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Thankful – A story through Serengeti Trek

This summer saw a team head out from Northern Ireland, Kenya-bound to enjoy time with Kindfund and to run the annual Bible Camp at their HQ. Our team was smaller, our task was not; but having seen how successfully Bible Camp rolled out last year, I knew we were able to trust God for all that we needed.

We were immediately greatly encouraged to learn that we had 120 children of which 50 had come from the Rendille (c.5% Christian) in the far North. 14 of these were from a remote village school. They had been using Kindfund Bible Education Service (BES) material.

Last year my faith was tested and strengthened, so to be leading a team to enable the delivery of a Bible Camp at Kindfund for the second year was not as daunting as it had been the year before. I believed the word of God spoken to me through Matthew 11:30, where Jesus says "His yoke is easy and light" and after a time of preparation with the team I headed to Kenya with a deeper sense of knowing God and resting in His strength.

Mark 12:30 reminds us of the greatest commandment, "To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Our team took time in Kenya during morning devotions to go deeper with God and to embark on a journey of discovery of how graciously God works out this love in us who believe.

In number we were half the team of last year; however four were from our previous team and our newest recruit, Naomi, had a strong desire to step out in faith. William and Gillian enabled camp logistics to run smoothly and Billy's gift of helping facilitated tables to be wiped and water bottles to be filled. Together under God we worked well and his blessings flowed.

The Kindfund managers were well prepared and adjustment to this year's programme was seamless and easy. They immediately caught the ball, ran with it and became one team with us to be a winning combination for Christ. The work of the morning Bible Camp was literally halved; we ran two stations each, shared the leadership at the front during the praise and teaching sessions and very much joined together as one in Him under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I praised God as Kindfund managers took on leadership of the afternoon and evening sessions with great energy and enthusiasm. This was a great personal affirmation of the vision I had for Bible Camp at Kindfund; to share the pattern with Kenya and then leave once they had "got it", so to speak. Not only had the managers caught the vision but the youth were rising to take on the reins of leadership. I sensed that my job was complete, as I had trained the Ireland team and passed the baton to the Kenyan team who were now up and running with it. I was thankful, humbled and delighted.

Anne

PRAY for Anne as she considers God's direction for her life.

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Prayer Letter October 2016

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

Editorial

What a full summer, as we have worked together to take forward the work the Lord has given us through Kindfund.

In this prayer letter there are a selection of items which reflect on some of that activity: from Ruth and Matt, our first two visitors in June; Anne and Gillian who helped put together the Bible Camp; Robert, our brother from Virginia with a mission in child rescue; Damaris, one of our grown-up children, starting to find her feet; and from Pamela a short reflection on being Mum.



The summer also saw an intensive programme of building and expansion as we set about developing the Rendille home to cater for up to 60 children (currently 10), and added buildings to the other two homes to cater for more babies and education (Kindfund Hope Primary School opened in May).

Applications were submitted to Government for the new school and the renewal of the three-year registration of the Ngaremara home from September, and to Isiolo County for title to the land at Ngaremara. We are pleased to report that after 12 years the title to the 7.7-acre site at Ngaremara is finally confirmed in the name of Kindfund, joining the other two sites of 5 acres at Wamba and 20 acres at Ndirkir.

A very busy and profitable summer!

Remember to pray with wisdom and intensity – it is the oxygen that ensures our survival and growth.

Ken Dobbin

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The essence of a visit to Kindfund



After getting back and settling into reality in Ireland, our time with Kindfund in Kenya feels like a dream!

Ruth's family has been involved in the work of Kindfund for a number of years and were hosts for the Kindfund Outreach Programme in the UK during 2014. When the children returned to Kenya it was amazing to see the impact they left behind; they had inspired many around them with their stories, singing and smiles. It was now our turn to visit the children in their home and to hopefully leave our mark for the children in Kenya. It was lovely to see the children who had been in N. Ireland and to see how they had grown and to hear their stories of life after the Outreach Programme as well as getting to meet all their siblings and friends whom we had heard so much about.

