

Kindfund Prayer Letter February 2015

Be kind to one another Eph 4:32

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

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Editorial

What an amazing verse! Read it over and over until you know it's true.

We were privileged and honoured to be part of the 10th anniversary Kindfund Children's Outreach. The children so much wanted to share the joy of knowing Jesus and the difference knowing him has made in their lives. We have been blessed to learn how God has used them to inspire many here into action although the full story will only be written in heaven.

Many of the children and a few of those who met them have written to express their thanks for the experience they have been given. We have reproduced two in this issue. We also wish to add our thanks to God for all of you who have supported these children over the years and those of you who pulled out all the stops to make it a memorable visit for them. Thank you, be blessed, God knows what you did.

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News Update

Children

In 2014, 25 children were added to the three homes, bringing the total to 120. Eleven children remained on the waiting list. Some of the children came from very difficult circumstances and have required extra supervision.

Six (4 Ngaremara and 2 Ndikir) from parents with advanced HIV (one of the children requires regular monitoring for her type 1 diabetes), four from elderly grandparents at Wamba, two babies from Wamba hospital, two street children from Isiolo, and one child removed from his father for abuse. In January 2015 the trend has continued with 6 more children (4 in Ngaremara and 2 in Wamba).

One 16 yr old girl has left Ngaremara to live with her grandmother and go back to primary school for 2 years.

In June we were greatly saddened when one of our children aged 10 yrs moved from HIV to AIDs with complications of TB. She spent her last 3 months in Wamba hospital. We believe she is with her Saviour. During her better days she loved to sing to him and lead the other children in worship.

In September we took Emmanuel to Kijabe Hospital for the first stage of successful reconstructive surgery. He is due further operations in 2015 and requires our prayer. We are thankful for all those whose hearts have been touched and who provided financial support to make the operations possible.

In January 2015 we have 5, possibly 6 new starts at Secondary School (3/4 home children and 2 staff children) and 1 at technical college. Along with existing pupils at secondary level we will be spending over £2,000 in fees, uniforms and books for the first of the three terms this year. All our 118 children at school require uniforms and books and those at primary also are required to pay small fees. Pray for these children that they make a success of the opportunities being given to them.

Please pray for all our staff and in particular the management staff who have such an input in so many lives.



Staff

We were blessed as the Lord answered our prayers for management staff with a good heart for the children. Early in 2014 Julius arrived in Ndikir. A graduate who wanted to learn Samburu he became a volunteer teacher at our small primary school there and he is continuing this year. The school has 60 pupils and three Christian teachers which, along with our home management, places 5 Christians in a population of 1200. Pray for them that their lights will shine brightly.

At Wamba we also said goodbye to Martha on maternity leave (we hope to welcome her back in 2015) and her place was taken by Sylvia who has stepped up to the mark. In November we welcomed Mary, a graduate from Nairobi who had come to Wamba with her church on mission and desired strongly to stay to serve children.

In November Janet, a mature Christian lady with deep Christian values, joined our management team at Ngaremara as Josephine, our house mother, was preparing to go on maternity leave. Janet has been a breath of fresh air and strong Christian practice leading by example. We were also blessed when Ali joined us to help with Christian teaching and improving the children's English while waiting to go to University later in 2015. He is being financed by a well-wisher in Kenya.

Over the last few years we have been getting to know a Danish lady who arrived in Kenya as a teacher back in the 1980s. Married to a Kenyan and subsequently running two businesses, she is now semi-retired and has shown an interest in helping at Ngaremara. She is visiting there every week and staying over one night during our absence. She has a lot to offer and is volunteering herself. We have been pleased to draw her in and we hope to take that further during our next visit Feb to April.



Planning for 2015...

2015 will be a time of change as we broaden our support here in UK and Ireland and as we seek to make our main board more representative of our support base. Please pray that the Lord will give us the right personnel who have a desire to serve him through Kindfund.

