



KISUMU CHILDREN KENYA

IMPACT REPORT

2017 - 2022

The Kisumu Children Trust provides a loving home for orphaned and abandoned children of Kisumu. The home is the centre of support for some of the poorest in the community, offering nutritional food, shelter, educational opportunity, friendship, basic medical care, life skills, training and spiritual guidance.



Registered Charity no. 1091477

Message from the founder

The Kisumu Children Trust is on the move! Founded just 20 years ago, we have seen the development of a major 4 building Home with 12 dormitories (70 beds), a large dining room used for eating, worship, teaching, games and much more - in constant use. The local Primary School has new toilets, a bore hole, new classrooms, renovated classrooms enabling it to be promoted in 2022 to become a Junior Secondary School. We have had Bible Studies, Christian teaching, conversions, days out, parties and a great deal of fun!



It started when a Pentecostal pastor received a £5 note for his children and asked if the donor could spare another £5 for the 3 orphans he was looking after. Now, years later, this active UK charity is raising on average £120,000 a year and helping over 1500 children every year, many of whom are orphans.

This report gives a dramatic overview of what we're trying to do - change the lives of impoverished children so that their inherent potential can be released both to the glory of God and the strengthening of Kenyan society. Please help us to help these children to give them hope for a much better future than poverty usually generates. Help for Today - Hope for Tomorrow!

Yours, in Christ's love,

Dr Peter Brierley

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Brierley". The signature is written in a cursive style.



Why is there a need?

Africa as a continent suffers from deep poverty across every region. One in five people – 21% of the population – were facing hunger in Africa in 2022 and this is only set to increase. More than 280 million people are undernourished and, as the weakest in society, many of those are children. Without opportunity, the children will grow up repeating the poverty cycle, as will their children and so on.

Whilst living hand to mouth, unable to purchase sufficient quantities of quality food, the poor fall ill and suffer from disease but there is no Government funded healthcare in Africa and they have no means of paying for private care. Children frequently pass away through illness and so families are large to make sure that there are enough surviving offspring to support the family home. The more children, the more mouths to feed and the greater the poverty. Military dictatorships, corruption, civil unrest and war are also widespread which fuels ongoing underdevelopment and as the rich get richer, the poor become poorer. Moral and spiritual teaching for the leaders of tomorrow has never been more important.

If that were not enough, African people, their crops and indigenous livelihoods suffer through cyclones, floods, droughts and swarms of desert locusts. Food and water security is on a knife edge for an estimated 140 million people across the continent and it is only getting worse as climate change worsens posing an even more significant threat to economic, social and environmental stability and development in Africa.

For many African children their only hope in such extreme situations is the kindness of strangers giving them a chance. Charities and supporters like ours are so often the only hope they have.



STEPS FOR CHANGE

HOW?

Whole families live on under £1 a day which needs to feed everyone in the household. Without food in their bellies, children struggle to learn at school. During the Covid years 2020-2022, we were able to supply community children in Kisumu with over

68,000 daily lunches and emergency monthly help with **1,100 food parcels** during Covid lockdown

Feeding children and families

A daily nutritious lunch for 100 children and 77 monthly food parcels for starving families during lockdown



Schooling children

Supporting children into primary and secondary education; even University



Many families are unable to afford the uniform, books, stationery and fees for their children to go to school. Without an education, they have no hope of breaking the poverty cycle. Since 2002, our sponsors have helped...

229 children into Primary School
131 children into Secondary School
48 children into College or University
18 children into Vocational training

Business Training



Where young people are struggling to find employment or parents are unable to leave their family for work, we offer business training and 1-2-1 mentoring to help people start their own small businesses.

The income they earn allows them to feed their own children and send them to school.

Sustainable change is our long term vision and these projects in our Steps for Change programme have been carefully considered and launched in conjunction with each other to help make that a reality. But long term change takes time and our commitment is to keep working with the community to help them embed the skills and culture they need to manage independently.



Parenting support

Parenting courses helping families to connect and become stronger, reduce births and become more sustainable

Smaller families means there is more food for their children.

Parents have more time and energy to bond with each child and each other. Greater understanding of their relationships reduces child truancy, domestic violence, and parental separation.

The individual health of family members increases and women's health is improved through fewer births.



Spiritual direction

Bible weeks for the children offer a moral compass and spiritual guidance

Christian values and teaching are embedded in everything that we do. In a country that is predominantly Christian, we help to bring...

hope, resilience, wisdom, guidance and closer friendships

Following the change in Kenyan law in 2019, our Children's Home has been prevented from offering residential support to the 104 children whom we currently look after. Nonetheless we continue to support these children with education, medical help and nutritional support. In addition, we are able to offer a loving home for those referred to us by the Children's Department who are in need of emergency short term care.

Our need to adapt has led us to re-purpose the Home

as a centre for training, community events, social work and family support, youth camps and a location for the poorest and most malnourished children in the community to come each day for lunch.

Training Programmes currently running...

