

STAFF



Alice Dama has been working at Mudzini for many years. In September she retired to her home in the Dunguni village. Mudzini arranged a retirement party for her and her family and she dressed for the occasion. Everyone had to say greetings, so the event lasted quite a long time—typical of Kenyan culture. Alice is already plan-

ning to initiate ideas to help her village community. She has a supply of solar lights, which can recharge mobile phones, and these she will be selling.

Alice and **Catherine** have succeeded in building excellent relationships with government institutions and child protection related organisations. This co-operation is essential to work effectively and has positively impacted on the lives of many children far from Mudzini itself.



Did you realise that there are two Georges and two Anthonys at Mudzini? One George you know already is the donkey! The new **George** is Mudzini's accountant and he has settled into the management team very well. One **Anthony** is the founder of Mudzini; the other is a male calf!

FISH PROJECT/ SCHOOL LAND

Mudzini is selling their tilapia fish to the community and bringing to the home their own income. Cariad Kenya has helped Mudzini purchase the first land for the proposed school in Kikambala.

Special thanks to **GE Aviation** in Nantgarw who are helping transport parcels to Mudzini. An incubator has been sent and books, pyjamas, jumpers and Christmas presents are on their way.

Whatever work you have done, whatever sacrifices you have made and whatever good thoughts you have for the less-privileged in this world, however small it may be, is certainly priceless. Thanks to our supporters as you have partnered with us to ensure the Mudzini Kwetu children and others in the District are cared for in every aspect.

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Unto us a child is born



As we celebrate Christmas again, we thank God for His immeasurable gift to us of His Son, Jesus.

We give thanks that Mudzini Kwetu Centre is caring for a number of babies. These are very special, as was the birth of a baby in Bethlehem so many years ago.

CARIAD KENYA

BABY BOOM

One night, in May, Mudzini received a phone call to collect a baby who had been abandoned. They called the baby, Regina. Later they discovered the baby was a boy!. He was taken to another Children's Home. A few days later, the Kilifi Children's Office brought a very young baby girl, who had been found in a box on the beach. This was now the real **Regina!** We saw her in August as a beautiful baby of three-months. There is someone interested in adopting her and that process will be completed by the beginning of the new year. It would have been lovely to watch Regina grow but we are happy that she has someone to love her and give her a home.



Two other little babies arrived in July and they will stay at Mudzini until the courts decide on their future. **Rose's** mother is in prison and **Somoi's** mother has been the victim of Sharia law. These babies are not only cared for by the house mothers **Leonida, Winnie** and **Lois** but by the girls, who return Somoi's constant smiles with loads of pampering.

Mapenzi, the two and a half year old, has been walking. She started walking around the sitting room and everyone cheered. She is very happy following anyone to the office and even as far as the outside gate! Mapenzi is also making efforts to speak. So watch this space!



GIRLS

Brenda has completed her time in High School and is waiting in anticipation to know if she is able to go to university or college. **Jane Big, Santa, Purity** and **Sopra** have completed their final examinations in Primary School and are also excited to know their results.



We thank God for opportunities to make a difference, however small, in these innocent lives and thank you for supporting these children in prayer, in kind (knitting baby clothes and jumpers) and in finances.

CARIAD KENYA WORKING IN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH MUDZINI

HOLIDAY CLUB

A Cariad Kenya team went to Mudzini in the summer for the annual **Holiday Club**. Action songs by John Hardwick were used and the children really enjoyed 'bopping' to these songs. Dramatic presentations of Bible stories were created and performed. Worksheets, quizzes and creative activities were under-taken with great enthusiasm. It is so encouraging to know that the songs the children learn, they sing to all visitors who come to Mudzini. Catherine states that what we give to the girls, no one can take from them. That is a very humbling thought. We also took the staff and children for a weekend break up the coast, went to Wild Waters and played a football match against Kikambala Children's home (we lost 1-0!).



FRIENDS OF BEDWAS

Friends of Bedwas, an associated group of Cariad Kenya, has obtained grants from the Wales Africa Community Links and we were their representatives and returned to Kikambala in October.

We visited **Women's Co-operative groups** who participate in Merry-Go-Round schemes, where they deposit money which can be used by individuals who take it in turn to borrow for their personal use or for the community. Mudzini have this scheme and Leonida has purchased a sewing machine and Saida is saving for a cooker.



We attended the **Charitable Children's Homes** committee in Kilifi where the District Children's Officer stressed the importance of working with communities to integrate children into their environment. This is a challenge to all the charitable homes. Mudzini are doing this integration with Julianna and are assisting her to obtain an I.D. card by taking her back to her original village.

A visit to **Kilifi Hospital** showed how Mudzini had come to the rescue of a mother and her sick child. Alice's (the manager) actions ensured a happy ending for this little child. The list of ailments for children in this District include malnutrition, rickets, malaria and meningitis. Mary, from our home, recently received treatment at this hospital and is making good progress.

KWETU CENTRE TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN