

Newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter.

It's been an exciting time. We have already received letters from the children we will be helping. We want to include the young people as much as possible in our newsletters as it is because of them we have set up this charity.

Harambee For Kenya



A Letter from Peter Mosoti

"I am happy to write this letter. Please, I want to tell I am happy. Help us to go to school. I will say to you I want to read and write and get food and clothes. We are very sick here. Happy when you come to see me. I will sing and thank you if you remove me from the cold".

Read Peters story overleaf.

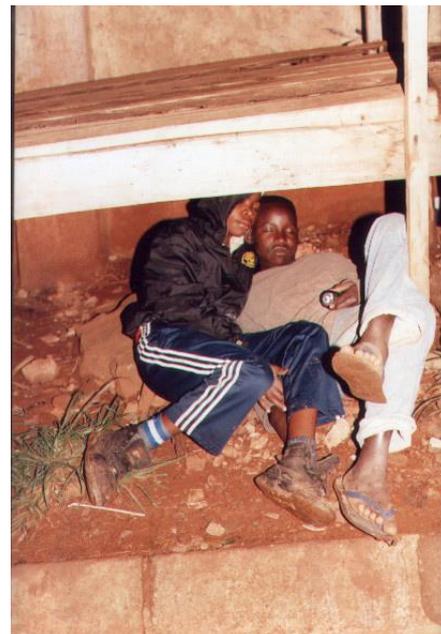
Thomas is a wonderful man in Kisii who helps these children as best he can. He has come on board with the charity being our main link in Kenya. He explains, "they come from various difficult backgrounds. Some were left in hospital, abandoned after just a day. Others have one parent and are illegitimate and others have both parents dead"

Thomas is prepared to give his time to Harambee For Kenya 100%. Not everyone is in that position to give their time, BUT you can help! Raise money for us to use to care for these young people. Maybe you can spare time to do a boot fair and sell your unwanted things. One of our supporters has even been given items to sell by other stall holders because they want to help. **Join us in our efforts. There is so much pleasure and satisfaction from helping these young people.**

These are the children we want to help and our mission statement says it all;

The purpose of Harambee For Kenya is to put poor people on their feet again and to rekindle burnt out lives with fresh hope, restoring dignity and respect to their lives.

It is the vision of Harambee For Kenya to take children from the streets to a place of safety where they can sleep, receive medical help, be fed and educated. It is our aim to see these young people become valued citizens in society.



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*Are you involved in a school or youth group?
Are they holding a summer fete or fundraising event?*

Why not have a stall of Kenyan artefacts and raise money for the street children.

How does it work?

We will supply you with products to sell on a stall. You can then work the stall and raise money for the street children directly. We can give you photo's as well so that you can show others and encourage them that every penny counts. If you would like to help in this way then contact Lesley or Roger on 01435

Want to travel to Kenya and help directly with the Harambee For Kenya project, then contact Lesley Dann for details.

Dates of travel are 11th Oct 2008 for 3 weeks or 18th Oct 2008 for 2 weeks. Both weeks returning on 1st Nov landing on morning of 2nd Nov.

Book early to save disappointment as spaces are limited

Peter is one of those children from a very difficult background and he has grown up with a lot of misery!!

His mother was a prostitute, he doesn't know his true father, therefore he just thinks that the place where the mother left him is the true matrimonial home.

The mother died from HIV/AIDS. Peter was able to be there to see her die in his presence and there was nobody to comfort him in the time of the sad DEMISE.

His mother was rejected by the family members, and she never got a descent burial. She was buried in the Kisii Public Cemetery by the Hospital Authorities. Peter narrates this story with tears on his face. Then after the burial he went to the place where his mother had shown him that this was the person who was his father. They stayed a life of cat & mouse(a Kenyan term). After six months the man got hold of this boy and burnt him on the knee with hot water, which they were using to prepare food in the evening. Peter was taken to hospital by Good Samaritan he was left there to fight life for himself.

As a result he never had anywhere to go after being healed & finally he chose to be a street Kid. Two years later the man who burnt him died and now this boy has nowhere to run to apart from feeding from the dustbins & anything he may lay his hands on.

He hates himself and curses anybody who may mistreat him further. Most of these kids have too sad things to tell.

Author. Thomas Ondieki.

We know you want to help children like Peter. Contact us. Every little helps.