

Kindfund Prayer Letter May 2015

Be kind to one another *Eph 4:32*

Working and Witnessing among the pastoralist
Turkana, Samburu and Rendille since 2004

John 10 : 27-30

My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the destroyer for good. No one can steal them out of my hand. The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get them away from him. I and the Father are one heart and mind. (The Message)

Editorial

We cry out to God for our 125 children as well as over 900 being reached through the Bible Education literature which we distribute to some schools and churches in the local areas. What a promise Jesus gives us in these verses in John 10. Our cry is, 'Father put all our children under Jesus' care that they may recognize his voice and follow him and be protected from the Destroyer and Thief.'

Thank you for your prayerful support. We all know how the Destroyer is continually up to no good in our lives, our families, the church, and we see so clearly the mess he is making in our communities and in the world. Let us be those who call upon the Lord, who stand in the gap who do battle with the principalities and powers in Jesus name and who exercise mercy and grace with those caught up in the Destroyer's web. "The Father is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief."

Our Kindfund Kenyan family pray regularly for you the wider Kindfund support family.

In this issue we have selected a few stories which reflect something of what is happening in Kindfund Kenya. Be sure to pray as God leads you.

Ken Dobbin

**Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held at the Cohannon Inn
Dungannon at 7.30pm on Wed 3rd June 2015**

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News Update



Double Mercy Mission

Report by Pamela McCracken

On Sunday 8th March a group from Ngaremara Children's Home drove to Losidan in Marsabit County to rescue a baby and to deliver much needed water carriers to our project at Ndikir.

The two week old baby boy was born outside the cultural norms of the Rendille tribe and his life was at risk.

The mother was 14 yrs old. (The reality of this risk was brought home to Ken a week later when he met the Ward Administration Officer in the local town. She confirmed the arrest of a man and woman the same week for the death of a child from another village in similar circumstances.

She also confirmed to Ken that the cultural practice remains widespread despite Government attempts to stop it). In the rescue group with Ken were: Bernard, student mechanic; Christine, trainee; and Saraine, Freda and Saiyee, teenage children from Ngaremara.

They left Ngaremara at 8am and drove for an hour and a half to Merille on tarmac where they turned off- road for an hour to Ndikir where Kindfund have their children's home and school on the edge of the desert.

At Ndikir they presented the water carriers to the Kindfund family to help with the drought situation they were experiencing. Here, the grandmother of the child and Julius, a volunteer teacher, joined the group in the car while Raphael went ahead on his motorcycle. On the way to Losidan they stopped briefly with the Senior Chief of the area to advise him of the purpose of the journey before continuing another 25kms off road. It is an extremely hot, dry and barren area with temperatures 35 degrees plus.



Arriving at an outlying boma (family enclosure) at Losidan, the group waited under the only tree for shelter with some of the local children while Christine went with the grandmother to collect the baby.

The group now with the baby comfortably on Christine's knee, travelled quickly back to Ngaremara after a short stop at the "5 star" hotel in Merille for refreshments (rice, goat meat and potato stew with chai (Kenyan tea made in milk). At 6pm, along with the Kindfund children in the Ngaremara home, I had the pleasure of welcoming the baby. After prayer for the safe journey and for the baby, he was named Caleb. He received his first bath and was dressed in new clothes by Esther, who looked after him for the next two nights.

The final stage of Caleb's journey to his new home began on Tuesday, when Ken and Pamela, Bernard, Christine and I accompanied him in the heat of the afternoon to Wamba. After 40 minutes on tarmac, the next hour was spent on a very rocky and bumpy journey to the Kindfund home at Wamba. Caleb who was on Christine's knee, rested his head on my knee and I cradled it in my hands to protect him from the worst of the jolts. I prayed the whole way for him to sleep and I was extremely grateful for God's grace, witnessing first-hand his peace which passes all understanding.

Caleb has been very content and is eating and sleeping well. He was introduced to the children and staff at Wamba home by Pamela, and Christine has been given the task of being mother. There was much excitement among the children. Caleb has joined three other small Rendille children rescued in similar circumstances. Please pray for Caleb as he settles in at Wamba and for the work with the 50 children in the Kindfund home there.



