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commanded them to do.' Ex.35:29.*

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God at work in the smiles of the babies



As I write, I've just returned from three months in Kindfund Kenya. It's only been a few days and already I'm heartbroken and missing all of MY children, as I've come to think of them; although I have to admit that the babies in particular have stolen my heart. To think these babies had been abandoned and unwanted, when to see them now; happy, thriving, arms up wanting to be lifted for a hug. It would bring tears to the eyes. Tears of joy. Many times, when holding Gideon in my arms until he fell asleep, I took him to the nursery and laid him down. I just sat beside him, prayed for him and cried as he slept. This is just one example of the awesome privilege God has given me to love and care, in all ways, for these precious children. An instant family. From the day, wee Diana called me 'mama' to the day she took her first steps coming towards me for a cuddle! Yes, you've guessed it - I cried!! Whenever anyone was looking for me, I was sure to be found in the nursery.

As I got stuck into the practical side of the work also, doing a wide range of things from visits to the Kenyan tax office to fixing a barbed wire fence. I and Kindfund, as 1 Peter says, can only do it in the strength God provides with the gifts He has given us, so that in all things (and through this work) God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

The prayers and support of you all is invaluable and I have seen firsthand the result. God at work in the smiles of the babies and the singing of the older kids. The children in the dormitory holding hands and praying together before bed. So please continue to pray so that in serving others God may be praised and to Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Gillian March 2017



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever." 1 Peter 4 v10-11.

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

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Prayer Letter April 2017

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Editorial

I trust you will find the short reports in this edition interesting and challenging. Driving to Enniskillen recently my mind was turning over thoughts about Kindfund. I asked, is it clear what we are doing? How can I articulate it to help understanding? The thought "Investors in People" came to mind. Surely that is a name for a Government Training Programme for workers. Yet it seemed right – Investors in Children – rescue from death, from abuse, from neglect, from exploitation, from being orphaned and placing them in Kindfund a caring family where they can be nurtured in God's word and supported through education and training to maturity. Pamela, in this issue, has expressed her thoughts on receiving new children. This life's journey we have engaged in with our children, now around 125 of them, brings us many challenges (and blessings) and we need your prayerful support that we may have the wisdom, energy and resources to guide them through to adulthood and their place as citizens of the Kingdom of God and citizens of Kenya. Stephen, one of the first of our own boys, also has given us a report of his experience which is just one of the many different life journeys progressing.

One of the agenda items at our March Board meeting was adoption as an alternative route for some of our children. We have decided to explore it with one young Kenyan family who have approached us through one of the two authorised adoption agencies in Kenya. **Please pray about this and all aspects of managing our three Children's homes. We are co-workers together and your intercession will bring God's direction.**

Pamela and I were accompanied by Gillian for our three-month trip which began on 28th November 2016. After Christmas and the New Year with the children, the three of us were joined first by Andrew (our son on his first visit) and Helen for two weeks followed immediately by William (Gillian's brother on his third visit) for two weeks. At the beginning of January, we had a day with the Australian Broadcasting Company at our Ngaremara Home recording a story on Kindfund which had come to their attention through an earlier newspaper story on child rescue. The final visit involved Saab Engineering from Sweden when we welcomed a director from Sweden and their Kenyan management for breakfast and a tour of our Ngaremara home.

On the visit, we also started and completed building work at Wamba (two new classrooms and a teacher's office) and finished the expansion of the Ndirkir Marsabit home which had started in June (currently nine children with immediate accommodation for an additional 15 children and readily expandable to 60 children). This home is in the worst hit of the three Kenyan counties impacted by the famine in the Horn of Africa. Our other homes are in the other two. This has encouraged our Board to agree to a food support programme for other members of our local communities who are vulnerable to the famine.

Pamela and Ken return to Kenya after Easter and will be taking forward many of these and other issues. Please cover us in prayer.

Ken Dobbin



Living Waters for thirsty souls

Having travelled to Africa with another charity to work with street children in Kampala, I have followed the work of Kindfund with great interest. So, when Andrew (my son-in-law) said he was thinking of visiting his parents and kindly asked if I would like to join him on the trip the only answer was yes.

