



DRUMBEAT



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Welcome to Kenya and the 1st Edition of Drumbeat

Terry Hope feeding project

The journey so far and our vision for the future



Shoshos (grandmothers) preparing lunch for the orphans at the Terry Hope Feeding Project

Mama Africa

A wonderful example of what can be achieved with support and encouragement



KANGEMI RESOURCE CENTRE

Improving the lives of 10,000 children through education and teacher training



LAUNCH OF ONLINE SHOP

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

We need your help to make real the dreams of the people in our projects



MALTESER INTERNATIONAL IN KENYA

Since August 2001, Malteser International has been fighting against AIDS and TB in eight slums of Nairobi with a catchment area of 600,000 people. The diagnosis and treatment, the training of local staff in the health centres, the setting up of laboratories and the education of slum residents are essential parts of the programme. The Kenyan government has twice awarded the work of Malteser International in Nairobi.

See www.maltarelief.org for more information on the work of Malteser International in Kenya.

TERRY HOPE FEEDING PROJECT



Terry Stobbs and her bears



Terry Hope Feeding Project

This project funds the feeding of orphaned children in the Githembe/Nando slum of Nairobi. All of the children live with foster parents but none of these homes can afford to buy food for the extra mouths. Terry Stobbs has taught some of the local African ladies to knit 'Terry bears' to earn a little extra to buy food for the children, but the small income this produces is not enough to sustain the continued feeding of these children.

It is our priority to ensure all donations are spent wisely and the children are fed nutritiously. We buy INSTA which is a porridge originally produced for famine areas; it is intensely vitamin and mineral rich and the children love it.

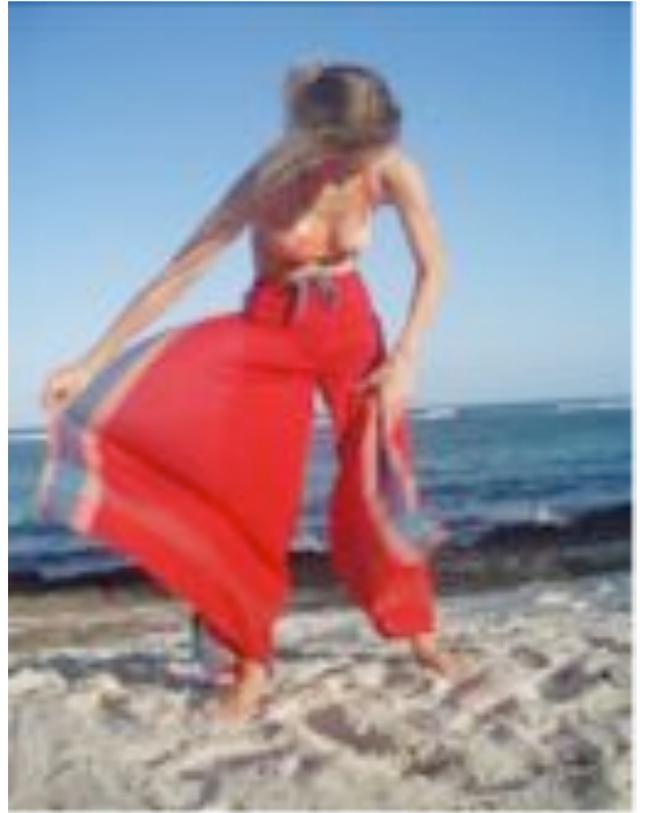
When extra money is available we purchase fruit, cooking oil, rice, vegetables and charcoal. Clean water is a scarce commodity in the slums, so this is purchased too.

Every Saturday the children gather together for a cooked lunch of vegetables, rice, potatoes, and very occasionally a special treat of some meat, if our funds allow. We aim to provide a safe and fun environment in which to enjoy ball games, skipping ropes, storybooks, painting and other activities.

Their foster homes are in the Githembe Slum, which is a disgrace. There are no sanitary facilities, running water or electricity. Raw sewage lies everywhere and disease is rife; undernourished children are particularly susceptible to the maladies that flourish in this environment.

It is our hope that in the future we will be able to provide these children with three nutritious meals every day, provide clean water and lavatories. We have recently completed a permanent structure housing a kitchen and activities hall thanks to a kind donation from Kiwanis Club of Garlasco, Italy.

