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Olive Bearers new website www.olivebearers.org.uk

We are delighted to be able to share with you our new website – check it out.

BWANA ASIFIWE...PRAISE THE LORD!!

We are thankful to John Sharman who set up our original website which has helped us communicate with our supporters and St Annes School . But when God starts a work, He alone will ensure it will carry on to completion. We just need to keep our hearts clean and sweet so that His Holy Spirit can keep us teachable. So we also thank God so much for Lee Highland (a professional website designer who was prompted to ask us if we needed a website written!) who has been working hard with our Trustee, Muriel and Ps Ben at St Annes to provide the content for the new website (still www.olivebearers.org.uk) with comprehensive content and vibrant images.

Please do take a look and let us have your feedback. You'll find a really exciting, interactive section within the 'Contact Us' section where you can input your own address – this will take you on a virtual journey from your home to St Annes School – and it will tell you how long it will take you to get there – by road!!!



Fundraising Update – Main Focus : New School Buildings

As you know, our main focus for fundraising remains with the new classrooms / offices block. We thank God for this far He has truly brought us, enabling the first 2 classrooms to be built and are now operational. The children attending the new classrooms are so very excited! You can even see it in their faces!

We continue to pray for our Lord to open the windows of heaven and allow funding for the remaining phases of the build (6 more classrooms and 3 offices)



**Email from Ps Ben –
October 26 2022**

Dear Partners,

It is becoming apparently clear that drought and hunger has stricken our country and there may be no food in the market in the coming months. Stockists are scrambling for the little that are still

available in the hands of farmers.

We need, therefore, to stock some maize and beans now to help us with the children as from January, 2023. It's projected that as from January 2023 there will be no food since the crops have failed in the country's food baskets and prices may be unbearable.

We are working on the budget 2023 and will send it to you next Monday.

Please pray for Bumala community and Kenya as a whole. My heart goes out to those families who are in dire need right now.

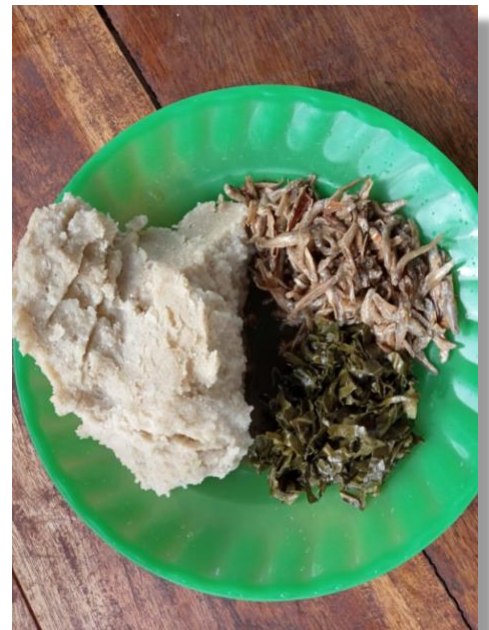
We thank God that the children who come to St. Annes have at least something to put in their stomachs every day.

Shalom!! Shalom!!

Every picture tells a story worth a thousand words! Here are a few to convey something of what God is achieving through His work at St Annes in many practical ways. The real impact though is in developing lives and minds better equipped for this life and, we pray, to find God and His living Word in Jesus Christ for eternal life.



School lunch – small fish & Ugali





Local people, some of them parents of our school children, work in small farms to earn a living while work is available. These people have been hired to weed by hand and they are paid per day, so if no work tomorrow no money tomorrow.

The Nitty Gritty involved in sponsoring a child...