IT training courses

The "Strengthening Families" caregivers support forum

Business Training

"Living Life" skills for teens

Leaders' Forum lectures to local children's leaders in police, schools, other homes, council members

"Days for Girls" programme on puberty/sexuality

A real life changed by a supporter

When Mary first came to the Cherry Brierley Children's Home, she wrote her story so far...

"Hello, my name is Mary Adhiambo Ogotu. I am 13 years old. When I was born, my mother was very sick so that she could not do anything. When I was still small, she was taken to the hospital in Kisumu and by good luck, my father went with her. When they reached the hospital the doctor found that my mother was already dead. So my father came back home and was crying and when he told us we were crying too because my mother was dead. I was very sad. After the death of my mother there is a man who did not like my father so he decided to kill him, so we remained with my step-mother but she did not love us, so I decided to go and live with my brother. But there was no job or money to buy food for us, so I just thanked God for my life and went back to my step-mother. There were some people came in our home and told my step-mother to bring me to the Cherry Brierley Children's Home. I was very happy because God loves me and that's why I was brought here. I thank God for that and my sponsor, people who care for us."

May God bless you.



This is Mary as a teenager whilst she was with us at the Children's Home and attending school.

Mary has now graduated from the X-Elle Vocational College of Technology, she is married and runs her business from home as a beauty therapist.



A real life changed by a supporter

Clinton's story

From an extremely poor background, Clinton joined CBCH in 2001. He had lost his father at a very young age and his mother was struggling to care for him. Clinton was always a bright and enthusiastic boy and his mother desperately wanted to help him get a good education but couldn't afford to keep him in school. Kisumu Children Trust found a sponsor for him and since then he has made the most of every learning opportunity he has received. In 2018, Clinton graduated from Maseno University with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with Information Technology.

Today, Clinton works for an organisation called Community Support for Development (CSD) in Kisumu. He recalls life at CBCH and misses the good times shared with his friends there.

He says,

"I would always want to be there more and more and encourage and motivate other children that are still under the care of the children's home."



Clinton came to live at the Cherry Brierley Children's Home when he was just 4 years old. Here he is ready for a day at kindergarten.



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Paul's story...

Paul was born in 1986. His father died when he was young leaving his mother as the only breadwinner. Unable to earn enough to care for her family, Paul's mother agreed in 1999 that he would join the Cherry Brierley Children's Home (CBCH). He was just 13 years old.

Once at CBCH, Paul started at the local Primary School and then transferred to Chulaimbo Secondary School in 2001 after studying hard to achieve the necessary grades. A kind sponsor stepped forward to support him through his studies as far as he was able to go and Paul didn't waste the opportunity. He completed secondary school and was then accepted by the Kenya Institute of Applied Sciences for a certificate course in Medical Laboratory Science. He passed with a "credit" grade in 2007 and continued on to complete his Diploma.



Paul as a teenager at CBCH. He now works as a Lab Technician, starting at St Jairus Hospital, recently moving to a clinic in Homabay.



Water for washing

In 2018, after a number of years of challenges and setbacks and thanks to the perseverance of the team and the generous donations of some faithful benefactors, the Kisumu Children charity was able to bring water to the local school. The borehole equipment successfully struck the clean running water they needed for drinking and to promote good hygiene and hand washing. It changed the school overnight. Not only that but it paved the way for new toilets to be built in 2021 as the existing sanitation facilities were dilapidated, dangerous and too few for the 900 pupils on site. This has been a dramatic and lasting change.

**Donations making
a difference**



Toilets

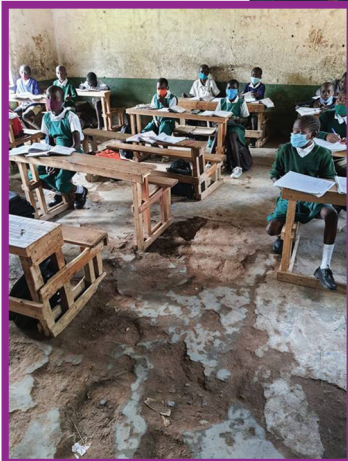
Thanks to the generous funding of some key grant making partners, the much needed modern toilets at Tieng're Primary School were finally ready in January 2022. The toilets comprise of 5 long drop toilets for girls, 5 for boys and a block with flushing toilets and changing rooms for the staff, So many hours of school have been reclaimed as children no longer stand outside waiting for a free toilet. The old ramshackle toilets are to be demolished soon.



The old toilets serving 900 pupils

Classrooms

Thanks to a large legacy donation in 2018 we were able to build these classrooms in memory of a very kind supporter wanting to make a final difference. Four new classrooms were built at Tieng're Primary School and the existing rooms were thoroughly renovated. The new classrooms meant that the school was now eligible for 4 more state funded teaching staff and has enabled the school to reduce pupil to teacher ratios from 1 : 104 to 1 : 70. In Africa, this is incredible and the school is thriving. The classrooms are a comfortable place to learn and concentrate and with such investment, results are steadily rising and student prospects increasing. When we first told the headteacher of the legacy and what that meant, she was so overwhelmed with emotion and relief that she burst into tears. Her gratitude and the change in the students has been immeasurable. What a legacy!