MAMA AFRICA



Mama Africa Thai Trousers



**Mama Africa Childs
Cooking Apron**



Mama Africa Baby Sleeping Bag

Mama Africa was started in June 2007. The sewing workshop is a women's project that empowers disadvantaged women in the Kangemi Slum by enabling them to earn a living. The 10 women are trained to sew marketable items out of the local colourful cotton kikoyis. The items include clothing (skirts, pyjamas, shorts, gowns, ponchos) and accessories (bags, baskets, towels, baby items). You can support this project by purchasing these items from us. These products will be available shortly from www.icare.org.mt

KANGEMI RESOURCE CENTRE



A teacher training session in progress

The Kangemi Resource Centre was started in order to support non-formal schools by providing training for the teachers. The intention was to improve children's schooling conditions and their level of education. It was also developed to empower the local community by giving them access to books and the Internet.

The KRC houses a small library of books and educational materials, and a computer room of 10 computers, 1 copy machine and 2 printers. The centre offers the local community access to the Internet and other services at affordable rates; a facility that was previously unheard of in the slums. Regular training sessions for teachers at non-formal schools are organised at the centre on a regular basis. We currently provide training to a total of 70 schools, this has a direct impact on the educational standards of 10,000 children.



What is a non-formal school?

Non-formal schools are community-based primary schools not registered with the Kenyan government. To shed some light on primary education in Kenya, if one were to attend a Government school the classroom would be filled with over 80 children all vying for the teacher's attention and resources stretched to capacity. In lieu of this, local communities have taken it upon themselves to provide alternative primary education, however the teachers often lack formal training and basic resources such as books, pens and paper, power connection and access to water and sanitation.

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STOP PRESS!

We are very excited to announce the launch of our online shop in early November. The site will be selling Order of Malta products made by local craftsman in Kenya. All the suppliers are enormously supportive of our work in Kenya and have adapted their products for our requirements.

All the Mama Africa products will also be available from the online shop.

What better place to do your Christmas shopping? All in the knowledge that every item that you purchase will have a direct positive impact on someone less fortunate than you.

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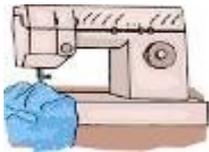
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HOW YOU CAN HELP US

OUR WISH LIST:

In our experience it is more effective if we are given monetary donations rather than actual items. This is for two reasons; firstly the cost of shipping from Europe is exorbitant and secondly, it is a boost to the local economy if we purchase items within Kenya. The following are items that we can purchase locally, but we need financial assistance in order to do so:



Sewing machines -
£100+

Painting materials – easels, paints,
paper, brushes - £100+



Bars of soap to teach
personal hygiene and
stop the spread of
disease - £1+



Children's clothes and
shoes for ages 0-16+ -
£25+

Books – story/picture books,
novels, reference books and
textbooks for the library at the
Kangemi Resource Centre -
£10-250



Indoor toys and board
games – we have rainy
days in Africa too! - £15



Playground toys – balls
(tennis, cricket, football),
skipping ropes, tennis
rackets, cricket bats - £50+



Computer equipment, printers,
scanners, faxes, photocopiers,
modems, hard drives etc... £500+

DONATIONS

We are enormously grateful to those who have supported our projects to date:

Dr Pierino Liana

Martin Bates

Halliday Finch

Kiwanis Club (Garlasco)

Gioconda Cicogna

Pablo Hohenlohe

Toyota East Africa

One World Couriers

Anthony F Gross

Biobox East Africa

Southern Farms

Ashwin Brothers

Linda Camm

Chambua Minerals

Mary O'Reilly

HOW TO DONATE

Donations of all sizes are urgently required in order to enable project sustainability and future development. The projects in Nairobi are at the toddler stage, and like any young child, investment in the early days will reap rewards later in life. All our projects require a significant injection of funding to establish facilities and standards of which the Order of Malta can be justifiably proud.

We need your help to achieve the dreams of the people we are helping.

Please send donations via The Companions using the following details:
Cheques to be made payable to: **COM Overseas**

and send to: **Kenya Project, The Secretary, Shotley Hall, Shotley Bridge, Consett, Co.Durham, DH8 9TE**

Details for bank transfer:

HSBC Bank

Sort code - 40 05 20

Account name - COM Overseas

Account Number - 21692135

BIC code - MIDLGB2107J

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Signed.....Date.....

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1. You may cancel this declaration at any time by notifying Order of Malta Embassy in Kenya.
2. Remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations (currently 28p for every £1 you give).
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you may reclaim the excess above the basic rate of 22% on your tax return.

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