



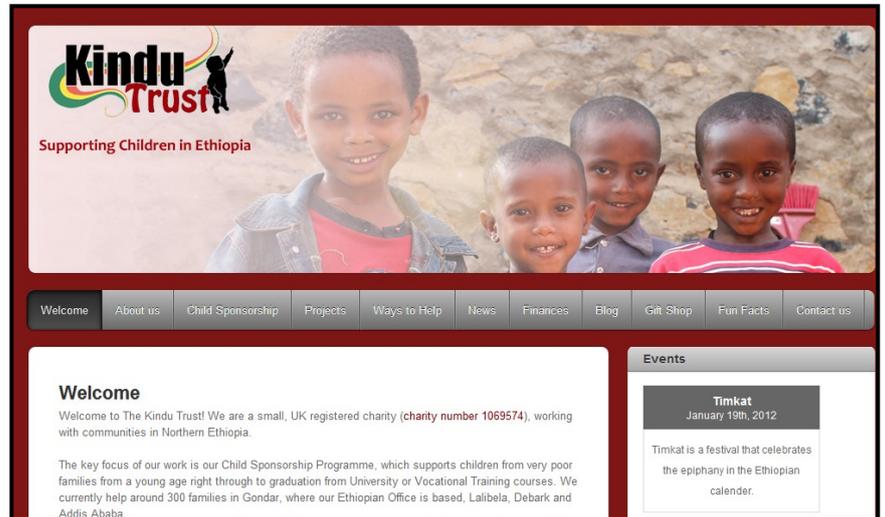
Winter 2011/2012 Newsletter

The Kindu Trust wishes all of our supporters a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that you experienced joyous and peaceful celebrations over the festive period which, if you are anything like us, is now a fast-fading memory! We are pleased to announce that our financial report for the year 2010/11 has been published and that we have experienced another year of growth, so a huge THANK YOU to every one of you who has continued to support and strengthen The Kindu Trust, enabling us to continue our life-changing work in Ethiopia.

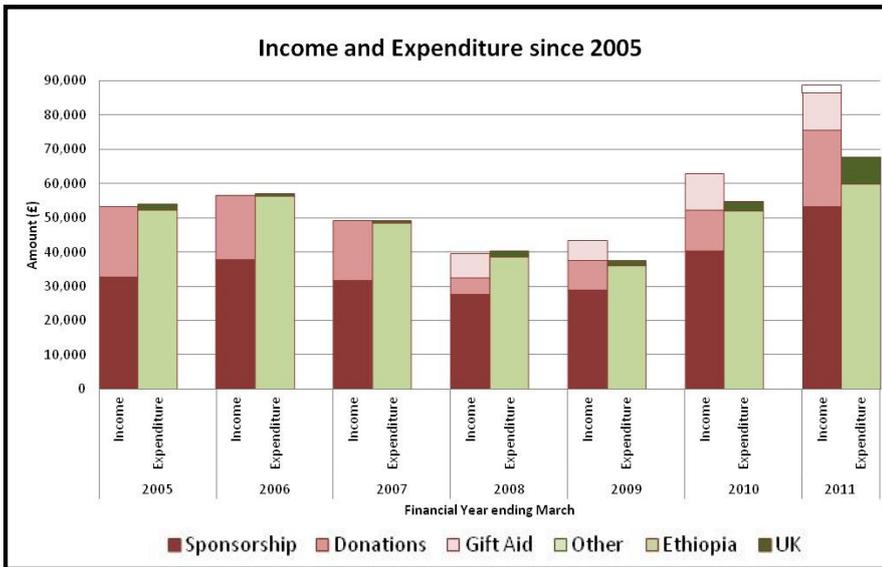
A New Look for a New Year!

We very much appreciate that while our projects in Ethiopia are going full steam ahead, our website has been slower to catch up on our progress. Well, not any more! The Kindu Trust is proud to introduce our brand new and fully up-to-date website, launched in February 2012.