I knew that there was no way I could go to Africa just for a "holiday" but would like to do something with the children. Pamela suggested that I could teach the older children how to knit and do some craft with the younger children. We spent our first three days in Ngaremara, moving to Wamba on Thursday and returning to Ngaremara the following Tuesday. Knitting & Craft was slotted into the schools' timetable and in both schools the children excitedly participated in the craft, with everyone taking away the finished article to proudly display. Knitting was tackled with enthusiasm and for some proved to be a challenge. Richard, the young teacher, quickly grasped the technique and together we got to grips with teaching the children how to manipulate knitting needles and wool.

The end of our first week found us in Wamba and on the Saturday night we enjoyed a party with all the children. We played various games, followed by team games using balloons - what excitement when everyone left wearing a neon glow band.

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Living Waters for thirsty souls cont...

Having read about the babies that had been rescued and brought to the nursery in Ngaremara, it was wonderful to see Gideon, Diana, Joy and Jonathan looking so healthy and full of life. Praise God that Kindfund is a light shining in the darkness. I have brought home so many memories but here are just a few:

- The resounding screams of fun and laughter as the children competed against each other in teams using balloons
- Watching the neon glow bands in the dark as the children made their way to their dormitories
- Sunday morning service in Wamba led by the children; their voices in perfect harmony praising God was priceless
- The privilege Andrew & I shared of taking Emily, Moses and Patrick to Kianjai Polytechnic and seeing them settled into their new surroundings
- Seeing people and animals digging the dry water beds in search of water
- The black velvet sky at night studded with thousands of stars immediately bringing to mind that the heavens declare the glory of God - what a marvellous display of His craftsmanship - awesome!

Being in Africa brought home to me the fact that with the help of torches etc. we can get by without electricity but we cannot survive without water. No matter where we live, be it Kenya or N Ireland, we all need water; we all need the water of life which Jesus offers to us. In John 4 Jesus has promised that if we accept this living water we shall never thirst again - now that's an offer no one can reject. Ken & Pamela have brought the living water to the children in Kindfund, leading by their example, helping and encouraging them to let their roots sink deep into the word of God so that they are like trees along a river bank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Psalm 1:3.

It was a privilege to have spent some time with Ken and Pamela in Kenya, to meet Gillian, the children and staff that all make up the Kindfund family. May God continue to bless your work.

Helen Mitchell

New children in our homes Dec-Feb 17



One thing that really touched my heart during our Dec-Feb stay in Kenya was the new children who came into our homes. When we arrived in Ngaremara there were two siblings who had arrived the week before us - Katerina, approximately 12 years old, and her brother Thomas, 7 years old. They looked lost and lonely at first, especially Katerina and she always seemed to be sitting on her own. By early January the change in both of them was beautiful to see. Those lost, lonely expressions were now replaced with laughter as they settled into their new family life, playing with their new brothers and sisters.

In mid-January, we welcomed Sara (about 7 years) and Anna (almost 2 years) into our Wamba home. Their mum had passed away a year ago. Their grandfather was too old and poor to look after them and the local Catholic Mission had lovingly cared for them for almost a year. When they came at first, Sara lay in the cot beside Anna until she went to sleep. They adapted very quickly to life in our home. Anna always had two arms up for hugs, always with a smile which was impossible to resist.

Another Thomas, about 7 years, arrived in our Wamba home mid-February. His parents had passed away and he was living with neighbours. He hadn't been to school and he only spoke his tribal language and had been looking after goats. Again, his shy smile tugged at our heart strings. He is now at nursery school and picking up the Swahili language very quickly.

It is a privilege to be able to love and care for these children. They bless us so much. Yes, there are challenges but the blessings outweigh them. To see over 20 young children together, that is our junior department at Wamba, each night singing praise and worship songs to the Lord, and to hear them pray must bring a smile to our Lord's face.

We thank the Lord for His goodness and love and the opportunity to care for these little ones.

