



Newsletter

May 2020



Thank you to all who've expressed concern for our orphans in Utange. I'm sorry to report the Kenyan authorities have temporarily stopped the feeding programme due to COVID-19. 500 is too large a number to gather at this time.

A tragedy as it's the only food most of the children receive each week. We're trying desperately to get around to as many mud huts as possible to deliver maize flour to alleviate the hunger. Dodging the police who are stationed throughout the village with big sticks beating anyone who shouldn't be outside is a challenge.

However, House Dad Festus is doing his best to get through and the girls above were two of the lucky recipients on Saturday.

Our college students and boarders are all back at Casuarina safe and sound, apart from Angelina who is stuck in Nairobi. She couldn't get home before lock down.

The picture shows the children doing what they love best, singing! They were performing at a church in Mtwapa before the stay at home order. For now they can only sing and dance at Casuarina but we're just grateful they're all healthy and home together!



Celebration High School is currently closed. The students are pictured above at their final assembly before lock down. Unfortunately we don't have the luxury of teaching the students online as none have laptops or electricity in their mud hut homes.



They're itching to get back to school. The Kenyan government announced last week that schools would re-open at the end of May as long as coronavirus cases don't escalate. So we will see.

We're endeavouring to continue to pay our teachers and staff. They have families to feed and there is no aid from the government to claim.

We're persevering to assist the orphans and disadvantaged in our care but as usual it seems the poor suffer the most. Raising funds and sponsors at this time is proving extremely difficult. I pray my July newsletter will bring better news. Like the rest of the world we are finding this temporary "new normal" very challenging.

The good news is Celebration Health Care is still open as it's a public service. Our staff are working hard to assist the sick in the community. Our recent free medical camp saw over 500 from the village treated for physical and emotional conditions.

Lastly, if you'd like cheaper utility bills and the chance to support our charity at no extra cost to you, kindly see the poster on the right. Please call Irene Grant-Jones (authorised distributor) for more info: 01234 853399. Or to switch utilities call Utility Warehouse: 0333 777 3212 quoting appeal no. "B56575 Utange Orphans". (U K residents only)

Thank you for your support and concern.

God bless,

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