

THE CHANGARAWE PROJECT

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NEW YEAR UPDATE 2016

News from Luke Edwards-Stuart, Chair of Trustees.

Dear Friends of Changarawe

Thank you for your continued support this year, through your donations and participation in our events.

It has been another busy year for fundraising as we continue to work with Whizz Education www.whizz.com with the aim of installing a suite of computers for online maths education at our orphan welfare centre. We held the inaugural Changarawe Croquet Tournament in September, followed by a successful Grand Bazaar in November and we continue to sell our wares at local fairs. We are well into phase one of the project - building a security wall around the site - and we hope to be ready to install the suite towards the end of 2016. As noted in earlier newsletters we are developing contacts with grant giving trusts with some success but recognize that it will take time to gain real traction in this area.

It has been another year of stability and growth for the Changarawe Project and we are very grateful to the Childhood Development Trust Fund Network (CDTFN) team in Changarawe for all their hard work. *We now have a record number of students in post-secondary education.* Three more students have gone off to different schools to start their A-levels, and three students have been accepted onto Montessori teacher training programmes based on their O-level results. Agape Mgana is continuing with her A-levels, whilst Alex Lukoo has completed his A-levels and is awaiting his results; he could be the first Nigel Lloyd orphan to win a place at university!

The increasing success of our orphans is presenting us with a new challenge, albeit one which is likely to be familiar to many of our supporters - meeting the cost of higher education! It can cost up to £1,000 per year to attend university in Tanzania, and sometimes even more to attend post-16 alternative education and training programmes. As our students begin to qualify for these programmes more routinely, we know that we are unlikely to be able to afford to meet these costs from our education budget. We have therefore decided to fund such courses through individual sponsorship, and we would like to begin by asking for offers to sponsor three students (Alicia Simon, Stella Anthony and Margaret Astery) through the two-year Montessori teacher-training programme

in Dar-es-Salaam. It will cost £800 per year to train each student - **please contact us if you are willing to help**. It will be a life-changing experience for these students.

Our other initiatives continue to flourish. 35 more children graduated in December from The Zawadi Pre-Primary School and are starting their primary education this year; if enrolment into Zawadi passes 130 this year we plan to extend the school day and to rotate the children in and out of the classroom to maximize efficiency. Our Babubibi Programme has now expanded to 60 people and covers all the elderly grandparent-carers of Nigel Lloyd orphans, which has been our long-stated aim. Our Micro Credit Scheme continues to be profitable having expanded continuously for the last five years. We have now frozen the fund and will in future transfer the annual profits to the current account (as was always planned). Our Peer Educators continue to perform heroics with their skits and dramas and have used their increased budget to visit more remote schools which are less familiar with their messages on health and welfare.

Our focus in 2016 will be on increasing our success with grant applications internationally, whilst concentrating on projects to support the efforts of the CDTFN team in raising a greater proportion of the necessary revenue locally.

A very simple way that you can *all* help us generate funds is through "Easy Fundraising".

It's very simple to sign up - just go to easyfundraising.org.uk create an account and select The Changarawe Project as the charity you want to raise money for. A 'donation reminder' button will then be installed on your toolbar and every time you buy something online, if it's one of their participating retailers, a message pops up to turn on the donation tool. Almost every retailer is on there, and you can also book flights, train tickets, holidays, car hire, etc. Every time you turn on the donation reminder or visit a website through their site and make a purchase a certain amount is donated from the retailer to the charity. Sometimes it can be as little as 50p, or as much as a £5 or more depending what you buy. *Every little helps and it soon adds up.*

In the meantime, to raise money and have fun at the same time, here are the details of a forthcoming event in London.

We are holding a QUIZ NIGHT on Friday March 11th at The Railway Tavern in Clapham at 18 Clapham High St, London SW4 7UR.

The register your interest, contact Robert Watkinson robert.watkinson@gmail.com

Open to teams / couples / individuals - top prizes!

Further details to follow shortly

Many thanks again to all of you for your continued interest and support.

Luke Edwards-Stuart