

Summer Newsletter 2015



Welcome to the latest update from The Kindu Trust! This issue is packed with news of what we have been doing over the past 6 months thanks to the generous support of people like you. We do hope you enjoy finding out more about what you are making possible, and pass on our newsletter to friends, colleagues and family members.

Best wishes from all of us at The Kindu Trust UK and Ethiopia

Activities at The Kindu Trust

The Kindu Trust has a new home!



The Kindu Trust Ethiopia has a new home in Gondar! This May we moved to a new compound that we will be sharing with our sister charity Link Ethiopia. Link Ethiopia also works to improve children's access to education through links between schools in the UK and Ethiopia for educational and cultural exchange. We are happy to share our Ethiopia offices with them, following 5 years of sharing offices in the UK!

The new compound offers a full floor for our Kindu Klub with more space for a library, an expanded IT area and classroom space, all full of bright sunshine! The extra space means that children can come and access the library even if they are not doing Kindu Klub classes that day, and we have seen an increase in the number of children visiting. We are very grateful to our volunteers from New Zealand who constructed an outdoor shelter and play space for the Playgroup and their parents! We hope to continue beautifying the outdoor area with plants and patio chairs.

We are not giving up the good old habits either! You are more welcome than ever to visit us here! Our kitchen and wonderful cooks will be delighted to serve traditional lunches for all our guests, at your request.

The Kindu Trust - in moving pictures!

This June we released our first Kindu video! The short film documents our work in Northern Ethiopia, through the experiences of one of our sponsored children, Wagnew. From playing Connect 4 at the Kindu Klub, to his mother's penchant for coffee or his favourite football team, uncover the everyday lives of the children that we work with and see just how important the help of The Kindu Trust, supported by you, can be. You can view the video on our YouTube channel or the first page of our website. Heartfelt thanks to Maria Gerth-Niculescu, who volunteered with us in Ethiopia, for putting it together.

NGO Collaboration in Gondar

Following the establishment of Kindu Communities in the UK, announced in our Winter Newsletter, the Ethiopia office has reaffirmed its role in the local community in Gondar! We were one of thirty-five NGOs participating in an exhibition in Gondar in April as part of an NGO exhibition. Ethiopia General Manager, Tadele, commented "local and regional authorities visited our stand, and we are very pleased with it as it was a great opportunity for us to show what we do to support disadvantaged people!



The Kindu Trust Projects

Bakery Project - The Kindu Trust and Meketa Bakery starts making profit!



In September 2014 the The Kindu Trust and Meketa bakery opened their doors for business. The local authority donated the land and building for the bakery and equipment was selected and brought in from the capital, Addis Ababa.

Since this time the staff have attended vocational training, picking up baking skills as well as business and marketing training. We were off to a bumpy start with flour shortages, power cuts and some staff changes but we are delighted that the project is already making money and providing an income for over 5 Kindu Trust and Meketa parents. The bakery staff have settled in and are now refining their baking techniques and introducing themselves to customers in the local area! Well ahead of targets, the bakery started repayments on the loan this June and will eventually own the business themselves. The bakers have ambitions to contact hotels and universities in the area to become regular suppliers and hope to soon produce more bread, when the government lifts restrictions on flour, and employ even more staff!

Our thanks go to all the people who donated to this project, to Ethiopiaid for matching many of the donations made, and to the local authorities in Gondar who have provided us with land on which to build the bakery.

Our Second biogas project is starting!



The Kindu Trust started its first biogas project in 2012 which opened for public use in January 2013. The first project provided a public toilet with eight cubicles: four showers, four toilets, hand-washing facilities, and a community kitchen with gas cookers powered using waste processed through the bio-gas digester. The community responded very positively to the project and it has been our goal to replicate it's successes in other areas.

Two years later we are delighted to be replicating the project in two further areas that suffer from bad sanitation and lack of access to suitable facilities or running water, thanks to funding from Partenaires Association.

The new facilities will follow the format of the existing Biogas project but we will applying learning from our last project and using our increasing biogas experience. The kitchen in the new facilities will include injera plates—this is the most common food in Ethiopia, a flat sour pancake-like bread which is eaten with most meals, and the special plate required to cook it will make the kitchen a much more practical tool for the community. We will also be holding enhanced community meetings over a longer period of the project to guarantee a sense of ownership and local authorities, who will take over responsibility for the facilities once they are up and running, will be involved from the very beginning.

Fantastic Fundraisers!

Rawlins Academy Cycle Europe

We would like to express our great thanks to the Ypres Cycling Team! The group of 14 staff from Rawlins Academy in Leicestershire cycled all the way from Quorn to Ypres, raising over £4,600! We are sure it's the largest single fundraising donation The Kindu Trust has ever received! The money will be used to establish an emergency fund for extraordinary cases of medical or financial need, our first girls football team to rival the existing boys team, and will also assure stability for our programmes and reinforce the sustainability of our work.



Hall Orchard Primary School

Hall Orchard Primary School have been consistent supporters of The Kindu Trust for many years and the first half of 2015 was no exception! Our thanks to go to the school for selling popsicles, holding music events and organising cake sales to raise £1,100 already this year! The money will continue to support the school's sponsorship and construction of a Hair Salon in Gondar as well as funding vocational training courses for promising young students. Big thanks to all pupils and staff at Hall Orchard!

Anonymous Fundraiser Supports Students through Higher Education

We would also like to say a special thanks to an anonymous fundraiser who has dedicated themselves to recycling unwanted or donated items to sell on Ebay to support The Kindu Trust. So far they have supported 2 students through their final years of higher education at a time when they were at risk of having to drop out due to lack of sponsorship. The fundraiser is now continuing to fundraise to support a Kindu Trust mother in exceptional medical need. We are very grateful for your support!

Street Children Marathon Walk

This June The Kindu Trust took part in the first Street Children Marathon Walk! 5 Kindu supporters signed up for the Marathon Walk to raise money for The Kindu Trust, alongside supporters of other charities working to help children in poverty around the world. Kicking off from Windsor Castle on summer solstice, everyone enjoyed the sunny day and beautiful walk to Bourne End and back along the beautiful Thames Path. We want to thank all the supporters who have raised over £300 and to Consortium for Street Children for organising the event! We are looking forward to taking part again next year so keep your eyes peeled for details!

Barrow Brownies Organize a Coffee Morning

In May Barrow upon Soar 1st brownies received a presentation from volunteers who had recently travelled to Ethiopia. They were so inspired by what they saw that they decided to organise a coffee morning at church the next Sunday. The Brownies managed to raise £250 after baking cakes and serving tea! Thank you!

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who goes out of their way to support the work we do. As you know, we are a sponsorship organisation but all of our Education Clubs and Community Livelihood Projects are separately funded and we are very grateful for all those who donate to help us continue this work. You can donate by sending a cheque to the address below or donate online through our website: www.kindustrust.org