



KENYA UPDATE

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THE LUCKY ONES

EVERY YEAR IT GETS MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE THE CHILDREN TO START SCHOOL...WE HAD OVER FOUR HUNDRED MOTHERS AT THE REGISTRATION DAY TRYING TO GET THERE CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL. WE WERE THERE THE DAY THE SCHOOL OPENED AND IN TROTTED THE NEW CLASS OF 2008, WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR THE MOTHERS TO LEAVE WE HAD A FEW SCREAMING AND KICKING, HOWEVER WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS GRACE AND STELLA HAD A HAPPY GROUP OF CHILDREN.....ITS GREAT TO KNOW THAT CHILDREN ARE THE SAME THE WORLD OVER

HAVING SPENT THREE MONTHS IN KENYA WITH LITTLE ONES LIKE WOODRUFF IT WAS VERY HARD TO LEAVE THEM AND COME HOME. THINGS ARE NOT EASY FOR THE PEOPLE THERE JUST NOW WITH SO MUCH UNREST IN THE COUNTRY. LACK OF TOURISM BECAUSE OF THE TROUBLES HAS HAD A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE WHOLE AREA. FOOD PRICES ARE RISING CAUSEING HUNGER FOR MANY MORE FAMILIES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND RUN THINGS AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE AND HELP AS MANY FAMILIES AS WE CAN, THANKFULLY THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE IN THE VILLAGE AREA SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL.



HAPPY CHILDREN OUT SHOPPPING FOR THE GIFTS COURTESY OF FRIENDS AND SPONSORS
THANK YOU IT'S A SPECIAL DAY TO GET NEW SHOES NEVER MIND A NEW BIKE!

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SENT MONEY TO HELP FEED THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE LACK OF TOURISTS SO MANY JOBS HAVE BEEN LOST AND FOOD PRICES HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY. A WORRYING SITUATION FOR MANY WE USED THE DONATED MONEY AND DITRIBUTED FOOD PARCELS WHICH WE WILL REPEAT AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE THANK YOU





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WORKING WITH THE MUSIC TEACHERS WE MANAGED TO FORM A NEW SINGING GROUP. WE RETAINED TEN OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP,



DANIEL, LATOSHA, DIANA, SIMON, RANDU, KOMBE, HALIMA, AISHA, SULIMAN & CHARO. EVERYTHING IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH THE NEW GROUP...PASSPORTS ARE ALL APPLIED FOR ...NEW SONGS AND OLD ONES BEING LEARNED...THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING WHAT MORE CAN I SAY????

NEW SINGING GROUP WILL TOUR THIS YEAR

Dates are not confirmed yet but the plan is; arriving Scotland May/June then onto London for a week four weeks in Somerset then a visit to Swindon before a possible hop on the plane to America!

SECONDARY SCHOOL /JEAN LOGAN MET A GIRL AT ONE OF THE CONCERTS LAST YEAR WHO WORKED FOR VIRGIN AIRWAYS AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD ASK THEM TO DONATE MONEY TO OUR CHARITY.....HEATHER MUNROE TOOK UP THIS CHALLENGE AND PUT IN A NOMINATION BID.....AND WE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED!!! WE SHOULD RECIVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE SUMMER TO FINISH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL !!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE www.slz.loan.com THIS WEBSITE STARTED BY 6TH FORM STUDENTS AT WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL, WHO STARTED AN ENTERPRISE BUSINESS AND HAVE DONATED ALL PROFITS TO US X

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU

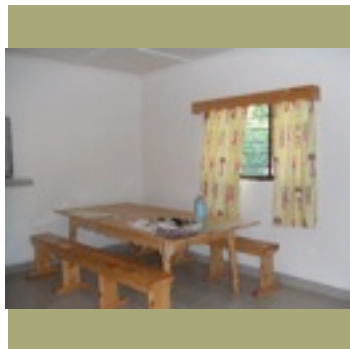
THE EXTRA MILE

LYNN HARPER BALDWIN ON HEARING OF THE SITUATION IN KENYA NOT ONLY SENT MONEY TO HER SPONSORED CHILDEN BUT COLLECTED AROUND HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND RAISED A FURTHER £190 WHICH WAS WELL RECIEVED