Matt, having just finished his degree in Primary School Teaching in Stranmillis University College in Belfast, was excited to meet the new children and to do what he loves doing in a new environment and to learn from the children and the Kindfund School. Neither of us knew what to expect but it was exceptional and better than we ever could have imagined.

From the outset we were greeted by a mixture of familiar and new faces along with some heart-warming singing and we were instantly made to feel at home. The children insisted on carrying our bags and showing us to our rooms and this was just the beginning of what they would do for us during our visit. They took the time to introduce themselves and to find out a little about us, inquiring about all the host families they had met and their sponsors. It is hard to imagine the impact any of us can have on one of these children's lives but the light in their eyes when they spoke of the previous visitors and the host families said it all. It was clear to us both from the first minute we sat down and were surrounded by all of the children at Ngaremara that we would love our time with Kindfund.

We spent our first few days getting to know all of the amazing children and hardworking staff. Monday morning and the beginning of our first school week in Kenya quickly arrived and we got the opportunity to meet Dan, the headmaster of the school at Kindfund, and the two teachers who worked in Ngaremara, Stephen and Robert. Our days during that week were spent working with the teachers and getting the opportunity to teach the standard

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



5, 6 and 7 classes based in Ngaramara. The children were wonderfully welcoming and extremely passionate about their studies; they even had to be persuaded to leave the classrooms during their midterm break (children at home could learn a lot from them!) We spent our evenings playing with, getting to know and entertaining the children. They learned some new songs and games, even some Irish dancing. We learned some Swahili and a number of interesting Samburu dances, with varying degrees of success! Ruth was even invited by the staff and children to help prepare dinner for everyone at the Ngaramara home, which was certainly no small task.

Our first week came to a close with a seminar, taken by Matt, with all of the teaching staff from Ngaramara and Wamba. Here we were introduced to Felix and Grace, the two teachers working at the Wamba home. The seminar focused on all the progress made by the teaching staff and Dan as headmaster so far and we discussed how we could further progress the school, to improve the pupils' experience and success.

Our trip to Wamba was made via a road unlike anything either of us had experienced before. Wamba was an equally amazing but completely different experience. The younger children at Wamba, some of whom have been at Kindfund since the first few days of their lives, were unimaginably loving and caring. They provided constant entertainment and were a source of love and laughs throughout our time there. We also had the opportunity to spend time with the four girls in standard 8 of primary school during their half term break.

During the school day with the standard 1, 2, 3 and 4 classes, we worked with Felix and Grace to implement some of the changes we had discussed at the previous week's seminar to a great deal of success, shown in the huge overall improvements in all the school children's midterm exam results. We even got to visit the home at Rendille to see the on-going construction that looked to be creating an amazing site. After some emotional goodbyes at Wamba, we headed back to Ngaramara for our last few days with the children there. After some more very emotional goodbyes at Ngaramara, our journey at Kindfund ended and our journey home began.

Our visit to Kindfund was an experience that neither of us will ever forget. To all those who fundraise and spread awareness of Kindfund: Your thoughts, prayers, donations and support are very much appreciated and really do fantastic things for those who need them most. Pamela told us, 'What these children really need is to be loved.' So please continue to love them with all your heart.

Ruth and Matt

Growing up with God - My time in YWAM Athi River Base

YWAM is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus Christ personally to this generation.

YWAM was the right place to be. I enjoyed being part of YWAM for five months. Three months for lectures and two months for outreach. I have seen God working in my life throughout the five months in YWAM. I thank God a lot because during my time at YWAM I was able to talk with Him and hear His voice. I am now a different person compared to the previous life. God has taken me far. My encouragement is for all of us to seek God's kingdom first and all other things will be added to us [Matthew 6:33]. He said to them, Go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This is now my challenge starting with the Kindfund family of 125 children and 35 staff.

Our class Theme in YWAM: Romans 1:17 - The just shall live by Faith.

