

# Kindfund Prayer Letter October 2015

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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 Choir



## Letter from a mother

The letter to Pamela from the mother of Dennis, now aged seven years, a child who was in our care at our Wamba home, from a baby until the end of August 2015. Seven years ago, Dennis's mother was a young girl unable to look after him. She is now a mature woman with the means to provide for him and a desire to have him in her family.

I would like to thank you for what you have done for me and my son.

I must pass a word of THANK YOU for taking care of my son, you have put my son in safe hand since he was an infant upto now. I take you as the second parent of my son since you took care of him for seven good years, and that is why I must thank you,

May you receive gratitude from me and from my family. They are wishing you well. May you receive blessings from all corners of this planet. Have a well stay and May God bless the work of your hands,  
Thank you xxx

## Editorial

If you have read Pilgrim's Progress, thought about your own behaviour or observed the behavior of others you may understand the relevance of this verse from Isaiah. We are all so prone to wander from God's path for us that we need to be reminded to listen to that voice at our shoulder.

It has been our experience that God opens doors for us to go through. In the past 11 years this has taken us to Ngaremara then to Archers Post, Wamba and then Ndikir where we have established appropriate works to be a living witness to God's love as expressed through his son Jesus. In each case the door was an individual from each of those areas.

Again we have seen God at work as this year we have taken our first small steps with Robert and Lucinda who have come from USA in obedience to that voice and to serve the people of Oldonyiro, a remote mountainous area of great need between Isiolo and Wamba. In early September I visited Oldonyiro, 60kms West of Isiolo, with Robert and we are praying with him as he listens to what God wants him to do there. Then in August we were contacted by another family from USA, friends of Vera, who have been working and living a nomadic life mainly among the Gabbra tribe in the far North of Kenya West of Marsabit. I have written more of them and our developing relationship in this issue. We asked ourselves. "Is God directing us to Marsabit 240 kms North from Ngaremara (tarmac road should be finished in another 18 months) and a new area of work with disabled children?"

In this issue we have reports from some of our visitors. The report on the Bible Camp will be in the next issue. A recent photo of Caleb rescued in March shows a healthy boy now 6 months. (Top right).

In August we passed a 7 year old back to his mother after 7 years in our Wamba home and she wrote a short letter of thanks which I have included. (See back page)

In June we had our main UK board AGM. After 11 years it was time for major changes to make room for those who will take Kindfund forward as it moves into its second decade. Phil, Pamela and I all resigned as office bearers and were replaced by Jonathan Dobbin, Chairman; John Steen, Treasurer and Andrew Black as Secretary. Please pray for them as they step up to the challenges God lays before them.

Ken Dobbin

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Isaiah 30:22

Your teacher will be right there, local and on the job,  
urging you on whenever you wander left or right. "This  
is the right road. Walk down this road." (The Message)



## Visit Reports



### Reports from Georgia, Noah and Katie

#### Georgia and Noah's Report

Our time in Kenya has opened our hearts to the world around us, through the love and compassion that the people of Kenya can give, when they have so little themselves.

It has been inspiring to spend time with the Kindfund family for the past three weeks this year. The radiation of happiness has been influential on our day to day lives in England. The children of Kindfund have a way of showing you perspective, about how the seemingly important things at home never really matter.





Throughout our time in Kenya, we decided to trigger the children's imaginations by playing games with them such as: rounders, football and even a sports day with the help of our friend Katie Glenn, where the children were able to do races from an egg and spoon race to the sack race. One of our projects whilst we were staying in the Wamba home, was to create a mural in the girls' dormitory. We thought it would be nice to have the children participate in the mural, so we decided to do a Kindfund family tree again, using their handprints to form the leaves of the African Acacia tree.

It has been an emotional journey, where we have seen the work of the Lord bless so many vulnerable children. We will be eternally grateful to Ken and Pamela for inviting us into their lives and for the work that they are doing in Kenya. God Bless, (Editor – we now have two babies in Kindfund called Georgia and Noah)

### Katie's Report

On 5th July I began a six week visit to Kindfund. I had visited previously in 2014 and spent time with the children during the outreach tour the same year. After keeping in touch with the children I was extremely excited to see them again.

The children, trainees and staff at Kindfund were again a blessing to me over my visit. They have a beautiful way of gently guiding you to 'un-become' everything that isn't really you so that you can be the person God intended you to be.

My time at Kindfund was divided between Ngaremara and Wamba. At Wamba I was privileged to be able to teach English at the Primary school. It was inspiring to experience the children's drive to achieve. They appreciated being there. The Kindfund children were all very sweet and caring looking after me as their classmates gathered around excitedly trying to see the visiting Madam.

At the home in Wamba I enjoyed painting a mural in the girl's dormitory and organising sports activities.

