

The Isaiah Trust

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Reasons to be thankful over the last 12 months

New Hope Centre Opened in Kisumu

New Home Opened in Kitale with 4 Children

Charles returns home amid much celebration!

New street outreach program at Kachok Rubbish Tip, Kisumu

Fantastic Fundraising efforts raised enough money to begin our own building work in Kibos

4 Children completed first year of Secondary School

Children from Hope programs find homes in many orphanages

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1

New Home in Kitale

We are delighted to let you know of the opening of our new home and rehabilitation centre for street children in the northern town of Kitale. We have been working on the streets there for over 12 months, building relationships with street children and learning about their lives and their needs. Vincent and his



wife, Rose, who run the program, identified a house that could become our first rehabilitation centre for the children of Kitale they had met on the streets. Over the course of the last three months they have prepared the house, through donations gratefully received, making beds, buying equipment and food. In July, the first four street children were brought into the home to begin a new life away from the streets.



Harvest Thanksgiving



This year we began a new program in Kitale, running a three acre farm, planted with Maize. This is the start of a three year project that will see the Trust become self sustaining in food production.

The farm is managed by Vincent, who is, by training, a teacher of Agriculture and the first harvest received this year was fantastic. For an initial investment of

just £700 we have reaped over £1,500 worth of Maize. This is enough to sustain all of our programs throughout the coming year. For 2006, we have increased the land usage to 6 acres, with a plan to use 10 acres in 2007. The yield from this should generate all of the food we that require for the work on the streets, with enough profit from the sales of surplus to enable a full replanting. We are especially grateful for the rich harvest given the famine currently being experienced in parts of Eastern and Northern Kenya. Indeed, we have been able to donate maize to some of the most hard hit areas, saving lives with food aid.



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Charles Goes Home

Charles, at 14 years of age, was the eldest of the first group of boys that came into our street rehabilitation program in Kisumu. He had been on the streets for many months, living rough and scavenging what food he could find. He first came into the rehabilitation centre in Kibos in January 2003 and has made rapid and wonderful progress, turning away from his old, street life. Charles made a huge effort at school and worked with the program leaders to begin a new life. As part of the program of rehabilitation, boys are encouraged to visit their homes and build relationships with whatever family they have. For some boys this can



initially be daunting, but for many it is a chance to better understand themselves and their roots. For Charles, it proved even more than that. On returning home, he found that his Mother whom he thought had died after she left home was still alive and had returned. She had feared that Charles was dead and, despite searching for him, had not managed to find him. To see Charles, so well cared for and with a new outlook on life brought tears to her eyes. Charles, soon after, made the decision that he would like to return home to live. Nicky and Moses have since visited Charles back in his home, far from Kisumu near to the Uganda border and were delighted to find him so happy to be back. We are all thrilled that Charles has found his close and loving family, and pray that he will continue in his new found happiness.



Hope Centre

The Trust, continuing its work on the streets of Kisumu city, has opened a new base in the streets. Hope Centre is a former cafe building, which can hold up to 60 children at any time. It is staffed 5 days a week by volunteers and workers, and on three of those days literacy programs and maths classes are run by the Trust's staff, along



with the provision of health care facilities. Hope centre has been incredibly well received by the street boys who attend it and the workers have been able to build friendship and trust with the children. Word about the centre is spreading around Kisumu too. On a recent visit we were surprised to find a group of people there from Interfelk (the International Fellowship of Kenya), an organisation who run schools for disadvantaged children. On seeing the classes that were being run and the ability of street boys they have agreed to take a number of them into their schools! A wonderful example of co-operation between organisations with similar goals and one that we are working hard on the ground to encourage.



Fundraising Special

This has been a fantastic year for fundraising for the Trust. So many people have done so many wonderful things for us and we wanted to say a really special thank you and just to highlight a few of them in this special newsletter.



The West Highland Way walkers raised a massive £20,000 for the Trust! This will enable us to begin building in Kibos.



Express Gifts £1 Donation
Friday 16th December 2005 £1 Donation

Casual dress Friday 16th December 2005

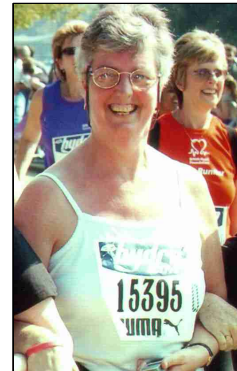
To raise funds for the Isaiah Trust!
Wear casual clothes for a donation of £1
No donation required from anyone wearing full Santa outfit.

PLUS.. WIN BOOZE in our amazing raffle
Tickets cost 50p each or £2 for 5
NEW Bottles arriving Daily!!!

Tickets on sale (from Cathy in Marketing) all week and drawn on Friday afternoons.

Express Gifts, the company behind Studio Cards and Webb Ivory held a number of fundraising events through they year, culminating at Christmas with a dress down day and raffle, which raised almost £1,000 for the Trust.

Joyce Billington from Fresh Manna church in Preston participated in the Hydra Challenge Fun Run in London.



And The Red Rose Chorus sang their support for the Trust and made us Charity of the Year for 2006!



Fundraising Special



We received a donation of 20 pairs of football boots for the boys after a talk was given where we showed a photo of the boys playing barefoot.

Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School in Fence donated school equipment to the primary school in Kibos that the boys attend and the whole school wrote letters to the equivalent classes in Kenya!



Karin and Nigel Butschok-Brain opened their house and garden on Bonfire night for a wonderful display that raised over £550 for the trust. They followed this up with a dress down day at their company, Leasing Options, raising a further £500!

There are many other examples of wonderful fundraising efforts through the year and we have only been able to highlight a few here, but we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the work of the Trust over the last 12 months. Without you, none of the work would be possible.

We would especially like to thank all of those people who have completed regular giving forms and donate to the Trust every month. It is these donations that mean that we are able to support more children, secure in the knowledge that there are funds to support them.

From our hearts, a huge ...

Thank You

Nicky, Tim and all of us at The Isaiah Trust