Maize 'n Beans

FEED A CHILD
£3 a week

FEED and TEACH
a CHILD
£5 a week

HOLISTIC CARE OF CHILD
for a week
At ST ANNES EDUCATION CENTRE,
BUMALA

Food, tuition, faith-building, health,
welfare, clothing, confidence,
relationships, home life, etc

£8 PER WEEK

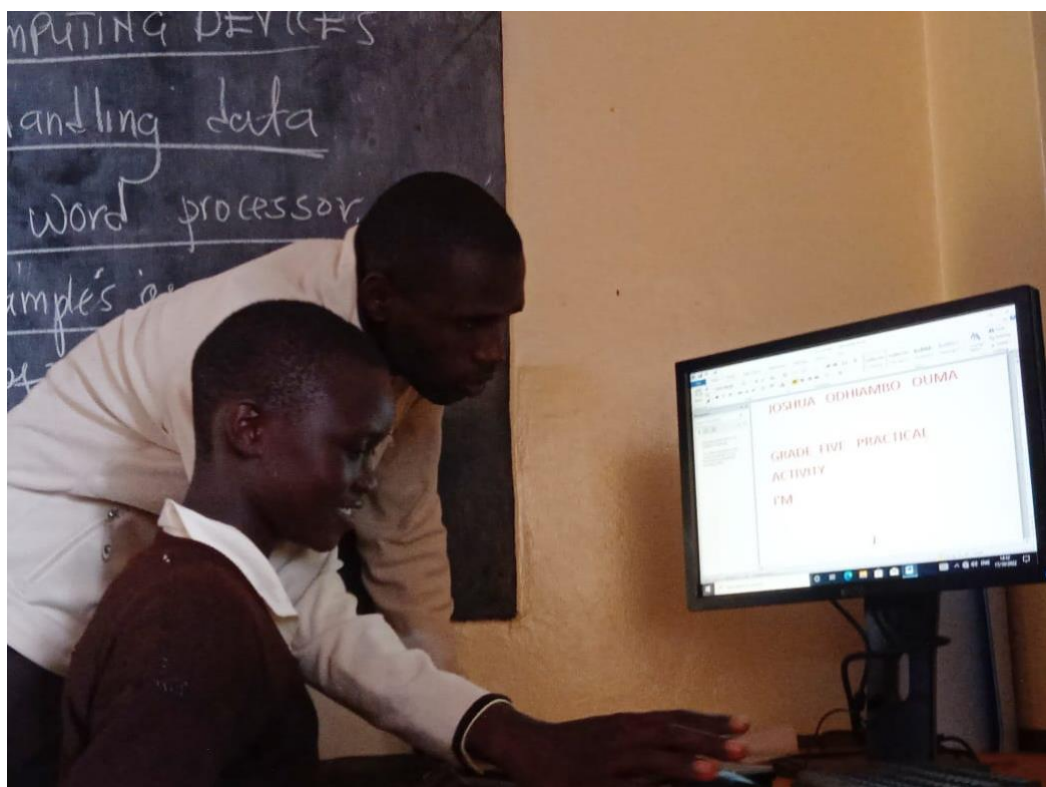
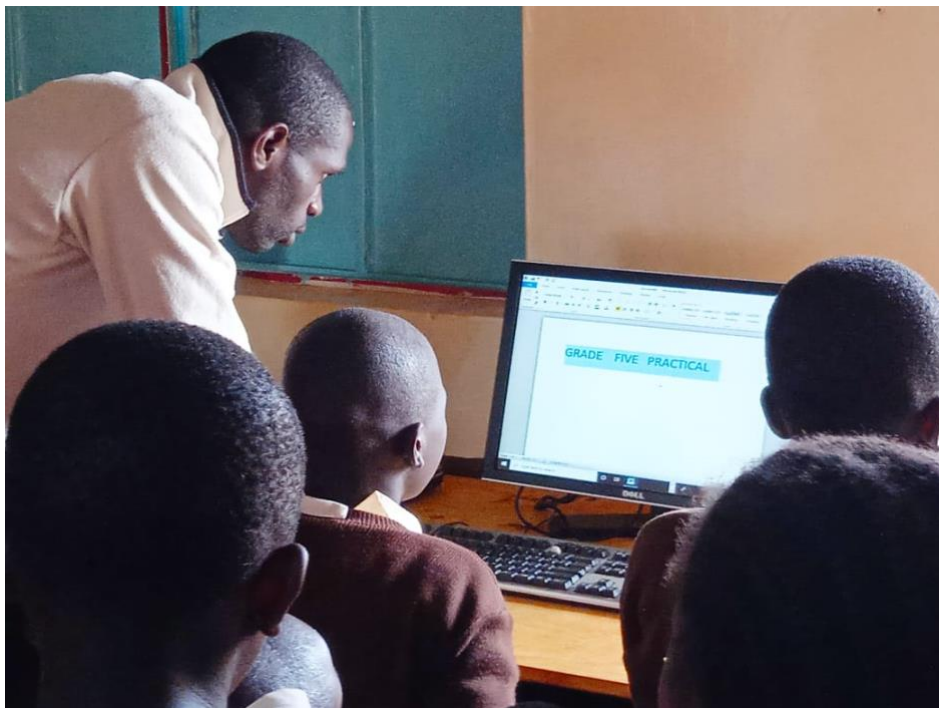


