Emmanuel Home Newsletter

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

Lives being changed

As we start a new year it gives us an opportunity to reflect on how God has helped us make a difference to the lives of the young people we support. The majority of our donors have been faithfully supporting the work for many years, for which we are very grateful. They will recognise that whereas in the past news about the children and young people may have been fairly general, now with fewer individuals in our care it is easier (and more appropriate) to focus in on specific young people and what is happening in their lives.



Our last newsletter provided details of the vocational training being undertaken by some of those we support. In this newsletter we can provide some pictorial updates.

John Lloyd completed his Tourism Management qualification in 2025 and graduated with good results (photo on right). We are pleased he did so well on his course and wish him all the best as he seeks employment. He is no longer on our programme but has an uncle who will help him transition fully into independent adulthood.



Alex (on right) will be completing his Building Technology course in the spring of this year. As part of his studies he has gained practical experience in industry (photo on left). He was also funded by us to do an additional Computer Aided design (CAD) part time course that has provided him with extra skills relevant to the industry.





Maurice is into his final year of Plumbing training and will complete in the summer. Between school and college we funded him to gain his driving licence and now he is doing well on his course too.

I'm not sure if he is planning to do truck driving but he said he was doing his driving theory training and came across details of Eddie Stobart and asked questions about the company. A great company, founded by a Christian, (recently deceased) but sadly not operating in Kenya!



Idah is continuing her Fashion Design course and recently had a project to design and make a Tote bag (on right). Idah's Lupus condition seems to be under control now, with the help of medication. (Below is a photo of Idah in class)





Beryl continues with her teacher training course at university. She is enjoying it but her progress was hampered by a lecturer's strike that lasted several months. Staff are now back at work and the long awaited results from her first year have been issued; she is doing well.

As Beryl was successful in applying for student bursaries most of her costs are covered, leaving a small amount that we have to provide. Beryl has long wanted to become a teacher so we wish her all the best in her studies.



Michael finished secondary school in November and is waiting for his results in the national exams. In the meantime he's exploring the possibility of doing a driving course.

Nelly has been struggling significantly at school, both in attitude and academic performance. The Kenyan Team decided it would not be to her advantage to stay in secondary school for her final year. Instead she has enrolled on a Food and Beverage 'artisan course' which is a more practical vocational course, based at Seme Technical and Vocational College (Photo shows her on day 1 with Linda). We trust that she will make the most of this opportunity to develop new skills that may lead to employment in the future.



Change of School:



Catherine and **Kelly** are the last two of our young people still at school and they also have been struggling – even though we have funded them for 2 years at a higher quality private school. The Kenyan Team have decided it is best to move each of them to more local 'government' boarding schools. They are both also developing their knowledge of agriculture through their school studies – which could be of real value later in the rural areas where their relatives live.



'Goodbye' & 'Welcome' – Change of Manager:



Our Manager in Kisumu, **Linda** *(pictured right)*, has decided to step back from our work. She joined Kanyawegi Children's Home in 2012 as a 'House Parent' and took on the Manager role in about 2017. She has experienced some challenging times – both in our work and personally (her husband died unexpectantly in 2023), and was key to stabilising our activities from 2019 onwards. She now has other work commitments to focus on, but has offered to act as a 'back up' if required. The UK Committee are grateful for all her positive input. **Lilian** *(left)* - an orphan supported by us for many years - was trained up by Linda to assist and has proved to be very diligent and reliable. She has kindly accepted the offer of the Manager role (about 2+ days/month), and started at the beginning of Jan 2026. She takes on the work Linda was doing but will also will have scope to guide how the work develops as we 'wind down' over the next few years. We welcome Lilian to her new role!



Christmas Day Out:

We treat the young people to something special at Christmas and this year those that could make it went out for a meal, archery and (some) a swim!









Updates on July 25 Prayer Pointers:
You were asked to pray for...

- Michael and his final secondary school exams. These he completed – the results are out and he did better than expected.
- Ian Alex seeking motor vehicle work. As far as we know he obtained his adult ID card and is therefore able to get full time work. He hasn't updated us since he left our programme.
- Gill and Jenty as new Trustees. Both have settled in well!
- The Kenyan Staff Team implementing the new work tracking system. The system worked well overall and has improved and updated for use throughout 2026.
- Continued provision of sufficient funds for our work and college costs. Support continues. particularly at this time when we have several young people being supported at college.
- Full recovery of Ken Ivecco's son Ethan. He is doing well.
- Each of our young people to continue their faith journey and deepen their relationship with the Lord. This is not always easy to measure, but here's a recent message received from Maurice: "I am doing excellently on my course and will give any new opportunities a try. I still trust in God and He will never fail. I am growing fast in spirit and am always prayerful."

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