

Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (WORK)

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www.work-kenya.org



How WORK evolved.....

WORK started almost by accident from 1998! Mary-Jane was working in a poor, rural area of Western Kenya as a nurse and continuously was meeting homeless orphans seeking help.



Solly collected water for people to earn money

The youth in Kenya are desperate to be educated as it is their only chance to escape dire poverty. School fees became an issue. With the help of friends and relatives Mary-jane was able to gain funds to get these kids into schools.

As a nurse Mary-jane was meeting elderly, vulnerable Widows needing help & assistance. With their own

children dead from HIV these poor women were the only hope for the orphans. The Fund grew



Florence –an elderly widow with 5 small orphans 3 with HIV

WORK had begun! In 2006 Mary-jane returned to live part time in the UK & WORK became a Registered Charity. Since then it has grown amazingly. Each year we sponsor over 100 orphans, we have well over 100 Widows who have either received help or are getting it now. Every Widow has an animal

of their choice. A cow, a goat, a sheep or Chickens



Each Widow's group has a Table Bank to enable them to be sustainable.

In addition we have completed numerous water projects, built 2 Health Centres, supported 6 schools (including 2 Special Schools) and a Youth Polytechnic...

YOU are WORK and without you none of this would have been achieved.....THANK YOU

Have you ever.....

Delivered your sisters baby.....?

Never seen a toothbrush.....?

Not eaten for 3 days.....

Never owned a book?

Walked for 3 months to find a grandfather you have never met.....

Had no idea of when your birthday is or how old you were?

Not gone to school as you had no clothes?

Had to 'sell' your body to buy food for your family?

What our Orphan's have said.....

Thankyou WORK – you have given me life - Sarah

I can now support my brothers and sisters in their education – Rose

WORK has taught me there is good in the world – Mercy

If it was not for WORK I would still be on the streets and probably dead, Thankyou - Ken



Helen

I have a job with the Refugee service – helping others who suffer – without WORK I would be very poor – James

I am alive & educated - Danial



Godfrey

I am a Journalist with a National Newspaper so am able to report on other vulnerable people – thanks very much

I am teaching and very happy - Irene

These are just snippets from the many letters and emails we get from the Students but they reflect very much how their lives have changed – all thanks to YOU!

W.O.R.K.

Tries to offer hope

and a chance to

improve quality of life

where there is NO

HOPE.....



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100 Club

Recent Winner are:

Joe Berry, Michael Henderson,
Emma Wilson, Jane McAuliffe,
Wendy Hammett, David Lawrence

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 100 Club. It is good for WORK and with 27 WINNERS each year it is quite good for you! If you have not joined and would like to please do let us know!!

Fund raising.....

We have some amazing supporters and fundraisers.....

THANKYOU!!!



Barbara made and sold Stars for Christmas

Ruth, Pat and Yvonne hosted a Tapas party for 60 people – great fun was had.....

Our local Cub pack held a sponsored Silence for an hour!



Yealampton Quilters are working hard to raise funds for WORK..... they are a talented group

Thankyou to Lucas for saving his pocket money and do small jobs to help us..... well done.

Many thanks also to Jean who made a Quilt for us to Raffle – we made £500.

Can you do something? Hold a coffee morning? Have sponsored Silence? Every little can help and every year we have to refuse Orphans as we don't have enough funds

Can you help us at Christmas.....

If you would like to help us over Christmas we would be most grateful! Some of our urgent needs are:

A goat (for one of our Widows) will grow and multiply! Baby 'kids' can be reared and sold at market for income...!



£25

Sanitary towels and soap for girls
For a school term supply £20

A Basic Tool Kit (for our student artisans) consisting of 5 essential tools for their particular trade



£25

Items for a child starting school eg satchel, pens, books, uniform, writing paper, geometry set, shoes, socks etc



£50



A rain tank to collect water.....

£300

Jigger treatment in a whole village £100

Name.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Any of these items or any donation can help us considerably. They literally can help save a life. Just send a cheque or pay via virgin money giving 'on-line

Thank you