Milk (porridge) break!

We thank God for the sponsors who regularly support 73 children at St Annes School – bringing a hope and a future where there would otherwise be done.

If you are thinking of supporting one of our children in this way whether long or short term - please do contact us

Now....back to serious education.



We so easily forget in our island of abundance, that much can be achieved with little when God is in it and genuine love is applied in practice. Your funds given in love, applied with love, really does achieve great things in lives that would probably otherwise be wasted.

BEARS TO BUMALA!



SUCH GOOD NEWS!! 100 bears (as good as new) have been donated from folk in UK to go to the children at St Annes School. We have been trying for almost a year to ship them out but our Couriers no longer collect from locations across UK. We would have to send by Courier to Kenya Exports in Luton, UK where they could then be shipped to Mombasa and then by road to Bumala via Nairobi. GRATEFUL THANKS TO ANT and his wife ANNE who not only picked up the boxes from Derek & Annie's home and arranged to ship via DPD – but have pledged to pay for carriage! The boxed bears arrived at Kenya Exports on 5th September and are now on the high seas, due to arrive in Mombasa around 7th November. They should arrive at St Annes in good time for Christmas this year!

Thanks also to dog, Duke, for making sure operations were carried out to Health and Safety standards!!)

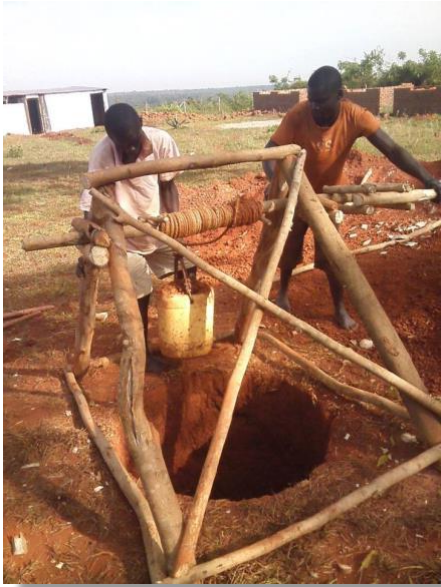
Many (if not all) of our children would never have received such a gift in their lives before and it gives us much joy to be able to put a smile on their faces through these acts of kindness by our wonderful supporters in UK. Look out for some lovely pics of the bears with their new owners!

Kitchen Table Charities Trust – £6,000 Grant received for the Sanitation Project at St Annes

The generous grant this year from The Kitchen Table Charities Trust provided funding for a much needed sanitation project which has now been completed. Just a few of the images of the completed project. Thank you KTCT and John Sharman for making such a difference



We thank God for the vital hand-dug water-well (which was completed in 2015 at a cost of just £300) continues to provide water for both St Annes School and the community as a whole. We thank God that, during a severe drought in 2017, miracle water was drawn from this very same well and it has never run dry!



