

Spring's Ministries news letter



Hi folks,

It seems a while since the last update about Kisumu and such a lot has happened...

Due to your generous donations the orphanage now has the much needed water tank and the dining hall is painted bright blue and looks fantastic. The mosquito nets are up and being used, Margaret even has a few spare nets too!



David and Felicity Charles have been out to Kisumu to work for a week or two; David helped with the painting at the orphanage and also taught at the high school and Felicity was teaching science and dissecting pigs eyes with the pupils!

James Ruddy also spent time in Kisumu working with Margaret, Joshua and the local hospital. He writes; *"My visit to Kisumu in July turned out to be an amazing trip! I really got to know Joshua and the people he works with well. I helped update his office computer; I visited schools and talked about my own life to the pupils; I sang (badly) with the choir and I did some work experience in the District Hospital which was a real eye-opener. I also met members of Joshua's family. It was a real privilege to visit Kisumu and I'll never forget it."*

As a result of his experience it has led him to want to train as a nurse. He will be starting university this coming year instead of taking a gap year as a direct result from his time in Kisumu. We wish him well!

Any old bras? Any old Bras? Any, any old bras?

We have started to collect bras of all shapes and sizes to send them out to Kenya. There are no manufacturers in Kenya and consequently bras are very expensive. So if you have any good quality second hand bras you are not using please can you either bring them into church and give them to one of us

or leave a bag in Jane Halls' porch? Jane's mobile number is 07795272347
Many thanks. I hope our male courier does not get stopped by customs with a suitcase full of bras!!!

Kisumu 2011

We **ARE** planning a trip to Kisumu next year for all ages. The provisional dates are for the last week in July and the first week in August 2011. We have to be officially invited by the Bishop to go out but we feel this should not be a problem and we are beginning to plan accordingly. If you are interested in joining us next year we have a meeting planned for **SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER** at **4p.m.** in the church. We will share our experiences from the last trip, verbally and visibly, and answer any questions you may have over a cuppa and cake. There is no commitment from you at this early stage but do come along and find out more! Alternatively contact Val by email; valpraud@hotmail.co.uk

Quiz night – back by popular demand -Saturday November 13th

Please put the date in your diaries; we shall have a fish and chip supper and the cost will be £10 per head. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time! Any donations of wine for the 'wheelbarrow of wine raffle' will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Gift aid

As you know we have been sending money out to Margaret for the orphanage every month and she and the children are extremely grateful for the food, clothes and school fees it provides. If there are any of you who donate regularly, or even give a 'one –off' gift, may we ask you make sure you fill in a gift aid form. As a charity we are now able to claim tax relief on all donations. This **really** makes your money go further so it makes sense to fill in the very simple form. Thanks

News form Joshua

Joshua is recently engaged to Asha, a relative of Mercy's, and they plan to marry on the 18th September. We wish both of them much happiness in their life together.



So please continue to pray for all our friends in Kisumu and for our proposed trip next summer.

May God bless you all,

Mel x (if you wish to contact me my email is; melanie_cole@hotmail.com)

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