



FRIENDS OF THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN

Summer Newsletter 2010

CATHERINE GETS MARRIED!

In front of several hundred guests and all the Karen Street Children who were on school holidays, Catherine, our Counsellor, and Nicholas got married on 14th August in Nairobi. We all wish Catherine and Nicholas a long and happy marriage.



DANIEL MUIGAI IN HIS OWN WORDS ...

"I have enjoyed working for this company, Sandstorm Africa Ltd, as a Stock Controller and Deputy Purchasing Manager every day and I appreciate having had this wonderful, yet so precious, amazing opportunity through you.

This break in fortune has done a great deal in not only giving the chance to earn but to gain the much sort job experience, get to interact with new people, share my ideas in a business environment and take life more seriously, especially when it comes to studies and educational matters. Through this I will be able to face some of life's more demanding challenges.

During these last 5 months the company has provided me with the necessary support required in all fields and through your continued encouragement and guidance I have been able to excel at most of the projects offered to me. With many of my colleagues, I have shared a unique camaraderie which I hope will continue in the years to come as I continue to serve Sandstorm.

It's through my excellence in the tasks and projects offered unto me by Sandstorm that I have been given the chance to train as a Purchasing Manager over the last 3 months after which I will be granted the post, God-willing. I now look forward to this new position that brings forth new challenges and adds more diverse experience to my career.

Thank you for your support for without it, I wouldn't be this far."

FOCUS ON JUDY NYOORO



Judy came to us in 2003 aged 16 looking for secondary schooling. An orphan from Dagoretti, Judy had had a disrupted school life, but was ambitious and hardworking. 7 years on and Judy has just qualified as a Clinical Officer and will be working in dispensaries and hospitals to gain her internship. Judy wants to go back to Dagoretti "to be of help to society and give back as I have been helped". Congratulations Judy from all your KSC family!



LAPTOP APPEAL 2010

After an exhaustive quest for laptops, just like a London bus, 5 arrived at once! Connie & Jack Holmes are seen here handing over Connie's old laptop to Mercy Njeri. Suddenly 4 more appeared on the horizon and we will be able to sort out our rather aged IT and loan laptops to our students studying at University during the term time. In the holidays the laptops will be available for all the KSC kids to use along with our newly purchased projector. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this much needed upgrade in technology! And if you or anyone you know would like to donate your old laptop, please email Claire on familysegrave@gmail.com.



A VISIT TO AMREF



During the Easter holidays 26 of our students went on an educational visit to AMREF (Flying Doctors) at Wilsons Airport. The Office Manager, James, gave a fascinating and inspirational talk to us and by the end of the visit everyone wanted to be either a Doctor or a Pilot!

THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN TRUST

For the past 14 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 127 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 2010

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 2010 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.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to thank ALL our donors for their continued support. Without you The Karen Street Children's Trust would not exist.

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