Save the Date

19th November 2022 – doors open 2 pm

‘A Taste of Africa’ at Living Waters Church 358 Torquay Road, Paignton, Devon TQ3 2DQ

We’ve saved the best until last!!! This is building up to be a time not to be missed! Please save the date in your diary – come and be truly blessed by what God is preparing for you to both enjoy and experience. Please also get in touch if you would like to be involved in this event.

Bless & Be Blessed

Olive Bearers fundraising activities continue to be very simple – i.e. Bless and Be Blessed Cream Teas (where people bring their unwanted items to be passed onto others and select anything they want from the tables) - Nothing is sold – everything donated.

It’s Harvest Time! was held on Sat Sept 24th at Windyridge – Cream Tea / Bless & Be Blessed. **HUGE thanks to everyone who supported this event.** Total donations received were £761.51 which should pay for the new shoes for each of our 73 sponsored children.

(Matthew 7:16 “By their fruits you will recognise them...”)

Christmas for Christ

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Still a small window of opportunity open - If you are able to craft, sew, cook, garden, here's an opportunity for you to help us. We already have a band of lovely folk who starting making things for our

Taste of Africa event. We would love you to join us. If you need materials of any kind, please ask Derek & Annie (mobile 07906102605).

Sponsor a child

We thank God so much for every person who has both sponsored and supported the ministry at St Annes over many years. There are currently 6 port folios of children who do attend school but require sponsors. Please join us in praying for each one. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, - whether long or short term - please do get in touch – your contribution would mean so much.

So much has been achieved at St Annes – by the Grace of God alone and the folk He has selected and blessed along the way. You would be very welcome to come and see for yourself !

OLIVE BEARERS TRUSTEES

are planning a visit to Kenya in June 2023,

if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch.



Open to Ideas...

If you have any ideas on how we can broaden our fundraising platform, please do let us know.

Food4Families

Last year we initiated a feeding program which would give all the families who attend St Annes School the opportunity to enjoy something of the Christmas festivities in their own humble homes.

A good number of our sponsors send funds to enable Lily and the team to purchase a 'special gift' to give to their child. This is done separately, sometime after the main events, so that the majority of children who don't receive personalized gifts do not feel left out in any way.



This image was taken as a screenshot from UK during the Zoom Christmas Party at St Annes. It shows Rose Kange receiving her a gift of maize, beans, sugar, lentils and a very small amount of money.

It might not seem much to us, but when people are this poor, these small acts of kindness build memories and bridges of hope that will not only last a lifetime but will be remembered for generations to come!

We are so aware that, in our own country, there is much hardship and that is why we are doubly grateful for every penny that is given to this cause that many of us will never experience first-hand. They don't see us and we don't see them! It would be easy to just concentrate on those close to us. The amazing thing is that, when we care for the needy outside (as well as inside) our own family and community, God kicks in a blessing which cannot be bought or sold – it is more precious than gold or silver and it is exciting and it is eternal.

Olive Bearers Trustees, Ps Ben, Lily and all staff, volunteers and children at St Annes School, Bumala along with the angels in heaven

Bring you Tidings of GREAT Joy as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May you know His life-changing presence in every moment!

God bless and keep you dear friends



Look out for the details of the Christmas Party @ St Annes via Zoom sometime in December!

We are preparing to send donations made by sponsors for gifts for children sponsored and FOOD4FAMILIES at the end of November. Please mark your donation clearly if you would like to take part in this blessing.



Another Way You Can Help

We continue to seek ways to raise funds. One effortless and cost effective way is to shop online using SmileAmazon.co.uk at no extra cost to you or our Charity.

THANK YOU to our supporters who have already helped boost our funds by shopping this way

TYPE IN 'AMAZONSMILE' INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER, LOG IN AND SELECT OLIVE BEARERS AS YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY

THANK YOU so very much for all your help and support.

Without you, Olive Bearers would not exist and, more to the point, neither would ST ANNES SCHOOL, BUMALA.

So many lives are being changed daily because of your sacrificial giving and we are so grateful.

From Ps Ben, Lily and Olive Bearers Trustees

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Tel: 01803 401687 or 07906 102605 and speak with Derek & Annie Wills