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AUTUMN UPDATE 2016

News from Rose Baylis, Chair of Trustees.

Dear Friends of Changarawe,

We end the year with news of a very exciting step forward for The Changarawe Project with the culmination of our efforts over more than 2 years to finance and install a computer suite in The Nigel Lloyd Study Centre. This is to enable our supported students, and others, to work with **Whizz Education** to study maths, in English, with online tuition. This wonderful programme means that not only will our students improve their mathematical skills, but also English, and learn computer skills as well. Thanks to a tremendous effort, and contributions from so many friends of the Project, 15 computers are installed, and at the time of writing, the last piece of the jigsaw is finally in place with the installation of a satellite dish! We hope that this is going to see a dramatic increase in the number of supported students going on to success in tertiary education.

Currently we have paid for 1 year of Whizz software, and the CDTFN staff, as well as some local maths teachers, will receive training in January, after which our Nigel Lloyd Fund children will be introduced to it.

Our long-term objective for the computer suite is that it will also be used for local income generation through its use as an internet café during the day while the students are in school. Further income is going to be raised by renting out three small shops that have been built into the wall of the Study Centre compound.

Sponsorship. We have been seeking sponsorship to enable us to continue with the support of the Nigel Lloyd Fund (NLF) children beyond their O levels and on to A level or other courses, and then possibly to university. We are immensely grateful to those who have helped so generously.

To update you, these are our current supported students. Agape Mgana will be taking a 3 year diploma in Biotechnology. She starts in January. Agostino Evarest, Erick Mdachi and Robert Mwazige are in their second year of A levels, due to finish in June 2017. Samwel Thomas, Ratifa Omary, and Nyanda Mussa are in their first year of A levels, finishing in June 2018. Stella Anthony, Margaret Astery and Alicia Simon are in their first year of a two-year Montessori training course. This is a vocational course equivalent to A levels (level 3) and they are due to finish in November 2017.

We are now seeking sponsorship for Luciana Daudi and Neema Chedi who want to start Montessori training in January. The cost is £1500 per student for the two-year course.

In addition, we are likely to have a significant number of new students awaiting sponsorship to start new A level courses in July 2017. At this stage, we don't know who or how many. **If you are interested, please let us know.**

The Zawadi Pre-primary School, Bibi/Babu Club, Nigel Lloyd Fund, Peer Educators and Micro-credit Scheme are all flourishing and will be reported on in detail in the colourful Spring Newsletter, which will be sent out before Easter 2017. If you want to see more about these aspects of the Project now, do look at our web-site, www.changaraweproject.org, or our Facebook page, for up to date info. And if you are interested in buying any of our textiles as Christmas presents, contact carowalford2012@gmail.com

A Watery Challenge!

Following the amazing success of our 2014 Challenge, **The Kili on The Ben** (in which 19 intrepid people attempted to climb up and down Ben Nevis as many times as possible in 48 hours, in an effort to see how many equivalent ascents of Kilimanjaro could be achieved - and thanks to incredible support raised £15,000!) we have now been set another equally extraordinary challenge, again the brain-child of Mark Baylis, husband of our Chair of Trustees, Rose.

This time it's **The Vicky on The Wast**. So what is it?.....

Our target is to cross the diameter of Lake Victoria, following the Tanzanian border, as many times as possible in 48 hours. Once again we think we can achieve this without leaving the UK. Wast Water, in the heart of the Lake District, is the deepest lake in the area. The diameter of Lake Victoria at its widest point is 160 miles; Wast Water is 3 miles long. 53 1/3 lengths of Wast Water = one Vicky.

This is not a Changarawe Project organized event; we are simply a group of friends hoping to capture the imagination of our donors and supporters by doing something unique and environmentally friendly as a sponsorship event.

There are no boundaries to this challenge, except that the rules of the Lake District prohibit motorized craft. So dinghy sailing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, or running/walking around the edge will all count to our Vicky total. As an extra for those who really want to stretch themselves, a quick warm up '**Kili on The Scar**', for anyone who remembers The Kili on The Ben, is a crazy extra! 6 ascents of Scarfell Pike, which is close to Wast Water, will equal one Kilimanjaro. After walking up the mountain a swim might be very welcoming!

If you are interested in supporting us, or would like to find out more about the challenge, contact Mark Baylis - mbaylis79@googlemail.com

We will be staying in the hostel in Wast Water or the inn at Wastdale Head and there will be plenty of rooms reserved. Caro Walford, with her Kili Katering Krew (now the Vicky Victualers!) is planning a big 48 hour cook up of food to fuel the team.

The event will be taking place over the weekend of May 26th-29th 2017.

Our target this time is to raise £20,000 as long-term support for the annual running costs of our Whizz Education initiative. Look for the donation page on Virgin Money Giving: The Changarawe Project.

With many thanks to all of you for your continuing interest and support,
Rose Baylis. November 2016