

CHALLENGES

You will have seen or read about the problems in Kenya at this time. The attack on Garissa University in Kenya on Maundy Thursday served to highlight the rising tide of extremism there. Kenya is a country with so much potential and with wonderful people. It is sad to find that a Muslim friend of ours said, 'It's scary!' There is a fear factor there and also the Foreign Office has put an advisory warning not to visit the East Coast where the Mudzini home is. It means that work along the holiday resort area is scarce and families are finding it far more difficult to make ends meet. The ones who suffer are the children and young people.

The need to support the children in Kenya is greater than its ever been. We need to continue in our efforts of maintaining and upholding our Kenyan family, practically and spiritually, through the difficult times. Life still goes on and the activities surrounding those at Mudzini Kwetu Centre, some mentioned in this news letter, are carrying on as normal.

We need to pray for God's protection over the Mudzini home, for the children and staff there.

We need to pray that the Mudzini staff would love and care for each child individually and prepare them for life in the community.

We hope that the home will continue to work closely with the Children's Department in helping those in greatest need.

We hope that the children will have a suitable education through the schools in the area, and the school being built in Kikambala, and be an asset to society.

We must believe that the Kenyan government will bring security to the region and negotiate in a way that will bring peace within communities of all religious beliefs and backgrounds.



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Working in partnership with Mudzini Kwetu Centre to transform the lives of vulnerable children

WELFARE

Providing accommodation and health care



EDUCATION

Assisting with schooling and training



JUSTICE

Collaborating with the Children's Department for children's rights



SPRING 2015

For fourteen years *Cariad Kenya* has been helping vulnerable children in the Kilifi District on the East Coast of Kenya.

We are supporting the Mudzini Kwetu Centre in caring for nearly sixty girls and have projects in the community.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



- Supplying fresh water for Kikambala village
- Maintaining the Mudzini farm and fish breeding initiative
- Supporting renewable energy with solar power and biogas

Serving the community in the Kilifi District through Global Partnership



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All these things have been made possible because of you. Whether you are young or old, or donated large amounts or small, or have helped in any way, the Trustees of *Cariad Kenya* want to thank you for your support.

You have enabled people from South Wales and Kikambala to share in experiences that will build a better understanding of the world in which we live.



Catherine from Mudzini says: *On behalf of the children and staff, I want to say, 'Thank You so much indeed for all you do'. This work is made a lot easier because of your involvement. We appreciate you and thank God for you. We are thankful that we have lived to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living and we are grateful to him for the gift of you. We hope and pray that you will continue to see the work of your hands being blessed and that you will indeed be fulfilled in every way.*



BUNDLES OF JOY

Our ever growing family has been blessed with bundles of joy—another pair of twins. At two months, Lucy and Salama weighed 4Kgs but when they came to Mudzini, they weighed less than 2Kgs. The mother of the identical twins passed on at childbirth and the father is said to be mentally unstable. The children were left in the care of their grandparents who tried so hard to keep them alive. They fed them with cow's milk and the children fell ill. They were admitted at the Kilifi General Hospital from where they were rescued and came to us. They were put on baby formulae and now they are growing strong and healthy.



OTHER BIGGER BUNDLES OF JOY

Charity and Nuru started walking last month. Emily and Angel, our other twins, started speaking and Grace can now sit down and crawl. When each of these children came to Mudzini, they were fragile little ones. BUT LOOK AT THEM NOW!

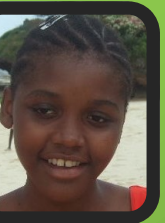
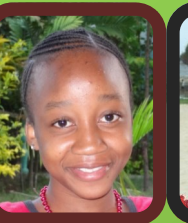


Nuru has sisters Rehema, Ratifa and Leah, aged between one and ten years old. They were rescued by a Good Samaritan and brought to Mudzini for care and protection. Their story is heart-breaking to listen to, but they will have a different story to tell in the future. Thank you for enabling us to rescue such as these and giving us an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these little ones.

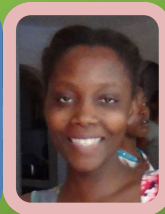


THE ACADEMICS

Pauni has joined four other girls (Jane Small, Neema, Halima and Zawadi) at Our Lady of Assumption Girls High School in Makueni County to start her high school studies. At the end of the last academic year, Jane was the best girl in the school.



Eleven girls became boarders at the Mary Joy Primary School. Rachel, Celina, Shishi and Salama are in year eight and will be sitting their finals in Primary school at the end of this year. Again one of the girls excelled at school with Rachel being the best in her class. It is wonderful that Salama is now able to be in this class after all the difficulties she has had to face in her life.



One of the first girls we helped in 2001 was Gift. She and Riziki sat the equivalent of our 'A' levels at the end of last year. It is remarkable that these girls have been given the opportunity to do these things. We wish them well in their future.



We hope that Rehema, Grace and Leah, the three new girls starting school, will be able to benefit too from the education that they will receive.