



Newsletter Summer 2017

Trustees Visit to Kenya March 2017

Photograph of Trustees with past and present Students and Friends March 17



In March three of our trustees visited Kenya and met with our sponsored pupils in schools and a number of our university students. They were also able to visit infant and primary schools who benefit from our assistance. The secondary schools visited continue to struggle with limited resources but the pupils were cheerful and very hard working. These visits are invaluable in assessing the needs of students first hand. We were told that one of our students made bricks to pay for her education until she received sponsorship,

The visit to St George's Boys school was very well organised with all students expecting the trustees and were ready to talk, three of the boys who enjoy singing performed a song. The classrooms were visited, each of which have about 50 to 60 students, however they were all very orderly.

The trustees were pleased to notice the fence that we sponsored around Malau Primary school was still in good order and there are now two football posts on the playing field replacing the ones stolen before the erection of the fence! The trustees were well looked after by Joyce an ex pupil who is now a teacher at the school thanks to Educaid Africa. The visit ended with a presentation of traditional dancing and drumming performed by the children.

Chairman's Letter July 2017

Greetings to all our EducAid Africa Supporters.

May I begin by thanking you all for the tremendous support that you have given and are continuing to give EducAid Africa. Generous donations come in from individuals, families, organisations and schools and these are all being put to very good use supporting our sponsored pupils and schools.

We have been thrilled that some families have remembered our pupils when celebrating their special birthdays and anniversaries and asked for donations rather than presents. In the same way, one of our supporters asked for donations to celebrate the life of her late husband.

Several schools have included the charity in their fund raising activities including Lyndon, Chapelfields and Streetsbrook Schools!

We have visited a variety of organisations and given illustrated talks to them about our work in Kenya and they have been impressed when hearing the great difference that their giving makes in the lives of so many children and young people that EducAid Africa helps. As we read the students' letters to us, it becomes more and more apparent how much their lives are being changed because of the opportunity to receive secondary education. One pupil wrote:

You came into my life at the appointed time of God. By investing in my education you have made a great contribution into this generation. I have learnt from you that it doesn't matter how long one lives but what matters most is the difference he or she makes in the lives of others. Remember that he who blesses others will also be blessed.

Another wrote: I am writing to endow you with unmeasurable thanks regarding your generous fees support to me. Sincerely speaking I am really thankful for the hand of help that you have offered me since my first year in High School until now as I prepare to finish at the school. Being at High School has been a bit challenging but I really thank God because you were there to support me. May God shower you with his graceful blessings for that. Time has now come for me to sit for my final exams. I want to promise that I will do my best to reciprocate your help with a good grade and never to fail you.

I should like to thank my fellow trustees Harry Mills (President), Jenni Kitson, Linda Maxfield, Lorraine Armstrong and Angela Robson for all their hard work, support and encouragement.

Thank you too for making so many pupils' dreams come to reality. Your support really does make a difference.

Ian Carnell Chairman of Trustees

Donations gratefully received.

Thank you for donations in addition to sponsorship, this money provides much needed resources for our pupils. In the photograph you see pupils from Ribe Girls school and Mazeras High School for Boys receiving revision books to enable them to prepare for exams.

Photograph by [Jonah](#) June 2017

Ribe Girls



Mazeras High school.



Communications

Trustees who visited sponsored pupils in March this year told us that students really appreciate your letters. Please continue to write! Pupils are encouraged to reply to you giving greater detail about themselves and their school life. This communication encourages the pupils because they are keen to make their sponsors proud.

Term dates in Kenya have changed. Please send Christmas cards and messages by the beginning of October.

Correspondence should be sent care of: Mr Stephen Arome, PO Box 86668, Mombasa GPO Kenya.

Educaid Africa are currently updating their website. Please watch out for this

Educaid Africa Committee in Kenya

This has been set up as a self-help group to encourage more Kenyan people to share responsibility with our charity in the education of young people. Two of the seven members are our original friends and contacts in Mombasa.

Photograph of **Felix** January 17



One of our former sponsored students Felix Mwachinga has chosen to join the committee and they hope to involve more former students in running the group and to mentor existing sponsored pupils and make sure that Educaid Africa continues to grow.

New University Students

Thanks go out to all the people who responded to our pleas to sponsor university students this will give them the certainty that funds will be available to see them through their four years of study. The three newest students are Benjamin Kai Mwasambu who will be studying

Microbiology and Biotechnology, Ibrahim Kambu studying Psychology and Esther Charo who is studying Human Resource Management.

Esther was sponsored through school by one of our trustees and we are delighted she is now continuing to university.

Photograph by [Esther](#) June 2017



News from Margaret Mwaka Ernest

Margaret is one of five young people currently being sponsored by Solihull Methodist Church.

Photograph of **Margaret** Summer 17



Letter from **Margaret** July 17

Dear Mrs Jenni Kitson,

Receive warm greetings from I. I hope you are fine and doing well. Am fine too.

I am glad to inform you that I am through with my second year and will be joining third year in September

I am studying for a degree in peace studies in Laikipia university, Nyahururu which is located

about three hours away from Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya.

Am really enjoying my course and I have taken exams in several units, among them are; MEDIA AND PEACE, CULTURE AND CONFLICT, RELIGION AND EDUCATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

During my leisure time I play netball and also like reading novels.

Once I graduate I hope to work as a peace practitioner where I will be working to enhance peace and ensure the marginalised communities get justice.

I really thank you for your support and pray that God will bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ernest.

News From Bernard Nyale

Bernard was sponsored by Coppice Junior School and became Head Boy at St George's School in Mombasa before going to university. to study.

Photograph of **Bernard with our trustee Linda** March 17



Letter from **Bernard** July 17

Good morning madam? It's my great expectation that you are all fine. Receive greetings from me in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Kenya things are ok with the political scene becoming so hot! Am currently doing great in Kenya in my industrial attachment at Intertek testing services east Africa in Mombasa. My life is full of good

things experiencing the locomotion of ferry service as a means of transport across the ocean on a daily basis as I have to cross the ocean each and every day going for my attachment.

Experience the sea waves each day has become part and parcel of my life. Currently this is my 5th week. My supervisor from the university came on last week for assessment and I thank God for it was a successful step.

Currently am at the agricultural laboratory where analysis of food products such as crude palm oil, corn soya blend, black tea, milk, rice, drinking water and also nonfood products such as soap and potassium hydroxide are analysed. The major analysis done are level of aflatoxin, moisture and volatile matter, free fatty acid, iodine value, water extract, oil extra and fibre content. This is quite good experience in my academic life.

All in all I and my family wish to send a number of greetings to you all in UK. Receive them with open arms and the powers from above cover you all and guide you in all the days of your lives.

Bye bye.!!

With lots of affection from,

Bernard Nyale.

Congratulations

Photograph of **Beatrice** March 17

Beatrice Shauri has benefited from her sponsorship through school and university. She has now qualified as a nurse and married Anthony a teacher in December. The trustees were able to meet her and her new husband during their visit in March.



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