May God bless you all! Damaris

(Photo back page girl on right holding baby)

PRAY Remember to pray for Damaris and our other young people as they find their way in life

How God can touch your life when you are obedient to his prompting

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt 19 v14

For two summers now I have visited Kindfund in Kenya. Having first met some of the children when they visited Northern Ireland in 2014, it was an even more special experience to see them and their friends in Kenya. The smiles and laughter from these kids, who have every right to be mad at the world, was a really humbling experience. Who am I and why did I think I could help these children, when in fact I was the one who came home blessed by them.

Over the last two years there have been many changes for me as God has led and directed me. Kenya and these kids have been a major part of all my thoughts and prayers in that time. God had a plan when I at the time could see none. As I was leaving Kenya this summer, the verse above from Matthew 19 came to my mind. What a challenge that is.

Again I ask, Who am I? What can I ever do? God knows me, He created me and He knows the love I have to give, and so I go back to my family in Kindfund Kenya and the children God has trusted me to love.

As I move into this new chapter in my life, I will go in the strength of the Lord and look forward to the direction He will lead.

Gillian

PRAY for Gillian who, discerning God's call, is travelling back to Kindfund with Ken and Pamela at end of November for three months.

Baby Rescue



"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31: 20

This is Catherine who, 11 years ago, found and rescued my son Jaden. Since last August 2015 she has rescued five other babies. She called this morning to remind me of her trip that she was taking today riding on the back of a motorcycle to a village to check on an unwanted baby that was due to be born. She just called again to inform me that when she arrived the baby had already been delivered and abandoned in the bush. She asked to be taken to the location where the baby was laid and when she arrived the baby was gone and she saw hyena tracks all around the area where the baby was laid. As I write this post Catherine is returning home on the back of a motorcycle through the bush in the dark. If that little baby had survived, Catherine would be holding that baby in one arm while riding on the back of a motorcycle through the bush in the dark. She's a very special lady.

Catherine is a single parent with three teenagers. She is a teacher and, best of all, she is a Christian! In your prayers, please remember Catherine and her children, and pray for Catherine's safety as she regularly travels on the back of a motorcycle to distant villages to locate and rescue unwanted and abandoned babies.

Please pray for wisdom for us as we make plans to expand our ministry further away from where we have been concentrating our efforts. Like spokes on a wheel, our plan is to have major rescue hubs located in Samburu, Isiolo, and Marsabit counties, with spokes radiating from each hub into remote villages, creating a network of "Catherines"



partnering together with us. Because of the vast remote area that these three counties cover, it is difficult, if not impossible, at times to reach an abandoned baby quick enough before the baby dies. Our hope is that by building a network of "Catherines" communicating with each other we will locate more children at risk and be quicker to respond. Catherine, the "hub" in Isiolo county, has made many trips into other remote villages, meeting and making new contacts with other ladies who have given her information that has led to the rescue of six babies to date.

In September 2016 I made a trip to a village outside of Wamba to meet a Christian Samburu lady (a new "hub" for Samburu County?) who rescued a baby boy in June 2016; Kindfund named him Gideon. She is a compassionate lady willing to go against what is culturally acceptable and partner with us. Believe it or not this lady's name is also Catherine! God does answer prayer.

Please also pray for the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of the Samburu and the Rendille people to the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Though some success has been made, the percentage of evangelical Christians among these tribes is still small and mostly women and children. The young men (warriors) and the old men (elders) have been very resistant to the Gospel, being zealous for their traditions and sometimes persecuting those who become Christians.

Since moving to Kenya in July 2015, I will be traveling for the first time to the USA in October to explain about the work we are doing here in Kenya. Please pray that as I speak at churches, and with family and friends, I will communicate clearly about the work we are doing to rescue babies and young girls who are victims of harmful cultural practices.

Pray that others will join our team to help us continue rescuing and raising these children in the love of the Lord.

Praise God for the good care and healthy progress of Joy, Diana, Allen, and Gideon. Our newest little boy, Lekishon, is small but he appears to be healthy and doing well too.

Another Praise is for our new baby nursery at Kindfund, Ngaramara. Just finished, it is a bright and cheerful environment for the babies to enjoy.

Robert Wills

PRAY Remember Robert visiting USA in October to share about his vision