Pamela

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(Stephen is teaching at Kindfund Hope Primary School Wamba and attends Primary Teacher Training College at Embu during vacations. He will achieve a Primary School Teacher qualification)

A life restored



I was born in March 1997. My biological father rejected me immediately as his son. Three months later my mother fell ill and my grandmother took care of me. My mother finally died and left me an orphan. In 2006 it was God's plan for Kindfund to come into my life. I was nine years old. My grandmother sent me to Kindfund to start the feeding programme since food was scarce at home. A woman called Nancy was responsible for determining our problems and presenting them to Kindfund. I gathered my courage and joined the Kindfund children's home.

In 2009 Kindfund supported my education, and Ken and Pamela began a programme of spiritual development for all the children through Bible study. We had several Bible camps held at Ngaremara children's home for Kilimani, Wamba and Archer's Post children, supported by Kindfund.

I finished my primary education in 2011, attaining average marks. Kindfund was still impressed with my performance and they gave me a lot of support for secondary education level. It was in this year that some of the older children were taken out of the home due to discipline issues, leaving me and Damaris.

We follow the Kindfund culture, as taught by Pamela and Ken, to depend always on God through prayer. I behaved as a good example and I was given the responsibility of head boy of the home.

In 2013 I was forced to leave the home. My sister who had been living with my grandmother got married and went away leaving my grandmother alone. She was old and had problems with her eyes. I requested to stay with her so that I could help her and I was given the opportunity but with Kindfund support and care.

In 2015 I finished my secondary education, attaining an average grade which qualified me to go to college or university. In the same year I wrote a letter giving thanks to the Kindfund organisation for the bright future Ken and Pamela had given me in life. After Ken and Pamela had read the letter of thanks, they wanted to talk with me. I responded and we had a talk in which Ken asked me to help my brother and sister stay at Laisamis by teaching them (teaching at our Kindfund Primary school and children's home). I agreed and went to Laisamis at a new village called Ndikir with a hot climate, and through God's power and Kindfund prayer I stayed there for six months, sharing the Word of God and education with my little brothers and sisters.

I went to Ken and requested to pursue a course in education and he agreed to support me in being educated at college level, and also for Kindfund to help my brother.

At the moment I am still in touch with Kindfund and am posted at Wamba children's home. I give much thanks to God and to Ken and Pamela for saving my life and future.

Stephen Erau



Fundraising



Scout and Guide Project

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Out and about

Thanks to our volunteers - some activities on the home front

- **238th Lylehill Presbyterian Girls Brigade** provided a fundraising opportunity for Kindfund. On Friday 3rd March Catherine and Andrew McCutcheon and Daphne and Philip Lucas provided refreshments at the Girls Brigade NI Final Associate PE at Trinity Methodist Lisburn. Thank you to everyone for your donations to Kindfund.
- **Jonathan Dobbin** spoke to the various sections of the Girls Brigade at West Church Bangor and to the Boys Brigade sections at Magheramason Presbyterian Church Strabane.
- **Scout and Guide Project** (Maurice Lee and Paul Dickson) Following discussion and permission given from Fermanagh Scout Commissioner and from District Commissioner Guides Maurice and Paul have taken forward the Kindfund Scout Badge project with the following Groups /Sections. 1st Magheraculmoney Rainbow Guides, Brownie Unit, Guides, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, 1st Ballinamallard Cub Scouts, 1st Tempo/Clabby Squirrels, Tempo/Clabby Beavers, Cub Scouts and Scouts. Five other Fermanagh Scout Groups plan to work on the badge next season.
- **Gillian Stevenson** spoke about her visit to Mullaghmeen Baptist Good News Club, FCF women and Devenish College Scripture Union in Enniskillen while Ken, Pamela and Gillian shared with two Co Fermanagh Mothers Union groups in March
- **Netherlands:** Kindfund is now an ANBI foundation. Thanks to Gerda for obtaining this tax advantage in the Netherlands. Our € account in Donegal is much healthier with her kind support. Please support her with your prayer.