The new website contains full details and information about our Child Sponsorship Programme, Projects in Ethiopia, News, Finances, and Gift Shop; not to mention a link to our Blog! Please take a look at www.kindustrust.org.



The Kindu Trust would like to thank volunteers Sam Delaney and Luke Hamilton for their hard work on, and contributions to, the new web site.



Financial Results

At the end of January The Kindu Trust submitted its accounts for the financial year ending March 2011, to the UK's Charity Commission, and the report is now available online and in print.

2011 showed another strong year of growth in our consolidated UK and Ethiopia income, driven by an increase in the number of children sponsored and new fundraising initiatives.

Spending in this period also increased, particularly in the UK where we started to pay rent and employ a part time staff member for the first time in at least 5 years.

However, spending in Ethiopia was limited by the small size of the office during this time, which meant that only the Sponsorship Project was fully functional. The move to a large compound in March 2011 has meant that The Kindu Trust has been able to fund new Ethiopian projects in the current financial year, and we are expecting next year's finances to reflect this. We are so proud to witness the success of the charity as it continues to move from strength to strength!

The Kindu Trust would like to thank Tom Caldwell and Paul Gibbons for their input into the accounts.

The Kindu Trust Play Group

The Kindu Play Group was restarted in June 2011, after being out of action for over 18 months. It is a preschool nursery group for that runs every morning and afternoon from our compound in Gondar. The children are provided with a safe, clean and stimulating environment in which to play and books and toys donated from our supporters around the world are available for their use.



Play Group friends!



Eating a cooked meal

The Play Group is overseen by a dedicated staff member, Chekula, who spends some time teaching the children pre-school learning activities such as basic numeracy and the alphabet so that the children have the skills they need for future schooling.

After each session the children are given a bath and a hot, nutritionally balanced, meal. Despite only attending once a week, this meal makes a huge difference to the development of these young children, and we are so pleased to

witness the positive impacts of the Play Group.

In the future we would like to be able to expand the services of the Play Group to provide the Mothers and Guardians of the children with child-care education, along with basic health and hygiene training.

If you would like to help support the Play Group, or any of The Kindu Trust's other projects in Ethiopia, please get in touch! Monetary donations will enable us to expand the project. In addition, we are in need of towels to dry the children after their bath, and if you would like to help us in this way please send them directly to Ethiopia: The Kindu Trust Play Group, PO Box 1500, Gondar, Ethiopia. Thank You!



Bath time!

Christmas Gifts

Once again, we would like to say a big Thank You to our supporters who bought presents from the Gift Catalogue this year. All Christmas items were distributed to families in time for Genna (Ethiopian Christmas) and other items will be distributed throughout the year.

Potter's Bar Carol Concert

This Christmas, The Kindu Trust were the grateful recipients of the collection taken at the Churches Together in Potters Bar Annual Town Carols, which raised a total of £1,000 for our work in Ethiopia! In addition, we collected over £200 on the day in jewellery, Christmas Card and Calendar sales. If you are aware of a fundraising opportunity in your area, we would love to hear from you!

Honorary President's Message



Kate Fereday Eshete

The Kindu Trust encounters many families in northern Ethiopia who have absent breadwinners because of economic pressures. Often the absent parent has gone to Metema (near Sudan) or Humera (near Eritrea) in search of work. Even in a booming city such as Gondar, people believe that there's a greater chance of finding better-paid work somewhere else. Women seek domestic positions in households; men do casual labouring work. With illiteracy common, news from absent partners is conveyed by word of mouth, which is unreliable. Sometimes family ties become broken. The scramble to secure an income leaves families fragmented, with all the consequential social problems.

When the Trust begins making monthly sponsorship payments to a vulnerable family, it immediately strengthens that family by removing the urgency for a parent to leave the neighbourhood in pursuit of work. Please support our efforts to keep Ethiopian family units together for the good of their children by helping us to recruit new sponsors. Request a bundle of leaflets from Hannah at our London office and distribute them in public buildings (libraries, churches, pubs and recreation centres) in your neighbourhood. Don't delay - do it today!