I had prepared a sports day involving team relays as the children were to be split into teams/crews for the "Everest" bible camp coming in August. It was a blessing to see how God used this as an opportunity to teach the children the ingredients required to be effective leaders

under Him and to work together as one family of God. With the help of staff member Martin and visitors Noah and Georgia the children all had great fun. Helen, who is in her final year of secondary school, was an inspiration to me during my visit. Together we prepared a choir to sing the praise songs for bible camp. During our practices she led the younger children with patience, gentleness and love. When the bible camp arrived we all learnt of God's power, love, and provision whilst the Lord provided opportunities for outreach in the community.

The youth of Kindfund have had a lasting impact on my life as God has revealed his plans for my future. I had the opportunity to go into the local village at Ngaremara several times with the trainee girls. It was an eye-opener to see how the locals live their day to day lives. I was blessed as I met their friends, a family member and many Turkana women. I felt I was finally 'home' as we walked together, laughing, joking and visiting girls I met on my last visit, who were now grown up and living outside the home. When I saw where these young women had come from compared to where they are now I was extremely proud of them, thankful to the Lord and thankful for the blessing Kindfund is to entire communities. I'll never forget the sisterly bond shared between us all. The staff of Kindfund, kindly took me into Isiolo town on several occasions. Esther (staff) and I met with a group of street-boys aged around 10 to 16 each time and bought them fruit. They had nothing but the clothes on their back and the bottles of glue in their arms. The way they cope in difficult circumstances is deeply moving.

These few words cannot describe all the emotional experiences and Godly appointments I have had this summer. I will miss the Kindfund family and I look forward to returning to Kenya.

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## Work with the Disabled



In August we were visited by friends of Vera from the far North of Kenya called LaRoche and originally from California. David, an engineer and BJ, a veterinarian, came to Kenya as missionaries in 1988 to work on projects to help the Gabbra tribe. They have a daughter now 20 yrs, an adopted son from the Burgee tribe aged 19 and they have cared for a severely physically and mentally disabled Gabbra boy for the last 12 yrs. They can only be described as pioneers living a nomadic life, with their own camels and goats, for the last 7 yrs alongside the Gabbra.

Many times they have been asked to help with other disabled children and they have felt a calling to provide a small home for between 5 and 10 disabled children from the many in the area but have been wondering how that might happen. (The disabled are neglected and often abandoned as caring for them is so difficult in the pastoralist environment: Just when writing this I was informed of a priest travelling in the North who came across an abandoned disabled girl tied to a tree at the side of the road. He had untied and taken her to hospital. We later heard that the child was being treated at home like an animal- tied up all day). Then the LaRoches heard about Kindfund and eventually met us in August. We have since followed up - visiting them in Marsabit, 240kms N of Isiolo and close to the border with Ethiopia. We have begun a dialogue with them to see how we can work together for the glory of God and for what he wants to do through them for some disabled children. Initially we have agreed a modest budget, to enable them to develop some facilities and take on extra disabled children once the facilities are ready later this year.

*Please join the Kindfund Board in praying for wisdom about how to engage with this new area. We would be encouraged to hear specifically from you if you feel God is touching you to support this work. We have already been encouraged by one of our senior girls who, on hearing about the work being planned by the La Roche family, felt God touching her heart. She came quietly to Pamela to express an interest in going to help - a challenge in the remote North of Kenya.*

## Other News

After a further visit to Marsabit by Ken, the new County Government confirmed the allocation of land at Ndirir (Rendille project) to Kindfund and increased to 20 acres the allocation for a children's home and a primary school.

David LaRoche has been putting us in touch with relevant people to help discover and drill for water at Ndirir – this will be a major project on its own and we are trying to get another charity to help us with the cost.

We were greatly blessed when 40 children from our Rendille project came to Ngaremara for the Bible Camp. Continue to pray for them.

Grace, a 13 year old Rendille girl sponsored by us to Isiolo School for the hearing impaired and sister of Ruth, one of our senior girls in Ngaremara, has been elected to represent the disabled at the Kenyan Children's Parliament. In 2016 she will travel to Japan and Israel to experience their children's parliaments

At Wamba we have added several additional play and sports facilities for the children – football, volleyball, parallel bars, tree rope swing and stepping stones/camp council seats.

In early September a choir from our Ngaremara home was invited to sing at the main Anglican Church in Isiolo. They have another engagement at a church in Isiolo in October. Pray for the children as they engage in outreach.

Pray for Emmanuel (6 yrs) as he travels 300 kms with a house mother to Kijabe Mission Hospital on 14th October for his second stage operation of reconstruction.



Grace a 13 year old Rendille girl sponsored by Kindfund to Isiolo School for the hearing impaired

Noah and Georgia at Wamba with Pamela and children.