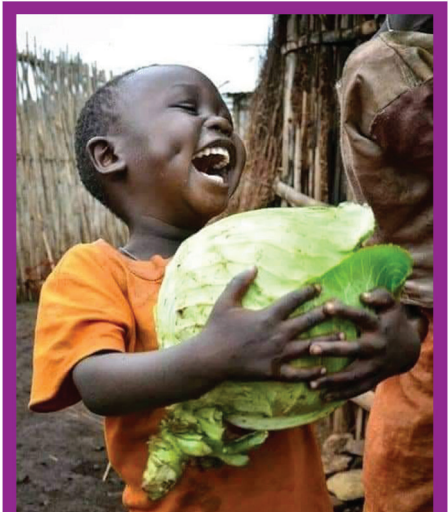


INSET: The classroom conditions before the work was done. This was a very difficult environment in which to learn. The photograph (left) was taken during the 2020 Covid lockdown where many children were not at school in order to maintain socially distancing; otherwise this classroom would have had over 100 pupils in it and many more desks.



Community Garden

Food security in Kenya is an ever growing worry. It is so important to us that we work the land to bring food to the table. Having bought a piece of land some years ago, the staff farm the land to help supplement the children's lunches at the home. When the climate has been kind, there is often spare for the children to take home to their families.

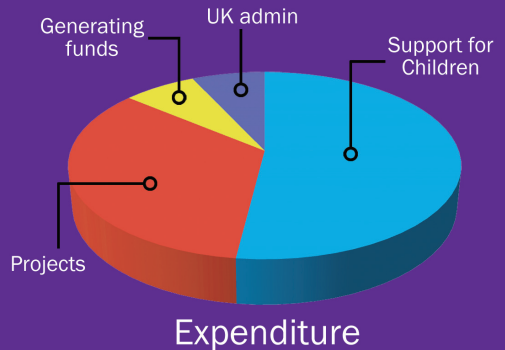
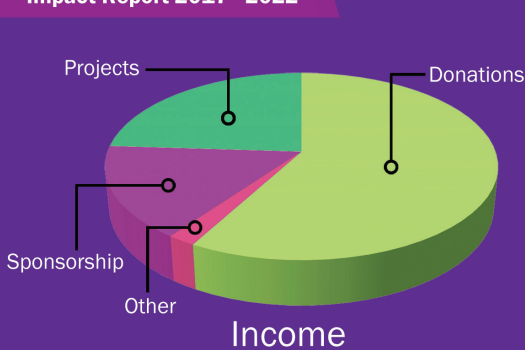


Back at the Home

The Cherry Brierley Children's Home, although no longer fully residential, has adapted to the change in law and become a true community centre. It is now an even busier hive of activity for Children and their families. Our staff and resident Social Worker support the children through some of the toughest times in their lives, giving them life skills, coping mechanisms and a listening ear. It is a safe place to play where the disabled and able-bodied live side by side learning to understand and celebrate their differences. Whilst the younger children play, our youth come to join the business and IT skills training courses and caregivers come together for fellowship, mutual support, and to learn enhanced parenting skills. This is all possible thanks to the ongoing donations large and small from our whole network of supporters and it is changing lives!



Impact Report 2017 - 2022



As a charity we are committed to supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

All of our projects are working together towards ultimately achieving sustainability and self-sufficiency in the SDGs listed left for the community we serve in Kisumu.

The figures below are based on data from 2022 when **1500+** people directly benefitted from our work

Training programmes

155 people attending

- Life skills workshops for teens
- Parenting skills for caregivers
- Business training (starting 2023)

Supported SDGs

1 2 3 5 8 11

Disability support

22 children supported

Supported SDGs 3 10 11

Bible camps **93** children attended

& wider spiritual teaching **100+** directly reached

Supported SDGs 3 4

Child sponsorship

Supported SDGs

1 2 3 4 5 8 10 11

104 children supported

- Education
- Food & Clothing
- Basic medical care

Supplies for sustainable farming

Chickens, Ducks, Goats & Seeds

45 families benefiting

Supported SDGs 1 2 3 11

Investment in the local school

Supported SDGs

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10 11

1080 children and staff benefiting

- Drilling of a Borehole for clean water
- New toilets and sanitation system
- Build of 4 new classrooms and renovations of existing classrooms

Thank you to our Trustees and Staff

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Hope for Tomorrow



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Help us reach our next milestone

£250,000

This amount will support the
104 impoverished children
in our care for another **4 years** with

FOOD	SHELTER
CLOTHES	MEDICINE
SHOES	SCHOOL

Or you can give for a specific project.
Call us on the number above.

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to improving the lives of some of Kenya's poorest children through the provision of:

- A Children's Home for emergency care
- Food, education, clothes & basic medicines for the poorest community children
- A community centre offering counsel, training and spiritual guidance
- Assistance with community development projects

SPONSOR A CHILD

You can also sponsor a child. Write and receive letters, even visit them at the Home! The most loving, adoring welcome awaits you.



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