

# Kindfund - Prayer Letter



## May/June 10

O Lord my God, you have done many miracles for us.

Your plans for us are too numerous to list.

If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds,

I would never come to the end of them. **Psalm 40:5**

We have been very much struck in recent days by the awesome majesty and creative genius of God. We have marveled at the night sky and we have never ceased to be amazed by the infinite beauty and variety of creation as we have enjoyed the freshness and new life of Spring. We can't help but hear God proclaiming from all of this magnificence, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' and we are again reminded in the words of John 1:3 ... 'all things were made through him (Jesus) and without him was nothing made that was made.'

We turn our thoughts and our eyes again to all the children on our various programmes and we count ourselves blessed to be part of what God is doing in their lives. All of us who are partners in this endeavour to obey God's command to serve the orphan, the poor and the widow can count ourselves blessed.

### The over arching vision

It is good to remind ourselves of what our overarching vision is for this work - "an army of children from the pastoralist communities of Northern Kenya on fire for the Lord." We are not just another charity doing good, feeding and clothing the poor, supporting education and where we can providing clean water. We are all of that and we do it efficiently and with integrity but we are much more. We are partners with God the Holy Spirit as we bring hope back into broken lives through worship and knowledge of God and the redemptive work of Jesus. As partners we earnestly desire your prayers as you join with us in this battle to see young lives rescued from ignorance and tradition and won into the Kingdom.

### The working out of that vision at local project level

In 2004 the work of Kindfund began at Ngaremara, a district 20kms north of Isiolo in the Turkana area when we undertook to support 60 nursery children, their two teachers and a cook (we now support 15 nursery schools). As we lived among the people we quickly realized the desperate situation of some orphans and poor children leading us to commence the 'meal a day' programme which has now grown to support two hundred children at four locations expanding the work to the Samburu and the Rendille tribes. This programme resulted in us identifying young children living 'home alone' mainly as a result of the scourge of HIV and gave us the rationale for the development of our first children's home in 2008.

At the same time we became involved helping hearing and visually impaired children; and other children through secondary education. Where we saw needs we tried to help and this has led us to support elderly by supplementing their food supply and to improve the health of whole villages by digging bore holes and installing hand pumps to provide clean water. We have installed seven. The most recent funded by the pupils of Erne Integrated College completed last month for our Rendille 'meal a day' programme and Children's Home. Each bore hole and hand pump now costs c. £900.

Today Kindfund has two 50 bed children's homes of its own and will later this year commence a third. At each of the three home sites we maintain a 'meal a day' feeding programme for 40 needy children, mainly orphans. We also support two locally run children's homes with all their food and

personal requirements. One has 74 children and the other is a home for partially sighted and blind with 20 children attached to a primary school.

This all involves distributing c. 4 tonnes of food (cost c. £1600) each month. The projects are spread over 150kms of remote countryside which challenges our 1979 land rover, partially rebuilt last year to keep it fit for purpose, by installing an Isuzu diesel engine shipped out from Northern Ireland by friends in N Kenya.

In our homes we have 5 babies and 5 children with HIV. The result is that we are rarely without at least one child in one of the local hospitals.

To make this all possible we employ 22 staff in Kenya paying mainly between £25 and £50 per month. We run a small savings scheme for the staff and all of them are included in the National Hospital Insurance Fund which supports them and all immediate family members should hospitalisation become necessary.

All administration in UK is provided by voluntary help and specific gifts. All donations to Kindfund are therefore transferred to Kindfund Kenya. Currently our basic monthly running costs are £3,500 before student fees and capital expenditure, and this is met through a child sponsorship programme supported mainly by monthly standing orders, through individual gifts and gift aid claimed from the Government. You can find out more about Kindfund from our website [www.kindfund.com](http://www.kindfund.com). Enclosed is a copy of our financial statement as presented to our recent AGM

### **Resources required taking forward the commission**

We have an amazing opportunity to influence many young lives for Jesus and it has been a joy to see the children in the homes blossom under the Christian influence of our leadership team. There is so much more we can achieve but a spiritual war rages and the powers of darkness in this world do not want to see us succeed. We need to employ 1 or 2 mature local Christians who can develop the opportunities beyond the Children's Homes with the 200 children on the feeding programmes and with children in the local primary and secondary schools where we have entrance.

We have been frustrated twice now trying to get bible materials to our projects and we need your prayers for the success of the shipment of bible material being undertaken by Every Home Crusade. We also need prayer to help us to identify the right people to take this work forward.

Close to our hearts is the further development of our relationship with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) when they come to visit us this summer. Please pray for God's wisdom that we will know how to proceed together in N Kenya.

Thank you for your past prayerful support. Will you stand with us and ask our Heavenly Father to provide resources, people and materials that will enable us to touch many young lives within our reach with the Good News of God's love, mercy and kindness in word and deed?

### **Summer Team 2010 (16<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> September)**

Seven team members (self funded) are visiting the projects during June to September. Please pray for Henrietta, Linda, Sharon, James, Hannah, Kim and Duane that they will know God's plans for themselves and that they will experience his blessing. Pray also for Ken and Pamela.

### **How to Help**

- Pray – when we work we work; when we pray God works.
- Sponsorship from £5/€8 per month (ask for a pack) or gifts to Kindfund, Manoo, Kesh BT93 1TL.
- Invitation to share about the work or purchase a **gift card** (Tel. 028 6863 1562).
- Share this prayer letter with a friend or fellowship

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

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