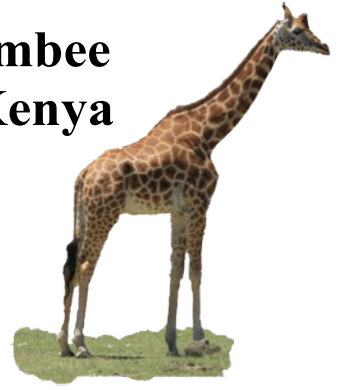


# Newsletter

**Harambee  
For Kenya**



*No 18 Oct & Dec'10*

*Well, Christmas is upon us again and we have a lot of wonderful news to tell you so read on.....Where do we start?*

*Lets start with Christmas!!!! Did you know that Christmas day was on 21st October.....well it was! At Nyakoe Safe house. Let me explain.*

*We took a happy band of volunteers to the project in October. Thirteen of us went to the project for the first week of the trip before some peeled off to do other things. I had a harebrain idea at the beginning of the year that it would be good to show the lads what an English Christmas could be like. Well the team really took it on board. Everyone collected games, pencils, comics, bubbles, pants, chocolate coins.....you name it we had it! Jackie Cooper, Sue Taylor and I, even made Christmas stockings so that every boy had a lovely little bundle of things.*

*Christmas Eve was obviously 20th Oct so on that day, after school the boys helped to make paper chains and put them up, along with a Christmas Tree with lights and baubles. The excitement was wonderful. We wanted them to see what we did and made strict rules so that they could follow them for the real Christmas. Those rules were that they would put up decorations on Christmas Eve and they would all come down 5 days after Christmas. Why so strict, I hear you ask. Simple really! They would probably keep them up all year if we didn't and then they would be ruined for the next year!*

*That evening we announced what was to take place the following day. Christmas day was going to be full of fun and games and we would take them to the local hotel for dinner. These are boys who would normally be turned away from such a place. But Mama Helen's hotel is different. They appreciate what we are doing for the children and are very supportive. They welcomed them in and even supplied a Marque which they decorated, and gave the lads sodas to drink.*





# *An old fashioned English Christmas Day in Kenya!*

The children woke up and did their chores before we started to have fun. We introduced them to games like pass the parcel with forfeits; relay races; pin the tail on the donkey; musical bumps and musical chairs. Then to finish they were split into two (big boys and smaller boys) so that each group had the chance to hit the piniata. Well they all went down well once they were explained. I don't think any of the Msungus (white people) had laughed so much in a long time.



There were a few blank faces at first as none of the boys had ever played the games. But they soon got the idea. They even tried to cheat!!!!!! The competition to win was immense. It was wonderful to see them just being children and having fun!



*Above - Pass the parcel, Right Musical Chairs.*



Then we gave all the boys a Christmas stocking with presents inside. They were so excited and did not know what to expect. It was amazing how the things we take for granted are such a surprise....like the chocolate money. Even the big boys just bit into them not realising you peeled the foil back to find CHOCOLATE. Great excitement ensued once they were shown.



Everyone had a wonderful day, children and adults alike. And as for those hats! The kids wore them for days & they were filthy dirty but they wouldn't take them off!



*Lilly Davis came with us in October. This was her first trip to Kenya. This is what she had to say about it.....*

*My incredible journey to Kenya started in September 2009 when on a visit to Lesley's house I saw a DVD about the boys and the work that had been done. It was then I knew I wanted to be a part of it. October 2010 finally came and we were on our way. When we arrived at the project, my feelings were off the scale. It had been decided that we would celebrate Christmas with paper chains, a tree and of course, presents for everyone. There were tears of sadness and joy when they were opening their presents. All the boys, big and small, could be seen blowing bubbles, finding, to their surprise, that the gold coins they had in their hands were in fact made of chocolate, and playing games that they had never even heard of.*

*I fell in love with all the boys that day, it was heartbreaking to leave them. When I got home, people have asked me what it was like. My answer that it was emotional but a very, very rewarding time of my life. I have made some wonderful new friends and have a new family. Although they are far away they are always in my thoughts.*

*I would like to thank everybody involved for helping me to settle in. More important - is that I AM going back.*

*WELL DONE to all. I APPLAUD you all with all my heartfelt thanks*



## 100 Club

### September 2010

**£15 Laurie Millard**

**£10 John Savill**

**£5 Chris Shoeman**

### October 2010

**£15 Andrew Obiero**

**£10 Claire Cook**

**£5 Kevin Brown**

### November 2010

**£15 Paul Jacobs**

**£10 Vicky Dann**

**£5 Mary Simpson**

### December 2010

**£100 John & Hazel Savill**

**£50 Isobel Lee, Nikki Smith**

**& Claire Brameld**

**£25 Tim Page**

### Our Thanks go to the following for their support.

Jen Perryman. Jen Tunmore.  
Mr & Mrs Cope Anne Reardon-James  
Highbroom Care home, Crowborough.  
Cathedral school (Juniors), Llandaff.  
Abercynon Infants School, Cardiff  
Uckfield Methodist Womens Fellowship.  
Doug and Rachel Prentice.  
Mr & Mrs Edmunds. Chris Siggs  
Birchington Scouts. John & Hazel Savill.  
And all our regular supporters

### TRIPS COMING UP

**6th to 22nd October 2011.**

Roger and Lesley will be going back to Kenya. If you would like to go with them, then let us know now as we will be

**booking flights in the new year.**

email [lesley@harambeeforkenya.org](mailto:lesley@harambeeforkenya.org) for more information.

