this sponsorship meant, they were overjoyed.



FREDDIE, ANNA, GEORGIE AND CHRIS
HANDING OVER GIFTS SENT BY CAROL HIS
SPONSOR

We encountered a major problem caused by the pastor of the church where we rent 2 small classrooms and part of the church as a 3rd classroom; he increased the rent from 3,000 KSH (£30) to 10,000 KSH (£100) per month as from January 2009. He stipulated we pay 3 months rent in advance and pay for 12 months rent, instead of 9 months term time.

We were outraged by this deliberate exploitation by a representative of the church. Our administrator Felister, the teachers and ourselves found the demands entirely unacceptable. This unexpected bombshell dropped on us by the pastor, took the edge off our visit.



NOVEMBER 2008 OUR LAST DAY

THE WORKERS

PICTURED BY THE FENCED LAND

On our return a meeting was called and it was decided that a new temporary school should be

built as soon as possible, hopefully before the new term started in January. Roy was chosen to fulfil this challenge and on 1st December he returned to Kenya to organise the construction of the new school.

Materials for the building were priced but it worked out cheaper to employ an architect and builders rather than buy the materials and find builders of our own.

Roy arrived in Kenya on Tuesday afternoon and by Saturday, work had started. 25 local workers were sweating it out in temperatures of 33° C

We now have a temporary building which includes 4 classrooms, a kitchen, which doubles as a storeroom and office and a toilet block with "long drop" toilets (which is a hole about 30ft deep, a bio degradable system as in the early days).



LONG DROP TOILET

NEW SCHOOL SOONER THAN EXPECTED

The 4 classrooms are 4 x 5 metres, with plenty of room and ventilation - a big difference from the small, cramped and hot rented rooms at the church.

The kitchen/storeroom/office is 4 x 4 metre. The food will be stored in tin chests to discourage vermin. The cooking will be done outside, under a lean-to.

On Roy's final visit to the school before leaving for the UK, the classrooms and kitchen were almost complete.

The toilet block was ready at the end of December. The delay to this is because the builders had

to dig through rock at different levels to achieve the correct depth.

GOOD CAME FROM GREED

Although this school building is temporary, it is CHinKs. We are working toward our dream of having our own brick built, 2 storey school.

Fundraising has to be taken to the next level and make it our top priority. Not only do we need funds to equip and maintain the school, but to get a bore hole dug, so fresh water will be available.

We urgently need more sponsors for at least 40 children.



4 TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS AND A KITCHEN

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

We have achieved so much over the past twelve months that we are full of enthusiasm for what we could do to help and support not only the children but also the local community.

We are beginning to give them a chance in life. It is for this reason that the school has to continue to grow - to provide an education that will allow all the children to achieve their full potential.

We have seen the standards vastly improved, which in itself has seen school attendance greatly improved and an increase in new pupils.

As you can see from the pictures the temporary school is built on a small plot which restricts any further development and suitable play areas for the different age groups.

Our plans for the future are to buy more plots of land adjacent to the school. More land will also provide much more space for any future expansion plans plus allowing the children to have segregated classrooms.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Our aim is simply to give the children attending the school, an education and a brighter future.

We hope to provide the school with simple necessities such as running water, desks and eventually a brick building. The majority of schools in Kenya are in very poor condition, no school meals, no drinking water and no toilet, and are falling into disrepair. Equipping a classroom is cheaper than you might expect with desks costing around £15. The school day is very long so the younger children need to rest, mattresses for this purpose are £10 each

We plan to complete our school to a good standard and continue to support it financially. We believe education is the key to building a better future. It is a long term solution to the problems in Kenya and all the money we raise goes straight to the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to get involved, make a donation, book a talk or raise money to support the cause.