



Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 28th February 2015



The Rehema Project board members outside Kitheo church Office

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Trustees Report
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Some of our Special needs families at a Community Workshop

Name of the Charity: Friends of Kianjai, Kenya

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Governing Instrument: Friends of Kianjai was formed by the declaration of a trust made on the 31st August 2011

Trustees: Caroline Newton (Chair)
Jonathan Gichaara (Vice - Chair)
Sally Livsey (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Gichaara
Gladys Gesage

All above trustees held office for the whole year under review.

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Aim and Purposes

Friends of Kianjai, Kenya (FKK) are a group of Kenyans and Europeans who formed to send resources to Kianjai in the summer of 2011 to enable locals to survive a famine due to drought. This vibrant community of Kianjai, has leaders of integrity with vision, creativity and energy for change. Their resources are depleted but the social enterprise and dedication is inspiring. The friendships that were forged during 2011 make us uniquely placed to continue our support. FKK see it as our role to work with these leaders to provide the resources which will empower them to realise their vision to rebuild their community.

Objectives and Activities

Currently our focus of support is divided into four areas:

- * **Famine Relief** . The region of Tigania West remains vulnerable to severe drought and when the population is facing famine we divert money from our other projects to alleviate and support where we can.
- * **Educational support** . We support orphans and children from humble backgrounds to remain in education either at school or in a vocational place in higher education.. We are also resourcing these institutions and teachers so they can provide a better quality of education.
- * **Special needs educational support**. We resource feeding programs at our special units to minimise malnutrition amongst disabled children in the community. We aim to provide teachers and parents with training to encourage better inclusion of disabled children into education and their wider local community. Work continues on the building of a respite centre which will act as a focus for our support.



Our visits to children at our special units include gifts of toys from the UK

- * **Entrepreneurial support**. FKK respond to local enthusiasm and interest. We respond to initiatives within the community to develop income generating projects. These may be by individuals or groups who have come together to share ideas and support each other.

Achievements and Performance

In this, the fourth year of activities for FKK, we are delighted to report the following achievements against our objectives below.

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Famine Relief

We provided £2000 worth of seeds in September 2014 in anticipation of decent rains and impending hardship. Unfortunately these rains failed and by December our small community was facing a famine exceeding the 2011 situation. We were able to launch an appeal which brought in £3417 in this period of account. Much more was raised and sent to Kenya in the next financial year.

Educational support

Our scholarship scheme is now in its fourth year and FKK has found a major funder for the program (Oliver and Learn) and also a new team member in Kenya to assist in the co-ordination of the scheme (Peter Gitonga of Soteni) During 2015 the trustees Caroline and Elizabeth met with school heads and Peter Gitonga to exchange ideas and incorporate changes to the management of the scheme.

Sadly Geoffrey Kaluma, our dear treasurer in Kianjai, died in a house fire in August. His wonderful work in the early days of the scheme will not be forgotten.



Elizabeth, Caroline and the late Geoffrey Kaluma



*Doris - one of the first of our sponsored students
She is now at Mount Kenya University and
paying her own fees by working as a chemistry teacher.*

We have been delighted to secure ongoing funding for our schools sponsorship with the Oliver & Learn Foundation and this year were able to assist 8 schools with a sponsorship of 100,000KS each (£750) and were also able to support a further 40 students in the Soteni Sponsorship scheme (£1500 in total)

Special needs educational support.

The co-ordination of the special units feeding program was taken over by Nkanata Mwiti during the year and extended to 7 units. He also launched some highly successful community workshops during the year. During the workshops families were introduced to each other and much mutual support and information was shared with positive feedback.



*Children sharing food together
at our Community workshops*

The trustees visited our special units bringing toys and educational materials with them and were present at the annual Disability Fun day bringing together families and members of the community together for another highly successful event co-ordinated by Nkanata. We have been delighted to hear from Nkanata that he is noticing a tangible change in attitudes and behaviour towards the special children following opportunities to share between these families. Following our formal collaboration with Vision Africa last year we now have a disbursement system in place whereby funding for the feeding program, workshops and related activities is coordinated by the Vision Africa offices in Kenya. It was agreed at the November meeting of trustees to provide Nkanata with a motorbike to assist him in the many responsibilities he has taken on for FKK - all on a voluntary basis.