*The older boys are now ready to leave the safe house in Nyakoe. But this is not easy because we want to make sure they are prepared for their future and enable them to achieve and not fail. It is hard enough to let our own children move on and fly the nest, and we have had them under our wing for their whole life before they leave. It's hard enough with good training but imagine what*

*it is like, for these lads who have had no help or love to see them through this transition - until now. They all think they are ready and know what they want to do but are they really equipped to succeed?*

*The good news is that we have a sponsor who wants to help set them on the right track. The boys are going to be supported and helped to each set up a stall (they call it a shop) and helped to sort out a bank account, be taught how to plan and budget, be taught life skills and helped to find somewhere to live and support them for about three months while they get on their feet.*

*This is an exciting piece of news and things are in hand now to get things moving. The boys are champing at the bit, but we have the Kenyans taking them in hand and mentoring them, taking one step at a time. Hopefully we can give you another update in the next newsletter.*

## MEET THE BOYS

Christopher Ondieki.

Christopher came to us

after we found him on the streets in October. He was in a lot of pain because he was infested with jiggers in his feet and his hands. He was in

a terrible state and great pain. He had been on the street for about a year as his dad had died and his mum couldn't look after him. He would eat food from the dump and slept in the market place. He could hardly walk when he first came to us but after the doctor had treated him, he started to smile. Within days of us leaving he was actually running around.



Cavin and Isaac Oyiayo are brothers whose mother had been forced to leave home and whose father was a drunkard and used to beat the boys badly.

They were near to death when the local authorities asked that they stay at the house to recover. Then one day Andrew was at the safe house when he walked round one of the buildings to find the boys father on

our land beating them with a stick. He was challenged and stopped immediately and told to leave. Both the boys said that they never wanted to see him again. So they are now in the house feeling really safe from harm.

It is very humbling when we hear about the boys. We all think we have problems but at least we have had a good start.....something that these boys would not have had, if we didn't have you people helping us.



# Our new projects

## 1st - Nakuru We met

*pastor Matthew while we were in Kenya. He came up to see us in Kisii so that we could meet and*

*talk about what he is doing. On the night that we brought 5 children back from the streets, he watched as the bigger boys washed the little ones, and checked them over for mites and bugs and jiggers. He was amazed at what he saw and said "I have never seen so much love given out as this in Kenya". He is right, Kenyans do not show an outward pouring of love especially towards street children. Our boys have learned that and now all the little ones come up to us for a hug. They all seem to accept that this outward showing of love is OK.*

*Matthew went home and then a few days later we visited his feeding program. We picked him up in Nakuru town and he took us deep into the slum area where he runs a church, and all the children were there with their guardians. They were all so humble and kind. We were introduced to everyone but especially the children, some of whom are only two years old. We found a lovely man showing love to little ones who could not care for themselves, and we saw love from the people who look after them.. We were made to feel very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. But before we left we gave Pastor Matthew some small children's clothes which should fit a number of the children, giving clear instruction that if the items did not fit, they should sell the remainder and buy something for those who missed out on the gifts. We are helping to pay for the weekly food for the program. So on a Saturday lunch time think about the little ones being fed and if you want to help keep a little child alive, please help us by sponsoring a child.*

*Thank you for your continued help.*

Below, some of the children in the service.

Below is their church



***2nd - Meru.** The project in Meru is well underway with about 28 street children being fed three times a week at the chairman, John Buria's, church. They are all doing very well and one or two have become very cheeky calling out to John and asking him to give them more. On a Sunday, they all go to the church and are fed after the service with some of the church members helping. It is a great encouragement to see these young people accepting help. Certainly from the way John has described the boys, they are quite challenging young people. So we will have to take it slowly and steadily in the way we handle them and teach them how to behave.*



*This is the dump where the boys scavenge to find food and scraps. This is where John finds them and where Ben (a UK trustee) met them when he visited the project in October.*



*We have been blessed with a donation to pay for the boys to experience a lovely Christmas meal. We look forward to hearing from John after the event with pictures so we can include them in the next newsletter. So may we take this opportunity to thank the sponsor for their help. I am sure the boys will be truly grateful. More news on this project next time.*

**So if you want to help any of our projects by sponsoring a child please complete the sponsorship form at the end of this newsletter and send it in to us as soon as you can.**

**And if anyone you know would like to receive a newsletter, please email us on [info@harambeeforkenya.org](mailto:info@harambeeforkenya.org) and we will put you on our list.**



# GALLERY



## *Sponsor a Child*

*I would like to sponsor ..... Child/children.*

*I will send by standing order £..... per child that I wish to sponsor.  
My bank details are as follows.*

.....Bank/Building Society  
Branch sort Code.....  
Bank  
Address.....  
Account name.....

Account No.....

My Email Address.....

**Please pay**

**“Harambee for Kenya” A/c No. 11544252**

**NatWest Bank, Heathfield Branch    Sort Code   60 -10 - 30**

**Payee ref..... (your surname)**

**£.....(amount)    Every   Month**

**First payment on.....(date) To be paid on [   ]th day**

*each month until further notice. { payments will be made until I cancel this instruction}.*

**Signature.....**

*On completion of this form please send to:-*

*Harambee For Kenya*

*21 Cuckmere Rise, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8PG*

*Once it has been registered with the charity it will be sent to your bank for  
process.*