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

Latest News from Kisumu

This newsletter is a brief summary of what has been happening with our work in Kenya over the last 6 months.

Educational Position:

As reported before, the academic term schedule had to be re-written at the start of 2021 in order to fit in missed teaching from the lockdown in 2020. So this year there have been extra terms fitted in and more shorter breaks between them. After Christmas the final term of the 2021 academic year will be undertaken, followed by the 3 terms of the 2022 year so that the sequence gets 'back to normal' by the end of 2022.

The children have found it hard to get back into the rhythm and discipline of study, and for some the impact of very large class sizes means that they may not receive as much individual attention and support from their teachers. We'll be able to report more on their progress in our next newsletter.

News on Individuals:

We're pleased to report that **Lilian** has successfully graduated from her Certificate in Nutrition and Dietetics. She has done well throughout the course and is now going to do her final Diploma year.

We were able to treat her to a meal out with the Manager to congratulate her on her achievement and so that they could talk about progress, course fees and other matters.



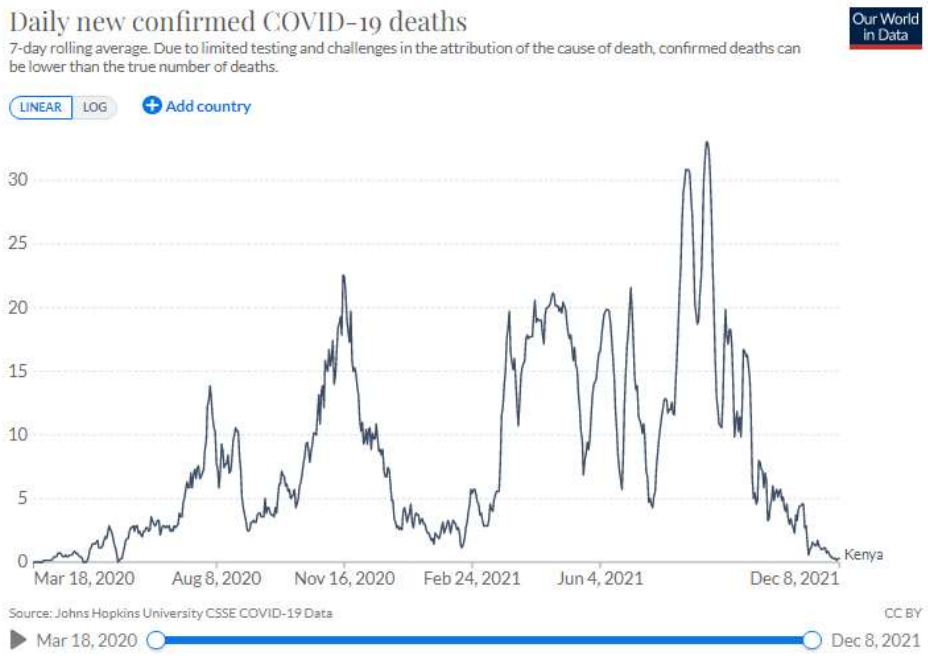


Lilian and Linda enjoying their meal.

Kevin4 has been doing his final exams on his Laboratory Technician course, and will cease to be supported by us in 2022 (other than his graduation fees). We trust that he will do well and that enabling him to do this course will lead to good employment in the future.
We'll be reporting on **Ibrahim's** progress after he finished his HE course in April 22.

Update on Young Mothers:
One of the two teenage girls who became mothers this year is **Beryl**. Fortunately she has been able to return to school and is re-taking the academic year disrupted by her pregnancy. Her baby is being cared for by others during the school day. For the other girl, **Mercy**, returning to school wasn't an option, particularly because she has struggled with academic studies for several years. Instead, we arranged for her to have a 3-month work placement at a local hairdressing salon where she is gaining training and experience that hopefully will enable her to earn a living afterwards. Her progress is being monitored by our Manager who reported a few weeks ago: "*Mercy is in her second month of training. She is getting on well – her progress is slow but good. She is coping well. Wait until you see her make up my hair and then you will understand just how well she is progressing! The upkeep money you are giving her has helped her a great deal.*"

The Pandemic Context:
Clearly, the covid pandemic has had a considerable impact on charitable work both in the UK and across the world. Indeed, Linda Osewe, the Manager of our work in the Kisumu area, had a covid infection earlier this year, but recovered well. The John Hopkins University has presented information relating to Kenya, and the graph here shows the current position in Kenya, with a very low number of deaths attributed to covid-19. However, although it is good to recognise the downward trend in deaths it is likely the real numbers are higher due to factors such as the low overall level of testing in Kenya and the difficulties relating to accurate reporting of covid-related deaths. We continue to pray that the authorities will have wisdom in how they manage the covid challenges.





John Lloyd and **Idah Daisy** are two of our orphans currently at secondary school. They are pictured here (on the left) at the funeral of their grandmother. It is sad that so many lives have been lost due to the pandemic, and John Lloyd in particular has been struggling to do well at school.

Idah has been doing better, and we look forward to seeing her end of term report shortly.

Christmas Treat

For the last few years we have been able to send over to Kenya a little extra money to enable the children (and staff!) to have a Christmas gift. Two years ago they had a group visit to a games centre, which they all enjoyed. Last year they were in lockdown, but were given cash to buy something for themselves. This year the Manager plans to take them out to the local Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet (or somewhere similar!) to enjoy a meal together.

"Thank You"…

to all those who have been praying for and/or giving to our work. We are so grateful to all the individuals and churches who have continued to support our work financially over the last year (and much longer in many cases). There will be several of our young people who will be progressing on to new things in the next few months, but we will continue to support the remaining school children through their education so that they have the best chance possible to make something of their lives.

New Prayer Pointers

Please pray...

- For Michael and Ian Alex as next term will be their last at primary school and they will be doing their final exams. Pray too that good secondary school places will be found for them.
- For Linda, our Manager, as she balances the work/life challenges of being a mum and wife, working for our charity part time and running her own chicken business.
- For Mercy as she completes her vocational training, and that she makes a successful transition into employment and greater independence.
- For the UK Committee as we seek the Lord's guidance on plans for the future.
- That each individual we care for may know the reality and joy of a daily walk of faith with Jesus.

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