

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

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W.O.R.K. in Kenya 2015.....

Mj returned from her annual visit to Kenya in June. It was a busy but productive time. She was able to meet almost all the orphans and Widows and found no serious problems with those we are supporting. However she did find considerable cause for concern with the seemingly increasing level of poverty in the rural areas. The area that **W.O.R.K.** covers is 90% rural with the majority of the people relying on the land to support themselves.



Kenya is struggling with increased terrorism from Al Shabaab. As a result Tourism has virtually dried up resulting in huge unemployment.

W.O.R.K. is based in Western Kenya where 80% of the hotel and hospitality workers come from. The mass unemployment has meant people returning to their homes where there is little food and no employment. The rains this year were also late and Mj found a number of families starving.



Maize is the mainstay of food in Kenya and with no crop people starve!

During her visit Mj provided sacks of Maize to a number of families, widows and orphans who had no food at all. In one home she found a 6 week

old baby whose mother has died giving birth.



Kenya is struggling....

- poverty amongst the poor is increasing
- unemployment is massive
- the cost of living is escalating

W.O.R.K. has been inundated with requests for help. We do our best and without **W.O.R.K.** many of those we have helped would have died.

W.O.R.K. is educating & supporting 94 Orphans & 90 Widows without your help this would not be possible. Thank you

Have you ever.....

Never gone to school for lack of money?

Delivered your sisters' baby?

Never used a toothbrush?

Seen your father shot by thugs?

Worn 'shoes' made from car tyres?

Slept on the streets from the age of 7?

Lived in the school kitchen as you had no home?

Never known your birth date or ever had a birthday?

Faida Women's Group.....

Faida Women's Group is in a rural village about 10km from Bungoma town. It is an extremely poor group based in an isolated area. There is no water there and the roads and infrastructure are extremely limited.



Getrude the Chair lady of Faida Women's group

There are 19 women in the group. They are one of the poorest groups Mj has encountered. Most of the (mud) houses were dilapidated.



The central post in Regina's home was completely broken!

In the home of Mary who lives with

7 kids there was no bed, no bedding and the roof was almost non-existent. This was during the rains and was horrendous! **W.O.R.K.** rebuilt 3 of the houses to make them weather proof and provide some protection against the elements. The group now have a 'Table Bank' which **W.O.R.K.** has given. This will offer the women a chance to improve their homes, buy food and start small businesses.

These women are amazing and support their grandchildren as the only hope they have to survive!

W.O.R.K.

Tries to offer hope and a chance to improve quality of life where there is NO HOPE.....



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100 Club

January Winners:

Mary & David Pedley £30
Toby Berry £20

February Winners:

Ruth O'Donovan £30
Michael Everitt £20

March Winners:

Nigel Tilley £30
Monica Dickens £20

April Winners

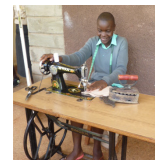
Wendy Victor £30
Alison Pritchard £20

Sinoko Vocational Training Centre

Sinoko VTC is a unique place which gives hope and skills to some of the poorest and vulnerable young people. It is a centre for teaching 'artisan' or practical skills. The College is in a rural area far from a tarmac road or mainstream communications. It does however produce some highly skilled professionals.



There are about 100 young people at the College. Many are orphans who have not been able to complete Primary School let alone attend Secondary School! Sinoko offers them a chance to qualify and succeed in life with necessary and useful practical skills. W.O.R.K. has supported Sinoko for some years and helps about 10 youngsters each year to complete their studies.



Damaris has qualified as a Tailor and W.O.R.K. has given her the Sewing machine and tools to start work and become independent.

Augustine with his tools (W.O.R.K. provided) now he has qualified as a Motor Mechanic



Phyllis is one of the first girls to qualify as an electrician! Not easy in a patriarchal society! She also has her tools provided by W.O.R.K.!

100 Club

Thank you everyone who has supported our W.O.R.K. 100 Club!
We have just completed the MAY bumper draw.... The five winners were:

Ivy Yeabsley £50
Jocelyn Waring £40
Lucas Clark £30
Keith Oram £20
Mark Mordue £10

The 100 Club has raise well over £1000 and we are delighted. The funds have gone direct to Kenya - nothing has been wasted!

W.O.R.K. projects for 2015 /16

- Solar lighting for Emmanuel Health Centre (£1,500)
- Dormitory for girls at Sinoko VTC (£18,000)
- Hostel for homeless Students (£16,000)
- Male ward and Minor Theatre for Namboboto Health Centre (£15,000)

Many children in Kenya are not able to complete even Primary School and Sinoko is one of the few places where they can be accepted and trained! Many are complete orphans. This year alone W.O.R.K. has provided food and shelter for 3 of the students.

It is with huge thanks to you that W.O.R.K. has been able to help these vulnerable and delightful young people. Many would be dead and others very desperate with out you so:

Thank you