



About The Karibuni Trust

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The Trust was started by Corinne Murphy during her recovery from a severe head injury, when she had a vision of African children asking for help - her response was to start the Karibuni Trust (with £2.56) as a Registered Charity in March 1995. The Trust aims to raise awareness and money to support projects caring for children in Kenya who live on the streets, in the slums and in rural areas of extreme poverty - orphans, runaways or abandoned, supporting themselves on the streets by begging, stealing, scavenging or prostitution. The Trust supports the following projects initiated and run by Kenyans, where most of the children arrive hungry because there is no food where they live. Increasingly the projects are also enabling their carers to learn new skills, which will help them to start being self-supporting.

[Tusaidie Watoto Nursery and Kibera Primary Schools Project, Kibera](#), where 1.2 million people live in 9 sq. miles in appalling conditions with no mains drainage, clean water, electricity, etc. After many years of searching for a plot, the Trust has paid for ¾ acre where premises will be built when funds are available, and when the land becomes available. The prevalence of HIV/AIDS is such that half the 65 children in the Nursery are orphans. All the children have breakfast and lunch, and 167 in Primary Schools join them for lunch. They all attend a varied Saturday programme, have extra tuition from volunteers, and have lunch. Another 10 children are in Boarding Secondary Schools, and 4 in Vocational Training. Their needs increase as more parents die and their siblings/grandmothers care for them.

[Kawangware Academy](#), in the Kawangware slum continues to develop and has now reached Standard 8, which means they will have their 1st candidates for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE). Karibuni sponsors 43 of the poorest children by providing food, uniforms, books, fees, etc. Seminars are organised by the Social Worker to help the carers manage their small income and care effectively for their children.



Karibuni (Welcome)

[At Embakasi Nursery School](#) Karibuni sponsors 20 children at the Nursery and pays 50-75% of the cost of uniforms and books for 60 children at Primary School and provides lunch for them. The church members pay the balance, with some cost-sharing by parents who are able to contribute.

[Peter Kamau](#) is in his last year of training as a carpenter following radical surgery. Friends of Karibuni are supporting him and his tuition fees are paid by St Peter's Methodist Church, Langata, where he is a member and plays the drums with the music group.

[Wesley Empowerment Centre, Njoro](#), now has 72 children in the Nursery and Karibuni sponsors 38, some of whom make a contribution. A further 69 children come from Primary School for lunch each day. They have two donkeys and carts and a bike taxi with which the women and young people are starting small businesses.



[Maua Methodist Hospital](#) continues to develop the holistic programmes of care and empowerment for people affected by HIV/AIDS, providing food for the whole family, drugs to treat opportunistic infections, ARV's, school uniforms, books and fees, simple wooden homes to replace shacks, micro-finance schemes and small business opportunities. Karibuni Trust is a partner in this programme.

Widows and orphans at Maua

[The Disability Community Centre](#), also at Maua, is integrating more children into main stream schools, including children with physical, mental and hearing disabilities, giving them and their families new hope for the future, and also developing small self-help business initiatives. Karibuni Trust is a partner.

[Meru Children's Home](#) The children's links with their extended families, with whom they had lost touch, are increasing, and the older ones went to them in December - not happily accepted by the teenage boys, but essential in helping them to have a sense of 'who they are' and 'where they come from' and improving their sense of self-worth. They are all doing well in their Secondary Schools and at Mwithumwiru.



[The Meru Township Programme](#), now based in the Catholic Consolata Mission School (CCM), feeds about 76 children 6 days a week. Thanks to free Primary Education most of them are now in school and have been provided with uniforms. Another 6 are in Vocational Training. A very active support group of women carers is growing food for their pots with some to sell, and are about to start a goat project with gifts from our Christmas 'Gifts

to share the joy of giving'. Most of them are HIV+ve and too unwell to work long hours, although those who are open about their status can now get free anti-retroviral drugs, (ARV's) and the improved diet is enabling them to be healthy and live longer.

The Trust continues to help [Mwithumwiru Primary School](#) to feed destitute children, including 250 AIDS orphans. The school has started a Day Secondary School enabling children who could not afford boarding school, to continue at school - the Government has now recognised it and is providing teachers.

[Tharaka Women and Children Welfare Programme](#) in Marimanti now has 22 children in Secondary Schools, 2 in Vocational Training and 24 at Primary Schools. Kamatungu School, where the project is based has improved and is achieving better results for the KCPE. Solar power, provided by children in UK, is providing light in the classrooms and dormitories. The women have started a goat project with Karibuni support, and also continue to make their baskets for which we are organising a regular market.

[Upendo Project, Kilifi](#) is a women's initiative near Mombasa, with a nursery for 25 children of whom 7 are AIDS orphans and 18 orphaned Primary School children who are being fed every day. There are two elderly volunteer teachers and one paid teacher. They now have a lovely building with classrooms, office and kitchen and have started a tree nursery to raise funds to develop their work with the widows and growing numbers of children in need.

[Hunajeza Women's and Children's Project, Kaloleni](#) is a similar project near Mombasa where a women's group is feeding 80 children three days a week. The women try to raise money by making brooms, roof tiles and fans with the leaves from coconut palms, but because there is no local market for them, they are sold to middlemen for a pittance and their profit margin is very small.

The problem of children on the streets in Kenya is not widely recognised, but Kenya's problem is second only to that of Brazil, when the two countries are compared size for size. The numbers are increasing rapidly due to the AIDS pandemic, breakdown of family structures as fathers move to towns to look for work, and the general economic situation in Kenya. The new government is making changes but it will take some years before the poorest and most marginalized feel the benefits. Free Primary education and safer public transport, etc are making a difference - but many children in school remain hungry and ill.

We are grateful to our partners, especially **The Methodist Church in Kenya**, where staff and volunteers give of their time and energy.

Thank you to all who are now supporting the Trust by raising awareness and money in various ways - **Nottingham and Derby District Network, North Lancashire District Network, Abingdon and Southwick Methodist Churches** - and many other churches, circuits, schools and other groups - and many individuals.

Right - 'Thank you' from some children at Limuru for their new fleeces donated by Corby Glen School in Lincolnshire.



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