CHRITTMAS IN KENYA

I AM SURE MANY OF YOU LIKE I DO FEEL THAT THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS GETS LOST IN ALL THE COMERCIALISM AROUND US. IT WAS THEREFORE A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE FOR MY FAMILY AND I TO BE ABLE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND SEE FAMILIES DRESSED IN THERE BEST CLOTHES ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES AND HAVING SOME TIME TOGETHER. WE VISITED SOME FRIENDS AND CHILDREN AND PASSED ON MANY LITTLE GIFTS, THANKYOU TO ALL WHO SENT CARDS, GIFTS ETC



JOSHUA TREE ORPHANAGE

WE HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE THANK YOU ALL THE PEOPLE IN SOMERSET WHO DONATED MONEY FOR BUNK BEDS. AND FOR THE BEAUTIFUL QUILTS AND BLANKETS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AND DONATE IN SOMERSET, SCOTLAND & YORKSHIRE

THE NEW FAMILY

WE HAVE DECIDED TO NAME THE ORPHANAGE THE JOSHUA TREE. THE SCHOOL WAS NAMED AFTER THREE OF OUR OTHER GRANDCHILDREN AND AS THE YOUNGEST IS NAMED JOSHUA AFTER MY FATHER WE FELT THE NAME APPROPRIATE. WE FELT BY ADDING THE "TREE" IT WAS SYBOLIC OF US BRANCHING OUT WE HOPE YOU LIKE IT

PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE FIRST CHILDREN LIVING IN THE ORPHANAGE. BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION THE YOUNG WOMAN THAT WAS JOINING US IS NOW UNABLE TO. OMAR AND HIS WIFE GRACE ARE LOOKING AFTER THE CHILDREN AND DOING A FANTASTIC JOB. ALL YOU WHO KNOW OMAR WILL KNOW OF HIS GREAT LOVE OF CHILDREN AND GRACE HAS TAKEN TO HER NEW

ROLE

THE COX FAMILY FROM SWINDON HELD A COFFEE MORNING AND WERE DELIGHTED AT THE GENEROSITY OF THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THEY VISTED KENYA IN NOVEMBER AND USED THE MONEY TO BUY LOTS OF USEFULL ITEMS FOR THE ORPHANAGE..





DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD WE BECAME AWARE THAT SOME OF THE SINGING GROUP HAD NOT EATEN..WITH NO SCHOOL ..NO BREAKFAST. WE ARRANGED FOR A STOP TO BE MADE ON OUR WAY TO PRACTICE TO BUY SOME FRUIT. THIS LITTLE ONE LIVES NEAR THE SCHOOL AND WAS VERY GRATFUL TO BE SUPPLIED WITH LUNCH !!!!

LEWIS GRAHAM AGED 9 FROM NETHERLEE PRIMARY SCHOOLIN GLASGOW PERFORMED A MUSIC RECITILE ON THE PIANO AND CLARINET . AS IF THIS WASN'T ENOUGH HE SOLD MINCE PIES TO HIS ADUDIENCE AND DONATED THE MONEY TO US...THANK YOU LEWIS

MANY THANKS TO PATRICIA CUMMINGS FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY YORKSHIRE.. NOT ONLY DO THEY SUPPORT US EVERY MONTH WITH A DONATION BUT THEY HAVE SENT AN ADDITIONAL £75... THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SENT MONEY FOR FOOD PARCELS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WENT THE EXTRA MILE AND HAD YOUR OWN COLLECTIONS XXXXX

ST QUINTIN SCHOOL IN SOMERSET HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE IN THEIR COLLECTIONS AND ARE GETTING EXCITED ABOUT A CHOIR VISIT THIS YEAR

THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AT THE AFRICAN SAFARI CLUB OFFICE WHO STILL DRESS DOWN ONCE A MONTH AND GIVE US THE COLLECTION

RICHARD JOHNSON FROM WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL IN YORKSHIRE SENT US £25 HE COLLECTED IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS..A LOVELY THOUGHT THANK YOU

BAILDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL HELD A NON UNIFORM DAY AND RAISED OVER £1600....

LAST YEARS THE CHOIR VISITED PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL WHO DECIDED TO MAKE THE SCA ONE OF THEIR CHARITIES FOR THE YEAR, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FANTASTIC CHEQUE FROM THEM FOR £4300 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

A PROUD BIG BROTHER

REMEMBER TOTAL MASHOMBO?

HERE HE IS WITH THE NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY CAROLINE, SHE IS JUST LIKE HER BROTHER AND SMILES

