



"You can make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give"

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW KIDS

After much soul searching, interviewing and home visits we are delighted to be able to welcome 5 new children to The Karen Street Children's Trust. We hope that our new intakes will endeavour to work hard and achieve their ambitions. Here are 4 of our new recruits.



THE MAN WHO CONQUERED THE THREE POLES (EVEREST, NORTH AND SOUTH POLE)

During the Christmas holidays, Satyabrata Dam came to visit KSC. Satya, (4th from RHS on back row in picture), has led expeditions to the summit of Mount Everest on 3 occasions. He's also led teams to the North and South poles, walked the length of Africa, commanded a submarine in the Indian Navy, sailed round the world and has had his books and photographs published.

He offered the children 3 important points to put into practise:

"READ.....if you don't read how can you dream?"

"DREAM.....let your dreams take you on exciting journeys and don't let your mind limit your dreams.

"WORK hard to achieve your dreams. Don't let obstacles get in the way. If you want it badly enough and are prepared to make the sacrifices necessary, you will achieve your dream."

At 10 years old, Satya read Jules Verne's 'Twenty Thousand leagues under the Sea'. He then decided when he was old enough he joined the Indian Navy. It was reading about mountaineers, explorers, navigators and others that led him to all his exciting achievements.

To read more about Satya's life check his blog: satvbratadam.blogspot.com



FOCUS ON PETER MAINA



My name is Peter Maina. I am 26 years of age and the fourth child of seven in my family and I come from Dagoretti, a slum district on the outskirts of Karen.

My mother could not afford school fees for all of us and due to that I dropped out of Primary School in Class 3 and became a street kid in Karen. In 2003 I applied and was accepted to The Karen Street Children's Trust which started me on the road to success. I can still remember the first home visit and later, when my mother died, KSC embraced me with parental love, care and education far beyond what my family could offer me.

Through KSC and the entire Karen community, I have completed primary school, secondary school education and recently I have finished a Computer Engineering Degree.

This month I started working for Kris de Pooter at Komsol Africa as their Technical Engineering Manager and will be travelling throughout East Africa installing satellite communication equipment. Now I will be able to support my family.

Huge thanks go to the KSC founder Dr Romi and everyone supporting KSC.

God bless you!

Editor's note: Peter deservedly won both the Graduate and Senior Personal Achievement Award at our Prize giving ceremony in December 2010.

LT COL HENRY SUGDEN RUNS LEWA MARATHON AND RAISES KSH 29,000 (£200) FOR US!



THE BRITISH ARMY IN KAREN SUPPORT KSC WITH THEIR ANNUAL FUND RAISER



Members of the British Peace Support Team - East Africa team hand over a cheque for KSH 1983,207 (GBP 1,431) to the Trustees and children of KSC.

DONATE WHILST YOU SHOP!

For our UK based supporters - you now have the option to donate to KSC whilst you shop online at all of your favorite stores. And what's more, the donation does not come out of your own pocket.

Easyfundraising.org.uk provides a FREE fundraising service where you can raise funds for KSC when you shop online with shops like M&S, John Lewis, Boots, Amazon, Tesco Direct, Sainsburys, Boden, Crew Clothing amongst many!

THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN'S TRUST

For the past 16 years the Karen Street Children's Trust has been working to build a brighter future for impoverished and disadvantaged children from the slums surrounding the Karen suburb of Nairobi. To date we have helped 138 young people building worthwhile lives through education, training and employment opportunities and currently we are working with 48 bright sponsored students. Each has been selected on the basis of hardship at home and the potential to benefit from a good education. We are proud that so many have grasped the opportunity and worked hard to achieve top grades. It is our policy to educate each sponsored student to the level from which each will benefit and then to equip them with skills which will help them to earn in an increasingly difficult employment environment. We have also been working with the Dynamic Business Start-Up Programme which assists young people with self-employment business skills.

So many bright children in Kenya have no hope of education beyond the state-subsidised primary schooling. All secondary schooling has to be paid for and this is beyond the realms of possibility for so many.

All our students are in boarding schools and colleges across the country where they are getting an education in a safe environment with food provided and a bed to sleep in at night. Many of our students are not assured of even these basics at home. We are proud to be able to provide for a small group of bright children what so many elsewhere take for granted.

CURRENT BOARDING FEES FOR 2011

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH63,250/£550 per annum

SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH92,000/£800 per annum

This is based on actual costs for the year 2011 and includes school fees, food and accommodation for boarding pupils, text books and stationery, all uniform, shoes, transport, tuck, pocket money, holiday activities, cover for medical emergencies and the pastoral care and support of our qualified counsellor, Catherine Muguru.

HAPPY EASTER!

We would like to thank ALL our donors for their continued support. Without you The Karen Street Children's Trust would not exist. From everyone at KSC we wish you all a very Happy Easter!

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