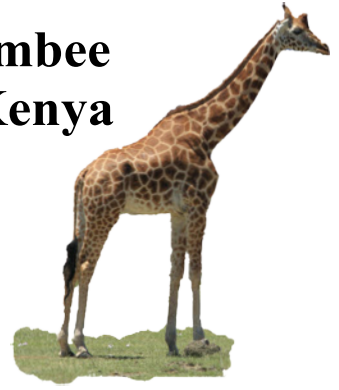


# Newsletter

## Harambee For Kenya



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Just a short newsletter this time. And sorry it's a bit late.

*Well a few things have been happening since we last wrote. We just caught Julius going to school which was lovely to see. Well we have heard that he is doing really well and is catching up with the rest of his class. Andrew visits him to see how he is doing and while John and Mary were there they visited him too.*

*The Kenyan trustees are getting in the swing of what they need to do with the money given by Africa 2000 Network and have been on a training course to help them. They are eager now to start the program with the boys.*

*All the boys are doing well. One or two have run back to the street but we sometimes see this happen as it can take quite a long time for them to settle to rules. If they are seen by Thomas, Andrew or Elijah they will always try to get them back and in the past a number of them have come back. But they have to want to be helped or it does not work.*

*John and Mary had a lovely time in Kenya and when we saw them they were keen to return which is great. This is what John had to say about it....*

After the scouts left Mary and I were at the safe house for another seven weeks, but it felt like even more!

After a week or so of trying to do group classes, we found they didn't work. Some boys knew it, and so were easily distracted, and some boys had no confidence in front of their brothers. So we resorted to individual learning. We focused mainly on those who needed the most help. It was great to see people like Emmanuel and Malack come up to us with *We're going on a lion hunt!* so they could read it to us. And of course we told the older boys about England and the world outside them. I even gave the eldest boys a small business studies lesson, as they are about to leave the house for their own enterprises.

Preston made sure we saw the city, and taught us how to make Kenyan meals like, Matoke (unripe banana stew!). We also visited the Massai. It was a much more intimate experience than Nakuru, but, a lot more expensive too! Rich Moh was determined to record another song to show everyone in England, and wanted me to introduce the song. So we went to the studio and I recorded with him and his friends. Never thought I'd be doing that.

And of course, Thomas, Andrew and Elijah. We made special friendships with them, and are truly grateful for their love.

It was hard, for both of us, leaving the boys, but we also both hope to go back as soon as we can.

See overleaf for photos.

**A Poem written by Sarah Kendrick**

Harambee for Kenya is our charity,  
If you take notice you will see,  
How much time, effort and love we give,  
To the ones that really appreciate it,  
The boys love to hug, dance and sing,  
Which gives us all a humble feeling,  
When you hear them talk or watch them play,  
It melts your heart that makes you want to stay,  
When you have some time can you please fund raise,  
Any money will be great,  
Even if its a penny from a fete,  
The money you raise will be so helpful,  
It will go towards work that will help them all  
If there's a smile on their face, then there's a taste,  
Of why there is a reason to live.  
Your help is appreciated  
We will all be so grateful.



Some of the pictures that John and Mary took while at the project.

Thank you guys for taking time out with our kids. They loved your company.

**Our Thanks go to the following for their support.**

Yr 8 Sackville School, East Grinstead.

Heathfield Rotary.

Eillean Agate.

Herstmonceux Free Church

1st Birchington Scout Group.

Eric and Karen Toll.

## 100 Club

### May 2010

£15 Hannah Gagaka

£10 David Hussell

£ 5 Frankie Dann

### June 2010

£15 Vicky Dann

£10 Tim Page

£5 Julie Urry

**TRIPS COMING UP**  
LAST CHANCE TO BOOK.

**16th to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**

Roger and Lesley will be going back again on these dates. If you would like to go with them, then let us know now as we will be **booking flights in May.** email [lesley@harambeeforkenya.org](mailto:lesley@harambeeforkenya.org) for more information.

*Dates for your diary.*

15th January 2011 Fun Quiz Night at Horam Village Hall.

5th March 2011. Swimathon. 24hr swim challenge for teams. Sponsorship event.

More details on these later.

## MEET THE BOYS

*Adam Shaban is one of our older boys. He is about to leave the house once we can sort out a home and work. Adam believes he was born on the streets and abandoned by his mother. He does not know where she is. He is now looking to set up in a small business selling shoes. We are trying to help him achieve his dream and find somewhere to live.*



Osoro Juma is another bigger boy. He was born of older parents, but his father has died.. There was very little food at home so Osoro ran away. He used to collect scrap at the stadium before moving into the safe house. He had been on the streets since he was about 10yrs old. Osoro has smoked, drunk alcohol and smoked cannabis. This makes him particularly vulnerable to getting into trouble with the Police. So staying at the house is one of the best ways to help him rehabilitate.

### More News.

**It is great news that we now have water being pumped into the new water tank on the roof above the stairs. There is also a tap outside the kitchen so now the boys will be able to use that rather than going to the river . The water should be able to be used by visitors too as long as it is boiled for 10 minutes before cooking with it or making tea etc.**

**IT'S great news. This is thanks to the fundraising Lewisham Manor District Scouts did.**

**Well done everyone. We hope to have some pictures in the next newsletter.**

### More help coming forward.

**If there are a few of you who would like to join together and raise £100 you can donate on Just Giving as two friends of the charity are trying to raise £40,000 (yes you read it correctly). This money will enable us to start the second project in the near future.**

**If you would like to see this happen then get together and hold an event or do a sponsored "something" and raise the money. GOOD LUCK**

**<http://www.justgiving.com/buildasafehouse>**

**Go on give it a go!**