In Kenya we will be delegating more of the responsibility for running the work to the local team, and that process has already begun. It will require time to pass on our knowledge and experience in order to restructure, develop and train them. At the same time we believe we have a mission to develop the third home at Ndirir in Rendille and that will require a focus and effort to bring it about.

Pray not that it will be easy but that the Lord will enable us for the task. That he will go before us and give us favour with Government and communities.

Visitors: It is good when God puts a desire in your heart to do something. Our advice whether you are 17 or 70yrs is to follow it through. That first step of obedience can open so many doors for you to serve and through service you can begin to discover what God needs to change in your life as you walk closer to him. His love, his grace and his mercy are more than sufficient to overcome the worst that's in us and give us the joy of being co-workers with him in bringing his love and salvation to others.

For that purpose then we welcome those the Lord is calling to follow him in this work, to visit the homes and to participate in broadcasting his love to the children. We have one visitor coming out in March from Bangor in North Down and a number of people are considering July and August. We have the possibility of a team to run a week-long Bible camp at Ngaremara in August and a broader range of opportunities to serve in other ways. In the past the primary activity has been spending time with the children, talking, sharing, playing games – active and board - practical work from labouring to painting, driving, sewing, crafts, repairing, maintenance (buildings and vehicles). Where there is an interest we will be happy to come along and discuss. In our absence in Kenya, Jonathan 07738178250 will be happy to meet with your group to give you more background and answer your questions. Prayer is the key here to clarify for yourself and Kindfund that your motivation is to serve as Jesus hands and heart, in obedience to his prompting.



How to Help

Pray

When we work we work; when we pray God works. The challenges are serious and many. We need your prayer support. See our website or contact Daphne Lucas for updated prayer requests at any time: +4428 9082 5737

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You can make a donation or organize your fund raising using the Donate now button in the How to Help section of our website, or go to www.give.net and type Kindfund into the 'Find a fundraising page.' There are many opportunities for us to invest in God's work. You may like to organize a fund raiser for one of our homes or for our new primary school. All donations are transferred to Kenya without deduction.

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Invitation to your church, meeting, or group to share about Kindfund

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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.

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Comments on Children's Outreach

Just had one of the most memorable services in 19 years of Ministry. Thanks for coming to Trory.

Thanks. What a wonderful experience it was in October to be part of your amazing trip with such beautiful and special children. X

I don't know how to put today's experience in word - it was too good to explain in a sentence or two but we were blessed. Well and truly. I had a tear fest when the kids left, I didn't get anything taught the last period as our lot were incapable with the emotion!

Thank you for bringing the children today to our school, Erne Integrated College. It was a privilege to spend time with them and to hear about their lives in Kenya. I hope to come to Florencecourt tomorrow night to hear some more of their wonderful singing. God bless you all xxx

What an amazing day ice skating

What a wonderful morning we had at Abbey Presbyterian Monkstown when the children visited with us today. We were greatly blessed as they sang, the mime to one of the songs was very emotional. May God richly bless them with good health and safe journeys as they travel about worshipping Him. Liz

We wish you every blessing over Christmas and pray that God will watch over you all in 2015.

We want to thank Consolata, Saiyea, Emily and Mayannae for coming to our home in Lisburn and being such wonderful guests. We hope the girls enjoyed their time with us and we hope that they and all the children of Ngaremara, Wamba and Ndirik feel the warmth of God's love this Christmas.



DEAR PAM AND KEN.
 IT WAS REALLY GOOD FOR ME VISITING NORTHERN IRELAND. NOT ONLY THAT, I SAW MANY THINGS THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I ALSO ENJOY GETTING LOVELY PEOPLE ESPECIALLY GOOD FRIENDS THAT I WILL NEVER AND EVER FORGET THEM AND EVEN NOW I STILL HAVE A LOT OF GOOD MEMORIES THAT WILL NEVER COME OUT OF MY MIND. I THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING THAT HE HAS DONE AND I HOPE THAT HE WILL GUIDE ME SO THAT I CANNOT FORGET HOW GOOD YOU ARE BY HELPING US AND GUIDING US IN EVERY WAY ESPECIALLY THE JOURNEY THAT YOU PLANNED. MAY GOD BLESS YOU VERY MUCH AND MAY YOU BE LIKE HIS DISCIPLES AS THE JOHN STEEN SAID WHILE HE SENT THE MESSAGE WHILE WE WERE IN THE AIRPORT. I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE YOU TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION BUT I KNOW THAT GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD AND HE HIS NOT LIKE HUMAN BEINGS HE CAN DO