God's reinforcements

We continue to ask God to give us his staff for the homes. We have been encouraged by those he has brought along, including the return in management positions of Martha to Wamba and Josephine to Ngaremara, both after maternity leave. We also welcomed Kendi, a new house mother, to Ngaremara. Vera, the Danish lady we mentioned in our last newsletter, has now assumed the role of Director at Ngaremara and has moved to live on-site.

In July we hope to be welcoming Robert to Kindfund Kenya from USA where he has been working at the Mountain Mission School. He has experience of mission with the pastoralist tribes of N Kenya and has a vision for developing a work with the Samburu, rescuing babies and orphans.

Please pray for all our staff and in particular the management staff who have such an input in so many lives.



Visit by SAAB Engineering

In March we were pleased to welcome Brian and his team from SAAB engineering at Nanyuki to our Ngaremara home. They brought two large boxes of clothes for the children. The children expressed their thanks to Brian and to all the SAAB European staff who had donated the contents.

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That Rendille borehole again



Water restored through refurbished generator

We travelled 160 kms North to Ndikir in two vehicles. Accompanying us was Francis, a secondary school leaver, going to Ndikir to teach in our school.

We were on our way to deliver food for the month, fuel for Raphael's motorbike and to investigate if we could repair the diesel water pump. The community was without any water source, with both boreholes out of action, condemning the women to a 20kms round trip daily to bring water.

Deliveries unloaded, we drove to the borehole and our mechanics soon dismantled the generator. A team lifted it into the back of the pick-up. Unfortunately the damage was worse than expected and the generator had to travel the 220 kms to Meru. On Wednesday it was delivered to Ali Engineering in Meru. Their assessment was ready the following day.

One week later we collected the generator, paying Ksh 77,000, and incurring vehicle repairs of Ksh25,000, giving us a bill of £700. On Saturday we arrived at Ndikir to install the generator and soon water was flowing again. Now the village has a super abundance of water. God has blessed them with rain, giving water in their catchment areas, the solar borehole pump has been replaced by another charity, and the generator is back in action.

The following morning it was good to join Raphael and the young congregation under the tree to celebrate Easter morning. We had come up in two vehicles so were able to bring some of our Ngaremara young people to share with our Rendille children.



Post Primary for six of our children

Six of our children graduated from primary education in December. Two performed well enough in the KCPE exam to warrant an opportunity at secondary education. One has been sent on a two year technical training course and three started a Kindfund training course to give them a flavour of different aspects of work and learning, which will give them time to mature for a further year before final decisions are made on their future. Simon, who completed this course three years ago, went on to gain first place this year at Isiolo Technical College in the national mechanics exams.

New family of three

In March we were pleased to admit three children to the Ngaremara home; one a 15 year old girl who was at risk, along with two younger brothers. Despite her difficult circumstances, the girl had performed moderately well at KCPE and we were able to send her for a late start to the first term at the local secondary school.

Outreach Continues to Isiolo



On Sunday 15th March a party of 18 young people from our Ngaremara home set out for Isiolo (our local town) to take part in a special service at a church there.

Janet, the house mother, had arranged for a choir to visit the church and the opportunity enabled those children who had not taken part in the N Ireland visit to become part of the Outreach.



Jeremiah 9:24 *I am the Lord who exercises kindness*
Ephesians 4:32 *Be kind to one another*

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*'All...who were willing brought to the
Lord freewill offerings for all the work the
Lord commanded them to do.'* Ex.35:29.

The Home Front



Thank you!

All of you who have organised fundraising activities here in N Ireland: Schools and Sunday schools, who encouraged the children to think of others, during the period of Lent, Easter chicks, quiz nights, participants in the Belfast marathon (three teams entered), gifts to Kindfund in lieu of birthday presents, daffodil teas, coffee mornings and church praise nights. Also to those who have made a commitment to regular giving, please accept our thanks.

Summer Visitors

*Please pray for summer visitors coming to help
and to run Bible Camp in August.*

