

The Isaiah Trust

Habari,

Welcome to the latest Isaiah Trust newsletter for Christmas 2010. We hope that you enjoy reading about some of the things going on in Kenya. We are so grateful for your support and for all that you do to encourage us in this endeavour. It really wouldn't be possible without you.

Looking back over 2010 there is no doubt this has been one of our most challenging years. In January Nicky went out to Kenya to work with Moses and the team but was unfortunately taken ill with a viral infection that saw her in hospital over there and then again over here on her return.

Phil, Nicky's husband, and a team of supporters from their church in Preston then visited Kenya at Easter, but unfortunately got delayed by the ash cloud that settled over Europe and weren't able to fly home for over 3 weeks! Missed school, exams and college work ensued.

The final issue we faced was, of course, one of funding. The challenging times have reduced our income significantly as donations have slowed up, but we have, fortunately always met our minimum commitments to the children we look after.

In amongst the challenges, we have also had plenty of good news. The number of children in secondary school is now at record levels and one or two are already planning for college or university (something they could never have dreamed of!). Our children continue to perform well in primary schools and we have another 12 taking their KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) exams this month.

We have also had fantastic support from people willing to go the extra mile (or 13) on behalf of the Trust, with people running the Great Manchester Run and the Great North Run for the first time this year. Particular thanks to Chris Knight, who ran the Manchester Run, the Great North Run and the Pennine Lancashire 10k, raising almost £900 in sponsorship.

How often has that gym membership so eagerly sought in January given way to beer and chocolate by February? Well, we have been given guaranteed places in both the Manchester and the Great North Run again next year, so if you would like to run for us, then please get in touch timbroughton@hotmail.com - feels like a new year resolution?

We are always delighted to have people come out to Kenya with us to see for themselves the work that is going on, to meet the people involved and to spend time with the boys. So far more than 25 people have visited our work out there and if you would like to become one of them, to accompany us on a trip, please get in touch (we can't promise there won't be another ash cloud though!)

Finally, may we take the chance to wish you a very happy Christmas, hoping that you spend it with the people that you love.

Mungu akubarike sana

Tim & Nicky

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The Gift of Hope

When we were in Kenya in March we met with Ruth, a girl that we support in St Pauls Primary School. She is in year 8, about to sit her KCPE exams. As we sat with her she began to talk about her mum.

She told us how her mum had died, just over 3 years ago. She remembered every detail of the weeks before she died. Where she had been, what she had done, how she had felt. As the memories came back, her eyes filled up with tears. She still misses her terribly. Ruth's dad works as a watchman in nearby shops, working nights. He is an alcoholic and smokes marijuana. When Ruth went home after school as the eldest girl, she was expected to make food and look after her younger brothers and sisters.

Her school attendance had been erratic due to lack of basic needs. The Trust met up with her in one of our outreach programs, and helped her back into school. We now support her brothers and sisters too. Ruth is a very bright girl academically and was voted the best girl in St Paul Primary School in March. Her life has changed from hopeless to hopeful. She is just one of many children who need our support. On behalf of Ruth and more than a hundred children like her, thank you for all of your help.



The Good Life



For some time now we have had a hope and a prayer that the work in Kenya may become a little more self sustaining. So we were delighted to be approached by a friend of the Trust, David, who felt moved to support the work in what ever way that he could.

So it was that in early Autumn Tim and David spent a week in Kitale, the home of our farming activity, investigating the art of the possible.

Tim & David were made really welcome at a number of large farms, including a company who run over 100 acres of greenhouses, growing the most beautiful roses for

export to the UK, the Africa Development Corporations large dairy farm and the Kenya Seed Company's research facility into new varieties.

At the Trust we share a common vision for the work that could unfold, supporting and training our boys from the program in agricultural techniques and practices and generating an income that would support the program in it's entirety. Although it is early days, we are excited about the possibilities.



If you feel you would like to know more about this work or come alongside and support it in any way, perhaps lending advice, training, time or equipment then please get in touch with Nicky or Tim.

Kipsongo Slum



In April this year Tim was able to visit the homes of some of the boys we look after, James, Moses and Amos.

They came from a slum in a town called Kitale, some 3 hours to the North of Kisumu. Their family are Turkana's, a tribe who live in the harsh Northern desert areas of Kenya, next to the border with Sudan.

Life in the North is hard. Border disputes and cattle rustling often escalate into violent exchanges and people get displaced from their homes or their livelihood. The first large town they would come to is Kitale, where we have a small home and where we run our farming activity. It is a cool, fertile place for farming, but a cold and wet place if you are homeless.

The Turkana's have built a temporary settlement on the outskirts of Kitale, in an area called Kipsongo. It is a harsh place to live, without jobs or schooling the families live in poverty. We came across the boys during a street outreach program and they now live with us full time, going to school and enjoying their childhood.

The community are so grateful for the small support we can provide. Walking through Kipsongo slum opens your eyes to how very much more there is to do!



Great North Run

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Trust this year by taking to the streets and running in one of the events we are part of. 15 brave souls took part in the Great Manchester Run, 10km around the streets of Central Manchester and raising over £5,000 for the Trust.

A further 14 people then took part in the Great North Run, the worlds biggest half marathon (13.1 miles) from Newcastle to the sea in South Shields in September.

They were both fantastic occasions and a great



deal of satisfaction and enjoyment (?) was gained by all who took part. Unfortunately the weather wasn't at its kindest, but all who took part completed the course, just being pipped at the post by World Champion and multi-world record holder Hailie Gebrselassie.

If you are interested in taking part, we have guaranteed entries in both events next year and would love you to run on behalf of the Trust. Please drop me a line at timbroughton@hotmail.com.



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