THE WAY
 GOOD THINGS TO YOU THAT I WAS THINKING IN MIND. I PROMISE PAM AND KEN THAT WHENEVER I GO I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR LOVING MEMORIES AND I WILL MAKE SURE THAT I WILL STUDY VERY HARD IN SCHOOL SO THAT I CAN COME TO IRELAND AGAIN MAY BE 2024 GOD WILLING. PAM AND KEN I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND AGAIN I ~~SAY~~ SAY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
 THANK YOU MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS AND MAY HE DIRECT YOU IN HIS GOOD WAYS THAT WILL GUIDE YOU FOREVER AND EVER.
 FROM FLORENCE
 THANK YOU VERY MUCH WITH LOVE

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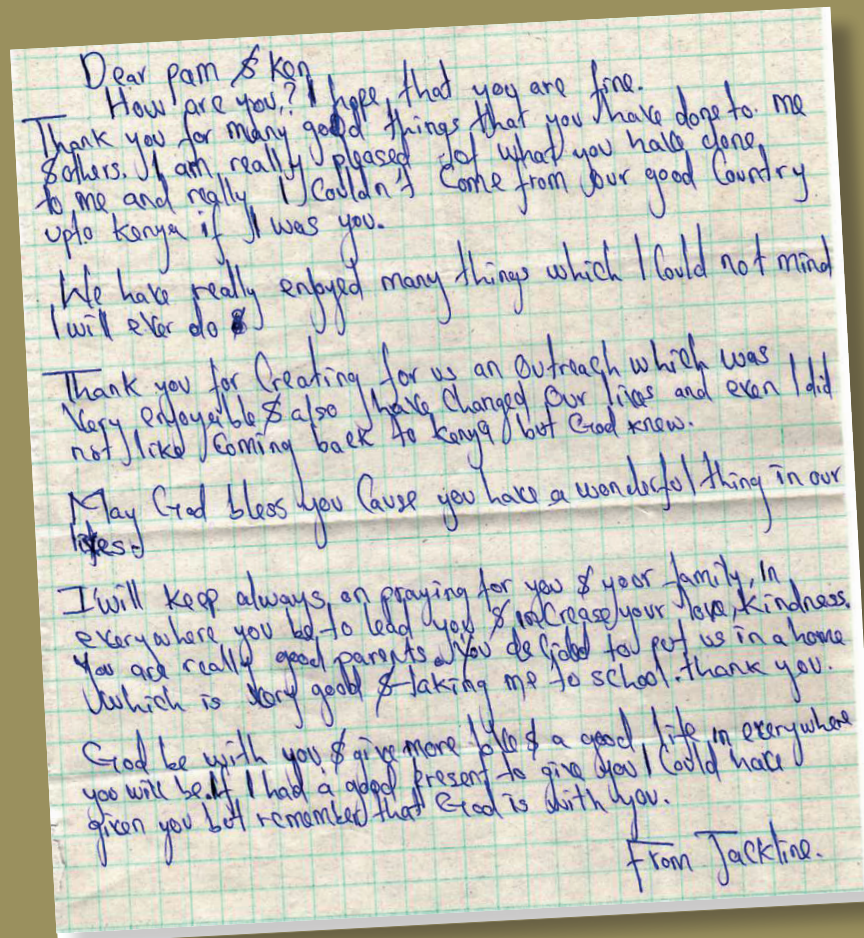
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