

# Kindfund - Prayer Letter



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

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**Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 1 Corinthians 13:7**

Lord Jesus, impact my soul with a sense of your great love and tenderness that I may manifest it to others. Amen.

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Remember the work to which we have all been called is a powerful demonstration of Jesus' command to love and lay down our lives for our neighbour. It is also a test for each of us.

We have an opportunity to witness to Jesus' love beyond the children's homes, feeding programmes and nursery schools into schools and communities in a land of famine and tribal trouble among the remote pastoralists of Northern Kenya. Can we meet the challenge?

Nuala from Ederney and Diane from Fivemiletown share their experiences

### **Nuala O'Reilly**

My trip to Kenya in June was a truly memorable experience and I thank God for calling me to become involved. To see first hand the dedicated and committed team making such a difference to a life in Kenya of absolute poverty, drought, famine and disease was all inspiring.

My days were spent getting to know God's beautiful children. I can still see clearly the smiles on their faces and hear their amazing singing in proclaiming their love of God. A lot of them are orphaned because of AIDS. It was great spending time with them playing, telling stories, giving TLC and of course sweets and chewing gum which they love most of all. I think it was the bubbles.

My nursing skills were put to use in attending to basic health care needs with a few medical emergencies. Education was given to the staff about various health problems and treatments as well as organising medical check - ups and developing records for each child.

I think of Elizabeth very often in my reflection. She is 10 yrs old and HIV+. I can still see her fragile little body lying in bed in the children's home in Wamba and her so sick. She had a very high temperature from pneumonia. We were able to get her admitted the next day into the local hospital for intravenous antibiotics (a life saving treatment ) and she subsequently made a full recovery, thank God.



I had a wonderful 8 weeks in Kenya filled with lots of love, laughter, tears and most of all Christian Fellowship.

It was a privilege and honour to have been there.

**Diane Stronge -Kenya July 2009** (full report on website [www.kindfund.com](http://www.kindfund.com) – Visitor reports)

So much happened in such a small space of time, it's difficult to put into words. I feel like I've been through a rollercoaster of emotions and am only able to talk about it properly now.

I have to start with the children we were so blessed to spend time with in all of the children's homes. Coming from our luxurious Western world, into extreme poverty, the worst famine in 30 years, we were welcomed off our bus by children singing and dancing. The smiles on the children's faces showing their delight to see us and all I could do was cry! It didn't seem possible that they could be so happy. Trivial things like fashion didn't matter here and it was lovely! They had clean clothes, which was a lot more than many others had in the area.

We arrived at a weekend. Saturday was spent washing clothes by hand (we later got a personal lesson from an 11 year old child on how to wash clothes as they watched our abysmal technique-one of those special moments I'll never forget!), more schoolwork and some play time. When they were given paper to colour in on they would have covered the page with numerous pictures so that they got most enjoyment possible out of it. Wheeling an old rubber tyre gave such pleasure.

The children loved spending time with us, and it wasn't because of who we were or what we did. As I went out feeling I had nothing to give, I realised God uses us all in different ways and, even though we may not have a specific talent, God has given us gifts that he'll reveal when you least expect it. Simply the ability to spend time with these children and show God's love to them was enough. They loved playing with our hair as theirs had to be kept very short or even pulling the hairs on our arms and feet as they didn't have any. Knitting was a huge success. Also simple things like skipping ropes and balls provided hours of entertainment.



Unfortunately children suffered with a lot of sickness when we were out. There were many hospital visits and not one was pleasant. Sometimes it wasn't serious, as all they were looking for was some "TLC" and attention, as they appeared with a "cough." However, many of the illnesses resulted from diseases such as HIV and TB, which were rife in the areas we visited. The smiles through the sickness again was heart wrenching.

I feel privileged to have shared this experience with the team and this will hopefully encourage others to go out. My journey was amazing from start to finish, starting with tears and ending with tears but there was plenty of fun and laughter in between. I now find comfort in knowing that this isn't the end of my time with Kindfund. People had told me about having a "heart for Africa" and now I understand. Thank you to everyone involved for this wonderful experience.

### **How to Help**

- Pray – when we work we work; when we pray God works. Give thanks for the children on the programmes (thank God for big changes in their lives), for the management teams, for their witness and let us also give thanks for the rains which are currently falling throughout Kenya.
- 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 **Christmas 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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