



This newsletter comprises mainly of information that was included in the handout for Our Kenyan Kids' Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2014

## Message from the Chair to the AGM

About a year and a half ago, I agreed, after deep thought and prayer, to take on the role of chair of Our Kenyan Kids. Despite health concerns during that time, I have managed to hold this position. At times it is difficult. We see so much need and we have both limited resources and limited personnel.

But in reflecting back on the past 18 months, I see so many positive changes that we have been able to accomplish. When I hear George from Gathaithi OVC say "now that the orphans have a place to stay, food to eat, and books, they need nothing more".

And so the students continue to do well, with more and more wanting to go on to Secondary School. And then there is Margaret at Amazing Grace Children's Home. In a recent letter, she offered this: "We are humbled by your dedication to Amazing Kids, that is, the support towards the feeding programme. We do not take it for granted that you have chosen to be part of our programme.

This is to salute the work that you have done so far. We thank you so much." The number of children at Nairobi Children Rescue Centre has decreased, thereby giving each child more adult attention. And so it goes for each of the projects with which we are involved. The lives of children are improved, one at a time.

So we are approaching our 10th anniversary of the first donation that became the founding of Our Kenyan Kids. With your support, we can continue to help these children. They turn to us for support and we cannot let them down.

Carolyn Matheson



## News and Events

### Our Kenyan Kids Open Meetings

Please note that there will be no open meeting in May.

These meeting will start up again in September.

### Indoor Garage Sale

This event will take place this year on Friday 6 June (10am to 7pm) and Saturday 7 June (9am to 1pm).

This event will include a Bake Table with proceeds going to Gathaithi for secondary school fees.

### 10th Anniversary Celebration - A Virtual Safari Adventure

21 June 2014 At Roebuck Hall.

Dave Cybulski (Maitland Garden of Hope) will provide an African appetiser and salad.

Fabricland will provide fabric for a table runner.

Sears will lend mannequins to display Kenyan clothing.

Entertainment will be provided by Deborah Dunleavy, story teller, Abe and the Praise Team from Wall Street United Church, and a video from Josphat, our man in Kenya.

**Our Kenyan Kids**

thanks

**Wall Street United Church**

for making its facilities freely available to Our Kenyan Kids for meetings and events.



## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IN KENYA

**Nairobi Children's Rescue Centre:** Salaries for 8 workers.  
Christmas party for children. Dettol. McIntosh bed covers.

**Hope House Babies' Home:** 17 Adopt-a-cots.  
General support.

**St. John Ambulance:** Furniture and computer for Doris  
Coons' Resource Centre

**PLWA/Selenium Project:** 2 support groups at Embu. House.  
Income Generating project. Deep Sea Slum.

**Kawangware Tailoring Project:** Teacher's salary. Rent.  
Sanitary supplies.

**Usueni Girls' School:** Sanitary supplies.

**Education:** Sponsorship of 12 high school students,  
2 special needs students

**Kambui School for the Hearing Impaired:** Sponsorship of 6  
students. Food donation.

**Gathaithi OVC:** Food. Medical supplies – Jiggers. Sanitary  
supplies. Exercise books. Greenhouse. Umbrellas.

**Amazing Grace Children's Home:** Food. Christmas party.

## CANADIAN ACTIVITIES

8 open meetings. 11 Board meetings  
2 News Digests (print). Monthly Newsletter (e-mail).  
New Brochure.

Mission Exposure Trip.

Media exposure: R&T; EMC; Cogeco Cable.

## Fundraising

Scott Woods Concert	Meaningful Gifts
Garage Sale	Speakers
Elvis Tribute Concert	Starfish Campaign
Store – Kenyan crafts	Rita's dolls
Boston Pizza	Maitland Garden of Hope
Doug and friends concert	Change Challenge



# Our Kenyan Kids - Statement of Operations to December 2013

## Revenue:

Donations	\$47,885
Fundraisers	12,235

**Total Revenue** **\$60,120**

## Expenditures:

Education costs	\$10,199
Nairobi Children's Rescue Centre	10,843
Kawangware Tailoring Project	6,159
Hope House Babies' Home	3,423
PLWA/Selenium project	2,654
Gathaithi OVC	10,220
Amazing Grace Children's Home	4,524
St. John Ambulance (DCRC)	3,795
Usueni Girls' School	1,127
Misc. food	886
Program Delivery Kenya	16,237
Total Canadian Administration	4,550

**Total Expenditures** **\$75,374**

**Deficit** **(\$15,254)**

**Fund Balance beginning of year** **\$47,553**

**Fund Balance end of year** **\$32,299**

## DO YOU KNOW . . . . . ?

DO YOU KNOW that for a sum of money many Canadians would regard as a reasonable annual salary for one person, Our Kenyan Kids touches and improves the lives of literally hundreds of young people in Kenya?



DO YOU KNOW anyone who currently receives the printed semi-annual News Digest? You can improve our bottom line by offering to print out the monthly Newsletter for them. Each person we can take off the News Digest distribution list can save up to \$2. And that money will go a long way in Kenya. Please let [info@ourkenyankids.com](mailto:info@ourkenyankids.com) know if you can commit to providing this valuable service for a fellow supporter of Our Kenyan Kids. The recipient of your generosity will also receive our news in a much more timely fashion.

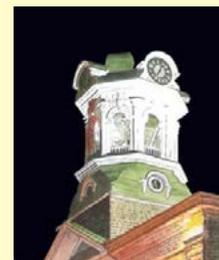


## Escalating Postal Service Rates

This is another reminder that it is now even more important to minimize our use of the postal service. We can do this by sending out a single receipt at the end of the year, thereby saving postage costs for people who make multiple donations throughout the year. If you need confirmation that a donation has been received, it would be helpful if you could enquire by telephone or e-mail.

## The Monthly Give-Away

This month, our give-away is an image file of a painting (pictured on the right) of the clocktower of Brockville City Hall. The file resolution is such that it is suitable for printing at an actual size of about 10" by 12" and framing. Of course, you can reduce the size to your own preference. [Click here](#) to download the file into your web browser. You can then right-click the image and select "Save picture as ..." (or the equivalent for your browser) to save the file to your computer.



Frank Howard

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