

Newsletter



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Hello everyone.

Happy New Year to you all and thank you for your continued support throughout what was another difficult year for all of us. You will be pleased to know that all the boys are safe in the same houses and three of them are at University. Simon is studying Electrical Engineering, Hudson is studying Information and Communication Technology and Dennis is studying for a Bachelor of Education (Arts) majoring in Mathematics and Business. We are all extremely proud of them and thankful for the sponsors who are paying for this. All the other boys are doing well at school and Polytechnic. We have boys studying in skills as Mechanics, Electricians and in hospitality. The boys at school are working hard too and enjoying themselves.

We have had new little boys entering the house at Kisii who were found by Police. They are brothers of 5 & 7 yrs who were caught stealing because they were hungry as they were not being cared for. One other brother is still missing who is younger than them but the Kenyans are trying to find him, but as yet have not been successful. The brothers have settled well and are attending school with the other boys.

We have been able to do three Christmas Fairs in November and December which was encouraging although rather cold. But we are hoping now that we will be able to continue attending fetes and holding fundraising activities again in 2022. We were hoping to hold a Race Night in February this year but with Omicron and many people feeling a bit nervous about being in a large group, we have decided to book it for October 1st 2022. So please put the date in your diaries. But we will definitely be holding another golf day in June.

Unfortunately we have not been able to visit Kenya and Chris (trustee) had booked to go in November but because of Omicron had to postpone his visit. We are hoping to go in April to visit each project and iron out any difficulties they may be having but most importantly, to encourage them all. Let us hope that this will happen as it is 2 yrs since we visited last. But the good news is that we managed to send some boxes of clothes, toys, and things for Christmas out to the projects. This was a new experience for us and with the help of Kenya Exports, it was a painless and successful exercise. We hope to be sending another consignment very soon.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and don't forget to book you seat at the Race Night if you live close enough. We would love to see you.

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Race Night

We are holding a Race Night on 1st October 2022. This is a fun packed night for all the family. The cost includes a Fish and Chip supper.

Put the date in your diary and we will send out the invite nearer the time.



If you are aware of any craft fairs or similar happening in the spring or summer, please let us have the contact details so that we can consider having a stall.

Please let us know by email h4kinfo@gmail.com

Project News

Nyakoe

Christmas was exciting again for the boys. The boxes arrived so they were able to have new clothes as part of their Christmas present and Andrew made up a Christmas stocking for each of them.

The boys were thrilled with the clothes that were sent in the boxes



As usual the boys asked to visit their friends who are still in town to take them a new piece of clothing. They ask every year at Christmas time which is really sweet and was their idea originally and they continue to do this.

The boys have continued to do well throughout the COVID crisis and they have been really good at behaving and helping. Four of the younger ones had their "initiation to manhood" which is when they are circumcised. It is tradition in Kenya for this to happen at about the age of 9yrs. Although not Jewish, all Kenyan boys are circumcised or they are not acceptable to a female when they reach the age of wanting a relationship.

A dentist visited the house too to check all the boys teeth. They volunteered their services free of charge which was very generous. None had anything major wrong but a few of the boys, Andrew and Lydia need to have some work done.



The boys joined in with the Camp For Kenya in September and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Andrew sent some pictures We are hoping to get more camping equipment as their tents are much the worse for wear but they still had fun. In the past I have seen young Scouts in Kenya sleeping in tents with enormous holes in them, which we can see as being pointless but that id not stop them from having fun.



Andrew has been busy having a big chicken house built and he has ensured the goats have had a shed built for the two goats they have bought. They are called Jackie and Sonia after the sponsors who paid for them. They will be moving in very soon.

Andrew has also had all the boys lockers mended and new doors put on so that they can keep their belongings safely. The look really smart now.

He also had all the beds mended and cleaned up so they really smart now. These have been in situ since 2010 and have really done well.



A group of people from a Catholic church visited the project and took a number of food items for the boys which was lovely.

It is joyous to hear when people offer help. One of our aims is to encourage Kenyan people to take responsibility for all children. They are starting to raise the bar now which is greater.

Meru

As with the Kisii boys, the Meru boys have been doing really well. In the holiays, Hudson from Kisii, who is at University near Meru, so he stayed there for a few weeks in

Meru, helping with the boys and encouraging them in their schooling, There are not so many bigger boys in Meru so this was a good opportunity for them to see what they can achieve. We heard from John that Hudson was really good with the boys and helped with homework as well as encouraging them in their schoolwork.



Left.. Meru have some lovely people linked to the local church who often take "presents" like this to the boys. Others will give them fruit on occasion and the local baker gives them loaves of bread once a month. How blessed the boys are.

We had to have a new kitchen built as the other one was deemed unfit, It was a wooden structure with a tin roof and a bit rickety. But thanks to Debruslais Chartered Surveyors we were able to build a new one.



The boys were thrilled with the boxes that were sent. Here you can see them waiting as John was giving things out to them. It is nice to see that the Christmas tree is still OK and they are still putting it up. We will have to teach them again at how to make paper chains to decorate the room. We were able to call them on WhatsApp on Christmas Day

which was lovely. The aerials are not very good there otherwise we would have used the video so that we could all see each other. But to hear them was really good.

Gallery



Christmas Dinner