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The Rehema Respite Centre for children with special needs and their families

Much work was undertaken this year for this project including:

- <> Trustees visiting a number of similar facilities in May 2014 and refining the building plans to reflect examples of good practice and experience that were encountered during these visits.
- <> A trustee visit to the land in September 2014 to see plantings of maize and macademia seedlings and the work of Victor (Income Generation Manager) and Ezekiah (Building Manager)
- <> The land has been fenced and gated with a latrine and watchman's hut now built and functioning.
- <> This project was the focus of our fundraising at Christmas as part of the Big Give initiative. £12000 was raised and this enabled work to start on building the storage granary, chicken house, pig house and cattle shed.



Cow shed based on zero grazing visited by the trustees

- <> Links made by the trustees with physiotherapists and occupational therapists at Mikinduri Hospital nearby and discussions started regarding workshops in the making of furniture and aids out of cardboard and paper.

Entrepreneurial support.

FKK enabled further distributions of water barrels to families with disabled children who can use these to raise an income by collecting water.

KK Lumbi Special unit has shown great initiative where 30 families have built chicken houses with FKK providing chicks and training. FKK provided a grant to develop exit strategies for special needs children involving potential employment in tailoring, cobbling and other trades.

FKK collaborated with Tool Aid again this year in the provision of tool kits for plumbers, tilers and welders graduating from the polytechnics.

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Collaborations and Partnerships

The trustees continue to be grateful for the developing relationships with our partners in the following organisations who share their time, wisdom and experience with us.

Trade Aid	John Asher and Trade Aid continue to share experience and support
Roll out the Barrel	The water bottles provided have been put to good use amongst families with special need children.
Vision Africa	This partnership is very important to us and we have much to gain from sharing experiences and expertise.
Soteni Village of Hope	Peter Gitonga has brought experience and inspiration to the co-ordination of our Educational Sponsorship Scheme.
Oliver & Learn	This charitable foundation provides ongoing grant funding for our Educational Sponsorship and enthusiastic fundraising skills!
Mulhouse Design Company	The owners and staff at Mulhouse continue to support us in our fundraising and many other ways throughout the year.

The trustees would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the above organisations and individuals who have played an important part in making this year such a success. There are countless unnamed individuals in Kenya and the UK whose tireless work and enthusiasm has made all the activities we undertake possible- thankyou!

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that all money raised is in direct response to a specific project or need. We identify needs or projects in the Kianjai community and aim to find donors in the UK willing to resource them. In the year under review we did not consider it appropriate to hold any reserves that do not fulfil the above requirements.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers in Kenya and the UK without whose inspiration, dedication and commitment many of the wonderful things FKK has accomplished would not have happened. People have been generous with their time and money and together we have endeavoured to fulfil the objectives that have been entrusted to us.

Structure, Governance & Management

FKK was formed when Jonathan Gichaara (who was born in Kianjai), Sally Livsey and Caroline Newton met in early 2011. Following a trip to Kianjai in July 2011 the charitable trust was formed on the 31st August 2011 with the above three as trustees and the charity was registered on the 26th September 2011.

The trustees have met regularly this year and undertaken three separate visits to Kenya at their own expense. As always we have benefitted greatly from the expertise, accountability and friendship of the governors and officers within the Methodist circuit in Kianjai. They have proved to be a vital part of the team and we continue to look forward to working together in the future.

Together we share in a common faith and trust in God to Whom we look with confidence for guidance, grace and yet more abundant love and gifts.

Sally Livsey

Signed on behalf of the trustees
Sally Livsey, Trustee & Treasurer
14th November 2015

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members
For the year ended 28th February 2015**

This report on the accounts of Friends of Kianjai Kenya for the period ended 28th February 2014 which are set out on page 8, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 114 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- <> examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- <> to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- <> to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- <> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- <> to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... *Chris Southwell*

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Date

