

Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (WORK)

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Progress & developments in 2016.....

2016 is already proving to be a busy and successful year for **WORK**. We are supporting more orphans than ever before, the Widows continue to improve and this year's projects are all almost complete!

WORK is paying fees for 130 orphans this year.

- 12 in Special schools
- 32 in College
- 6 in Youth Polytechnics
- 80 in Secondary schools

The Widows groups are all managing with various projects & initiatives to survive and grow. These ideas vary from groups to group and include:

- Micro farming
- Small businesses
- Pig rearing
- Buying a motorbike taxi to employ an orphan!

The dormitory for girls at Sinoko Youth Polytechnic is almost completed.



The Principal outside the Dormitory

The Male ward and Minor Theatre at Namboboto Health Centre are completed.



Clinical officer in front of the door to new male ward and nurses' night station

The equipment for the Minor Theatre is being delivered this month. The

Theatre will be able to offer all minor operations and virtually any treatments that do not require a full anesthetic. This will be a tremendous boost to this poor community

The Solar lighting in Emmanuel Clinic has proved to be invaluable. It is not easy conducting deliveries of babies, suturing and general care of all the patients with no light!



Phaustine treating a young patient with Malaria by solar!

Thank you for without your help NONE of this would be possible!

Have you ever.....

Slept in a hedge as you had no home?

Gone to school in bare feet as you had no shoes?

Never seen an aeroplane?

Had to miss school to collect water?

Washed in a local stream where animals had been drinking just before?

Been embarrassed to sleep in sheets as you have never had any?

Been sent home from school as you had no pencil?

Never had a toy to play with?

Stories from 2 of our students.....

George is a Civil Engineer working in Western Kenya. He has his own company and works in poor areas protecting springs to provide clean water for isolated communities. However life has not always been easy for George.



Street kids in Kenya

George was a homeless kid on the streets high on glue! **WORK** found George & sent him to school where he did and then College. Now he is working for other people struggling to exist.



Here is George in 2016. Working to give clean water to others

Irene is a total orphan left to look after

her younger siblings. Her home is poor but Irene has courage and has persevered. **WORK** took Irene to Secondary school and then College.



ECD Class in progress!

She is now qualifying as an Early Childhood Teacher to be able to help and support other children who have no one to care or support them.

Thank you.....

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



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100 Club

Winners so far in 2016:

Frances Raymond, Jo Farrell
Christianne Hall, Omo Butler,
Fr Adrian Toffolo, Fr Peter Coxe,
Cynthia Parke, Fr Robert Draper,
Lyn Nelson, Mj Butler,
Tony Irwin, Anne Massey,
Mazgaycyk family.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 100 Club. It is good for WORK and with 27 WINNERS each year it is quite good for you! If you have not joined and would like to please do let us know!!

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.....

WORK has been officially supporting and sponsoring orphans since 2007. The number therefore of Students who have completed Secondary School and Tertiary Education has grown (and continues to grow!) In 2012 the students approached us at one of our days and asked if we could form an Association so that they could continue to be a part of the **WORK** family!

So many of these young people have no family it seemed to us a very good idea. So the Association was born..... a Committee of students was elected and it serves to support and help any present or past student in any way they need. The Association is also raising funds to support an orphan themselves. So the good works continue and spread.



Balantine Chair of the Students Association

Some of our 'other' news...

Our Widows continue to amaze us. Many of these elderly ladies have never been to school and cannot read or write BUT they are full of life and initiative. In Namboboto the Widows have started their pig project buying and selling and slowly it is beginning to support the widows and their families.



A pig newly bought from the market!

The Faida Widows group are buying a Motor bike so that their grandsons can use it as a Taxi which brings the group funds and helps keep the youth occupied and supporting their family.

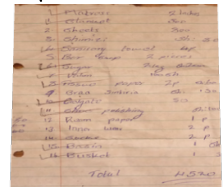
A typical motorbike taxi in rural Kenya. Often with up to 4 passengers!



Our Students are a constant inspiration. These young people come from extremely poor backgrounds and their resilience and determination is phenomenal. Lucy was desperate and with no family at all approached a local Chief to help her.



Lucy packing her box ready to leave for school



Lucy's list of items needed including a sheet, shoes and basic essentials

In Kakamega we have built a small hostel for our Students to use in the holidays. A number of our orphans have no home and during the academic breaks were struggling with nowhere to go at all. The hostel has four bedrooms each with 2 beds. It is a safe place to stay with other students around



Thank you