Emmanuel Home Newsletter
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(formerly ***Kanyawegi Children's Home****)*

Swimming in the sun at Christmas?



A couple of our lads enjoying part of the Christmas treat! (more on this later).

2022 - A year of adjustments:

Here in the UK we have been getting used to lockdowns being lifted and some aspects of life getting 'back to normal'. But there are some things that will never be the same, and our lives have been impacted by other significant events such as the war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis.

In the northern part of Kenya there has been a long term drought that is having a terrible impact on people's lives and has led to friction between different groups – particularly as a result of competition for grazing land. Kisumu, where our work is based, is not directly affected by this, but is facing the rise in prices being experienced in many parts of the world.

2022 was a busy year for schools as they 'caught up' with academic terms delayed by covid and managed to complete the end of 2021 and the whole of the 2022 academic years by December. Some of our children progressed on to secondary school, and a couple have just completed that phase of their education. We are giving these two the opportunity in the first part of this year to explore what jobs may be available to them and we'll see how they

make the most of their post-school time. In Mar/April we will check out with them whether doing a further vocational course would be helpful.



Ibrahim was one of two of our older young people completed their higher qualifications in 2022. We have supported him from a child through to the end of secondary school and then with 'upkeep' money throughout his degree course. We congratulate him on achieving his degree in Information Science.

A third individual, Lilian, has done the taught part of her course and is due to be on work placement for 3 months. We approached her about potentially providing backup for Linda at times when she may not be able to work. Lilian has 'shadowed' Linda in her work and has done some tasks alone - it seems she will be a good support for Linda if needed in the future.

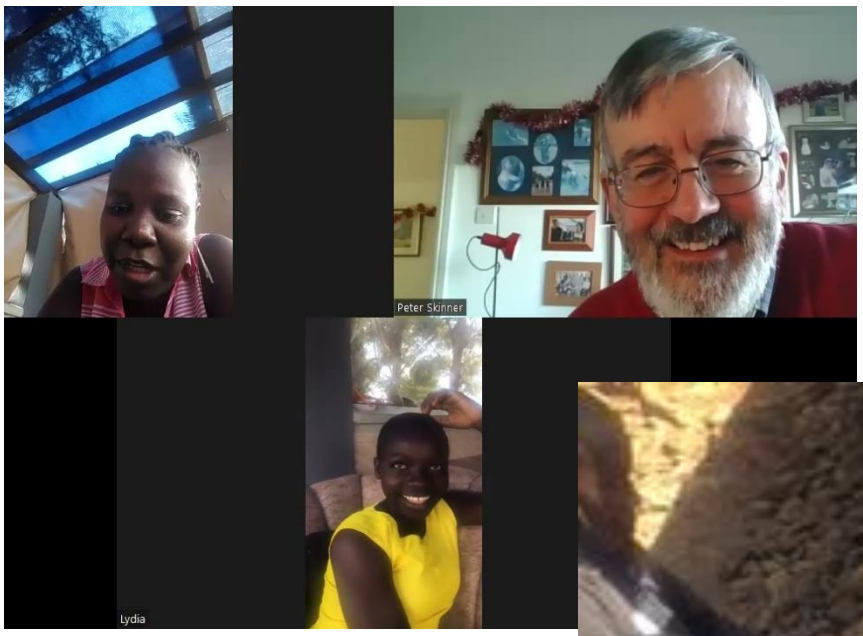
Ibrahim at his graduation in Dec 22.

We praise God for the many good things that have happened during 2022 to maintain our work, but not everything went as hoped. Ian Alex started his new secondary school but by December it was clear that he wasn't coping well with the academic route. We have therefore now registered him for a practical 'artisan' course in Motor Vehicle, which we hope he will start this month, unless delayed until May.

Christmas Treat 2022 x two !!

In December Linda, the Manager, arranged for the children to go to the 'Galore Luxury Resort' for their **Christmas treat (part 1)**! No, this wasn't a weekend away at 5 star hotel, but it was a good venue for the children to enjoy swimming in the pool (hence front photo) and then having a good fish lunch. Unknown to all those attending we had also arranged for Lydia to travel over from Nairobi to surprise them all by turning up. This gave her the opportunity to 'catch up' with and encourage each individual. The picture on the right shows Lydia with Catherine.





After the kids had enjoyed a great meal we set up a 'Zoom' call so that I could speak to Linda, Lydia and each of the children there. The extract on the left from the Zoom meeting shows Linda, and me speaking with Catherine.



While Lydia was in Kisumu she organised for shopping to be purchased for a 'Cook Out' (**Christmas treat part 2**) at Linda's the following day. I learnt that a 'cook out' is when everybody gets together to share in the preparation and cooking of a meal (from killing, plucking and cooking the chickens through to making the chapatis and preparing ugali). The children were fully involved in all stages and enjoyed this second opportunity of doing something different together.



The pictures show Michael and Ian Alex cooking the meat and Nelly cooking the ugali.

The children enjoyed both of these activities. They are due back at school in the last week of January when they will start their 2023 academic year. Catherine and Kelly are the last two doing their final year at primary school; the others are at secondary school – and three of them finish in December 2023.

The meal the children cooked and enjoyed together!



Thank you to all our supporters for enabling this work to continue! We are pleased that in addition to covering the costs of the children's education and support throughout the year your donations have also enabled us to make Christmas 2022 that bit more special for them.

We pray that the remaining young people we have will grow up to be happy and productive individuals who have a sense of God's purpose in their lives.

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New Prayer Pointers for 2023

We anticipate a few changes this year. Here are some topics for prayer:

Please pray...

- For Catherine and Kelly who are the final 2 completing primary school this year.
- For Ian Alex to make the most of the Motor Vehicle 'Artisan' course he is due to start this year.
- For John Lloyd and Alex who have finished secondary school and need to use their time and energies productively.
- Giving thanks for Linda, Lydia and Lilian as they support all the children and young people.
- For the children still struggling with their school education.
- That the UK Committee will have wisdom as they consider how best to direct the work in Kenya.