



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our ninth Newsletter. As Trustees we were all very disappointed that we were unable to visit Kenya this year but we hope that the articles in the Newsletter will give all our sponsors and supporters information about the fund raising activities taking place to raise money for our charity.

As Trustees we would like to thank the following organisations for their donations.

Langley School

Lyndon School

Greswold School

Coppice Junior School

Streetsbrook School

Solihull Methodist Church

St Margaret's Church

Stratford upon Avon Inner Wheel

Solihull Beavers

Solihull Brownies

St Luke's Hospital donors

"Sincerely speaking you have been the greatest help in my life"

Floods Hit Kenya

We received distressing news from Stephen Arome that they had been suffering from heavy rain. The rain was so heavy that he had been unable to travel and visit schools. The rains have caused serious damage in some parts of the country. Some lives have been lost and some families continue to be left homeless because of the floods.

Eunice Kalama, one of our sponsored pupils, reported that their house was swept away by flood water and the family is now living with friends as internally displaced people. Eunice's parents are unemployed so it will not be easy to build another house.

Inner Wheel

Stratford upon Avon Inner Wheel chose EducAid Africa as its International Charity this year and raised £350 to purchase sports equipment for primary schools in Kenya. To raise the money the members held a Hunger Lunch and an Afternoon Tea.

"I really thank God every morning when I get up for you"

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News from Patrick Vidzo

Patrick Vidzo was the first pupil sponsored by Coppice Junior School. After successfully completing his education at Ribe Boys' School he was sponsored by a company called Bonds to attend Mombasa College where he studied Electrical Engineering. During this time my husband and I really got to know Patrick when we visited Kenya and there was even some long distance learning taking place as my husband would help him with some of his projects. The wonders of the email! On our last visit to Kenya we were unable to meet up with Patrick and I must admit I was very disappointed. Earlier this year my husband received an email from Patrick telling us that he is now married to Jacqueline who is a teacher and they have a little boy who is called Amos but they call him Cliff after my husband. He was very touched. Patrick is now working at the cement company. He has purchased some land to build a house and he has educated both of his sisters. My husband and I are very much looking forward to meeting up with Patrick and his family on our next trip to Kenya. Sponsoring Patrick certainly changed his life.

Lorraine Armstrong



Patrick at work

Brownies Fund Raising

As part of the Solihull Methodist Project the Brownies held a Sponsored Badminton Event. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and raised the grand total of £160. The Brownies have requested that the money is used for the purchase of books and equipment for primary and nursery schools.



Well done girls!

Greswold Marathon

Greswold Primary School chose a lovely sunny day on the 9th June for the whole school sponsored walk to raise money for EducAid Africa. All children from nursery age up to Year 6 joined in with great enthusiasm. Everyone was determined to raise funds in order to improve the lives of children and young people they had learnt about. So determined in fact that £3 800 was raised for EducAid! Year 2 children presented the cheque to Ian Carnell the following week.

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Langley Africa Day

On July 7th Langley Secondary School held their third Africa Day. Years 7, 8 and 9 followed a special day of activities based on an African theme. These included cookery, batik art work and drumming. Year 7 built a shanty town after learning about the slums in Nairobi. They learnt about fair trade and conducted surveys during the day. Year 9 took part in the popular African Nations' Cup football, playing on in between the showers!!

Some of the Trustees presented an assembly to each year group which was well received. We were able to show them the schools where their four sponsored pupils attend including pictures of their pupils and interviews. Through this third Africa Day the school is hoping to take on another sponsored pupil next year.

A big thank you to Ms Isaacs who once again organised this special day. There was a real buzz around the school and everyone that I spoke to - both staff and pupils had a really enjoyable day.

Linda Maxfield

Well done Langley



Model of shanty town



"My family rejoice for your sponsorship"

"You have been more than a family to me"

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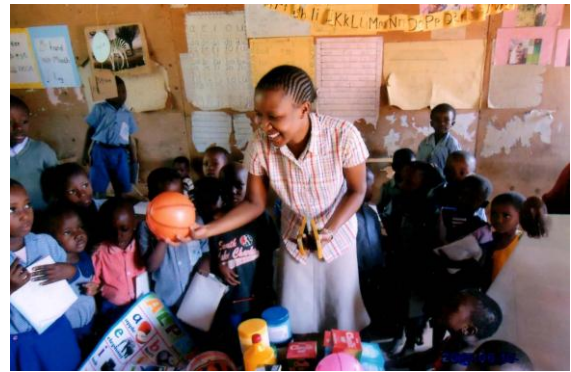
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Solihull Methodist Church

This year from September 2014 to August 2015 Solihull Methodist Church chose to support EducAid Africa as its charity. We have had lots of fun along the way with events to raise money including a quiz, swing band concert by Out of the Blue, another concert by Shirley Fellowship Singers, a skittle night and an exciting talk by one of our members who recently did 2 legs of the Round the World Clipper Race. In the last month we have had Open Gardens with 7 gardens spruced up and open for viewing with delicious cakes, scones and cups of tea en-route. This event raised £620. A similar sum resulted from the concert of miscellaneous acts from the talents of the church am-dram group SMASH, with those participating ranging from 7-70+ and including a signing choir giving their first performance. During the year we have had opportunities to share information about EducAid Africa with church members and held a special service in February with Trustees Ian Carnell, Linda Maxfield and Jenni Kitson leading the worship. A talk was given to the Brownies and another planned for the Beavers, both groups raising money for equipment for the nursery and primary schools we support. Other sums have miraculously appeared from selling chutney, cakes, coffee, books and just generous donations. Many people have been able to Gift Aid their giving which makes a difference to our income. A more lasting effort was the addition of 5 new sponsors.

The money raised was to send 4 young people to university in Kenya for 3 to 4 years. They are Eunice Kalama, Robert Mvoyi, Josephine Kaingu and Bernard Nyali. All were sponsored through secondary school and we have been able to help them on this next stage. We now have enough money left over to form a fund for the next 2 university applicants.

**Thank you Solihull Methodist Church
for a magnificent total of
£10 697.80!**



Nursery schools thrilled with new equipment



"I would like to take this golden chance to express my gratitude for what you have planted in my life"
(Quotations taken from sponsored pupils' letters)

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