

## CHinK News

The November visit to Kenya was over far too soon, but fortunately all tasks that were planned before the visit, were completed. Our arrival at the hotel was short lived as all we could think about was meeting the children, staff and teachers at CHinK school, but most importantly the children, whose welcome songs made an unforgettable noise to our ears.

When we first arrived at the school, we were pleasantly surprised at how the new school building had developed. Keith our school contractor, gave us an extensive tour around the new classrooms and an update of what had been done. By the time we left Kenya, the 3 new classrooms are close to completion.

The following days were filled by visits to the doctors, to pay for the medical care the children had received, taking photos of sponsored desks that were made to order by local carpenters. Every child attending CHinK school was to receive a mosquito net, which were ordered together with uniforms for all children. Most of the children were in need of shoes and clothing; so many visits were made to the market in Mtwapa with children, to buy the essentials they needed. It is an interesting experience, taking them shopping, buying the gifts, however small is very rewarding especially seeing their smiling faces.

Important visits to homes of new children were done and many very needy children are awaiting sponsorship. A morning was spent checking the accounts with our Kenya Administrator, Felister. All children who attend CHinK school were given a new uniform, as usual, some were not the right size and had to be altered, and then had their photographs taken. The photographs, together with school reports and letters are sent to the sponsors. A fascinating trip to Kilifi, to start the process of registering the school was also completed on this visit. Time flew by quickly and soon it was time for the annual prize giving morning and parents meeting. Children were presented with their prizes for their achievement in school and every child was given their mosquito net together with a bag of maize flour, their staple diet. Later in the afternoon a teachers meeting was held, which went well and teacher Peter Kahindi was promoted to deputy headmaster, who was delighted with this promotion. The interviewed for a new teacher to start in January took place, the successful applicant, Lynette, was

appointed and hopefully will prove to be an asset to the school.

The highlight of this visit was the annual outing, a trip for all the children to the beach at Jumba ruins. After playing games, searching rock pools and splashing about in the shallow water of the Indian Ocean, the children enjoyed a small picnic, before going back to school for lunch.



Sadly the last day arrived too soon and everyone was overwhelmed by emotions, as it is always a sad farewell until the next visit. We

wouldn't be able to do any of our work without your support and although it may seem like a drop in the ocean when you read about the problems in Africa, our project, CHinK School, has made a huge difference to the community, the children, and the individuals we have been able to reach.

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2 trustees made another visit to Kenya in January and during their stay managed to accomplish more. The 3<sup>rd</sup> plot of land was fenced off, 5 new teachers desks were bought and made on site. The annual land and business rates were paid; new shelving was installed in the new classrooms.

The chief of Mtwapa made a special visit to the school. He was very impressed with all the school and work we are doing and praised CHinK for all they have done to improve the lives of 128 Kenyan children.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the school is now completed and as soon as funds are available, we will proceed with phase 3, which is to complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the school building and to have an office built.

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We have a waiting list of deprived children needing to attend school and as usual we are looking for sponsors for these children. If you are interested in helping, please contact 07939476676 or 07762245523