

# Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (W.O.R.K.)

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## Some of Mj's musings for 2014.....!



Kenya has been in the news quite a lot in recent months. There have been bombings, riots, tensions and protests. The population of Kenya is extremely varied with a great ethnic diversity. **W.O.R.K.** is centred in the far west of the Country on the borders of Uganda



It is predominantly the Luhya tribe in that area and the Luhya are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest tribe in Kenya (14%).

During the visit this year there were continued troubles with shootings,

grenade attacks and some ethnic violence. However on the western borders there is relative peace with the main day-to-day struggles coming as a result of poverty.

One of the delights in Africa is the giving and sharing from people who have virtually nothing! The offering of food to a visitor when it might be all the food the family has. The care for some very needy kids when there are already too many mouths to fill BUT it is given!



*Ken – a streetboy now in school!*

Life is never easy in rural Kenya but there is an

improvement with the education of this younger generation.

It is particularly in the area of education that **W.O.R.K.** is focusing & trying to provide access to education for some of these very poor youngsters. It is great to meet and talk with some of our 'past students' who are now working and supporting others....

Although health care & employment are improving in Kenya, many of the social situations are deteriorating! As so often in the world – the wealthy are gaining and the poor are suffering increasingly.

**In 2014 W.O.R.K. is educating & supporting 85 Orphans & 60 Widows. Without your help this would not be possible!**

**Thank you**

### Have you ever...

Lived on the streets?

Had to find any work to feed your sick mother?

Been rescued from prostitution?

Sniffed glue to dull your thoughts on your desperate life?

Been beaten and chased away from your home?

Never had a new garment to wear?

Sold your body for food?

Had to work every day to pay for your school fees?

### W.O.R.K.

Offers hope and support to those who have no hope.....

## Building projects....

Since mid 2013 W.O.R.K. has been supporting building works in 3 of our projects!

- Kitchen for Namboboto Clinic
- Laboratory - Emmanuel Health Centre
- Staff house for Nangina Special School

All 3 of these projects have been completed well and 'on-time'!

All the building projects are now being used.. ...Emmanuel Clinic Laboratory now has all the basic facilities it needs to provide essential care to the patients.



*Ken & Godfrey in the Lab at Emmanuel Health Centre*



*Clinic Kitchen underway!*

The building is now in use! patients at the Clinic

Nangina Special School has over 90 boarders .....now a Staff Teacher will be on site in case of any problems at night.

**Thank you again for your generosity**



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## 100 Club

### January Winners:

Adua Whittam £30  
Nicole Burge £20

### February Winners:

Victoria Conrad £30  
Geraldine Belcher £20

### March Winners:

Joy O'Connell £30  
Sante Toffolo £20

### April Winners:

Emma Wilson £30  
Omo Butler £20

## Orphans who need some help....



**Celestine** is barely 14 years old and was being 'groomed' for prostitution! She is now in school but urgently needs a sponsor.... can you help?

**Ken** is 14 and has been alone and 'on the streets' since he was 7! He is a bright lad and now in school. Can you help him stay there....?



**John** finished school in 2012. He now does 'odd jobs' to feed his sick mother and young sister. He is bright & wants to study medicine.... could you help him?

**Dominic** is alone and often goes hungry.... Can you help him so he can go to School?



## Thank you .....

We are grateful to so very many of you and are not able to mention everyone - but **YOU** know how much you have helped....!

To mention a few:

- Emerald Publishing Co raised £16,000+
- Friends in Barnstaple have raised well over £2,000
- Gift Aid gives us about £7,000 a year
- Trust funds have donated over £3,000
- The Bly family raised over £1,000

**Thank you** to all of you for without you **ALL** none of this would be possible!  
**Asante sana!**

## A few of our success stories.....



**Frederick** qualified as an agricultural teacher! He is now working in a Youth Polytechnic teaching other orphans



**George** is now a Civil Engineer & is working on Mt Elgon for a large Company!



**Agnes Clare** qualified in 2013 and is now working in a school in Central Kenya



**Mercy** completed College in 2013 and is now working as a Social worker-helping others!