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

'Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation'

May we (the charity) take this opportunity of thanking all donors (and others who care and pray) for your faithful support over the years. We have no doubt that the Lord has used the work of the charity to literally save the lives of some children and young people but for all of them change their lives for the better – and we couldn't have done it without your support. Now we seek to do the best we can to see the final group of young people through their education and training and hopefully into meaningful employment.

However, the heading to this section actually originated as the subject line from an email received last year from Kennedy Ivecco - a young person who was at Kanyawegi Children's Home in the early 2000s. It is unusual for us to have communication from people who have left our care, so it was particularly encouraging to have this message from Kevin and hear of his gratitude to all who helped him whilst in our care. I include the email on the next page. Kevin is now an accountant working for an accounting firm in Nanyuki town, central Kenya. He has two children – Edelle (about 11 now) and Ethan (about 6 now) – that he co-parents with his ex-wife.

Kennedy recently sent this photo of himself. He also said that his son Ethan is recuperating well after some significant medical treatment. Please pray for Ethan's full recovery.



Kennedy Ivecco today

Dear Chairman Skinner,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful support and care provided by Kanyawegi Children's Home, now Emmanuel Home, which I had the privilege of being part of from 2000 to 2006. Although I have since grown and moved on, the impact of the home remains a significant part of my life.

Reflecting on my time there, I realize now just how much the home provided beyond just the basics. As a child, I may not have fully grasped the magnitude of effort and dedication that went into ensuring we were well cared for. I might have been quick to criticize the menu or overlook the challenges, but with the perspective of adulthood, I understand and deeply appreciate the sacrifices and hard work that went into providing us with a nurturing environment.

The support I received at Kanyawegi Children's home saw me through my primary and secondary education, and I can honestly say it was one of the most formative and positive experiences of my life.

On behalf of all the children who were helped and supported during my time there, and even far after I left, I want to convey our collective gratitude. The home provided us with a sense of stability and hope that has shaped who we are today.

Thank you for continuing the legacy of care and compassion that made such a difference in our lives. Your dedication, often at the expense of your own comfort, provided us with a nurturing environment that has shaped who we are today.

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the home's mission. It was truly the best life I could have had, and I am forever grateful.

Warm regards,

Ken Ivecco

Jobs for the Boys?

We are keen that each of our young people gain enough from their education and training to equip them for the world of work. **Ian Alex** gained motor vehicle experience at a garage during the college course that he has now completed. We are pleased to report that he passed his final exams, so we look forward to hearing from him when he gains full time employment, although he has now completed his time being supported by us. **Alex** has started his final year on a Building Technology course and is currently 'on attachment' – getting valuable practical experience in the industry.



This time last year we reported on what school leavers had been doing with their time prior to starting college and for **Maurice** we enabled him to undertake driver training and successfully gain his licence. The picture here was extracted from a 5 minute dashcam video of him driving through town. (Someone should let him know the camera is meant to face the other way!). He is currently doing a plumbing course and can be proud of his first set of results (show below), which are fantastic! Being able to drive is a valuable skill to have when he comes to seeking employment.

Unit Title	**Mark (%)**	**Grade**
Installation of water pipes & systems in buildings	83	2 (Distinction)
Installation of rainwater harvesting & disposal systems	85	2 (Distinction)
Technical drawing 1	69	2 (Credit)

John Lloyd is now in his final year of a Tourism Management course and recently enjoyed a brilliant student trip to the east coast of Kenya to experience more regarding the tourism industry there. The pictures show places he visited, including the Malindi Pillar (from 1498), and the Gedi Ruins (from the 11th century onwards).







Let us hope and pray that all these young men do find good jobs in due course.

What about the others?

Idah and **Beryl** continue with their college courses and we may have more to report about them in later newsletters. **Michael** is in his final year of secondary school and is being encouraged to put in more effort prior to taking his national exams. **Nelly**, who has been finding school difficult, has been learning Taarab dancing and her school group has been doing well in the competitions at inter-school music festivals. **Catherine** and **Kelly** also struggle with some of their academic subjects.

New Roles and Responsibilities:

We must announce that **Sally Petit** has stepped down as a Trustee of the charity after many years of faithful service and assistance with the accounts and Gift Aid claims. On behalf of the UK Committee I say a huge 'Thank You' to her and wish her all the best in the many other roles and ministries she has. In her place two volunteer members of the Committee (**Gill Skinner** and **Jenty Goodyer**) agreed to becoming new Trustees and this was officially confirmed in late March.

In Kenya too there have been some changes. **Linda** remains as our Manager and **Lilian** is identified as her assistant. **Lydia**, who is based in Nairobi is 'overseer' of our work in Kenya. We have introduced a new system of logging the work each of these individuals do for us and paying them accordingly. There have been some teething problems with the system but these will be ironed out as we proceed through the 6-month trial implementation period.

New Prayer Pointers

Please pray...

- For Michael as he prepares for his final secondary school exams.
- For Ian Alex as he continues to seek motor vehicle work.
- For Gill and Jenty as they adjust to their new Trustee roles.
- For the Kenyan Staff Team as they implement the new work tracking system.
- For continued provision of sufficient funds for our work, particularly at this time when we have several young people being supported at college.
- For full recovery of Ken Ivecco's son Ethan.
- That each of our young people will choose to continue their faith journey and deepen their relationship with the Lord.

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