

Newsletter Summer 2019 - Trustee Visit

Trustee and EACP Chairman Pieter Lagaay and volunteer Barry Harper visited some of our projects recently to see for themselves how the projects are working and to gauge their benefits.



Barry and Piet

JOY CHILDREN'S CENTRE, Thika, Nairobi, Kenya

Joy is both a primary school for ages nursery to c16 years and a home for 60 orphans and vulnerable children under the care of Joy. About 300 pupils attend the school, of which only half can afford to pay any fees. EACP has support Joy since the charity was created in 2010. It is twinned with Lyceum School, London, which has provided educational equipment.

The most recent EACP project has been the building of a new dormitory for the girls. It has taken 3 years, with much help from other charities, but it is nearly complete.

Earlier projects including tailoring, a well, a biogas installation and a pig unit are doing very well.



Nursery class



Pig unit



Bus for disabled students

In the future, we would like to improve Joy's ability to communicate with us and to improve learning opportunities by providing a monthly internet bundle. We would also like to fund a connection to the sewerage system for the school toilets and provide a separate set of toilets for the dormitories. Replacement mosquito nets and mattresses are also needed.

The supported High School students have all done well and EACP would like to find funding for follow-on training and to take other disadvantaged young people to High School.

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ST VIANNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL, Kampala, Uganda

St Vianney is a private Catholic Junior school located in a poor rural area outside Kampala. It has around 300 children attending including around 56 orphans, and 90 children with single parents. The school has various income generating activities to support children who cannot pay and to feed children, including growing vegetables and new pig project. EACP has supported St Vianney since 2016. It is twinned with Sancton Wood School, Cambridge.



Water collection



Excited students



New classrooms

The new buildings, which EACP funded with support from other charities, looked good, as did the new piggery. EACP has also funded rainwater harvesting and storage. The trees planted on the previous Trustee visit are also doing well.

EACP would like, in the future, to link St Vianney with other Ugandan schools to share best practice on girls' empowerment. We would also like to fund play and educational equipment, and solar lamps for children to use at home.

BULOGO JUNIOR SCHOOL, Kampala, Uganda



Bulogo students



Classrooms



One Girl Policy

Bulogo School Junior State School is in a poor rural area outside Kampala. It caters for around 650 children including around 56 orphans, and 90 children with single parents. The school has some income generating activities to support children who cannot pay fees and for a feeding programme. EACP has support Bulogo School since 2017. It is twinned with Eaton Square (Hyde Park) School, London. The school is very forward looking and has a women's Empowerment centre near the school with sewing machines. The children use EACP solar lights to work at home very successfully. The lamps are also used by parents to do household chores and to avoid snakes.

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Bulogo is very active with girls' health. They have a One Girl strategy involving signs and posters to normalise the menstrual cycle, raise confidence among girls, and support among boys. They produce reusable sanitary pads in local women's Empowerment workshop.

We would like to support Bulogo in the future with fencing and securing the school buildings to prevent entry by animals. We would also like to expand IT provision, and expand income-generating activity with pigs and goats. Bulogo is off-grid so requires solar-powered or generated electrical supply.

FAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL, Busia, Uganda

Faith was started by Rachelle, now an EACP supporter, to provide primary education to children in a very poor region of Uganda. EACP helped with this support from 2015. Faith is twinned with Eaton Square School, London. The children are encouraged to read from books EACP and Rachelle have sent for their library. They are also given time to do their homework and then play before and after school hours.

Recently twinning has provided an amazing playground for the children, new latrines and much needed mosquito nets.



The new playground – slide



Roundabout



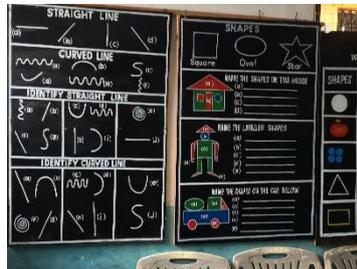
Sandpit

POPP PRE-SCHOOL, near Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

Popp is a private pre-school and kindergarten located in a poor suburb of Dar es Salaam catering for around 120 children. Many struggle to pay fees. EACP has support POPP since the charity was created in 2010. EACP has provided significant funds for the POPP buildings but some of the work is aging and in need of repair.



Nursery children



Educational materials



Roof needs repairs

EACP would like to repair the corrugated roof to keep protect the building. We would also like to provide some support for 10 very poor children.

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HOPE REVIVAL CHILDRENS ORGANISATION (HRCO), MUSOMA, TANZANIA

HRCO is a dynamic, non-religious organisation which delivers a variety of community projects. These include support for orphans, pre-school education, post-school education and providing training to disadvantaged groups. It was registered as a Regional Community Organisation but, through the Bio-Sand Water Filter project, it now has national recognition, and is very well respected. EACP has supported HRCO since its start in 2013.



Shoes made at HRCO



Bio-sand water filter



Tailoring class

The youth training in shoe and garment making continues to do well, with new buildings to house the projects. Pieter and Barry attended the graduation ceremony for the most recent 15 students. These projects have shown huge benefit. Women on the tailoring course are typically aged 18-22 and had left school early due to teenage pregnancy. Supported by her family, one young woman walked 18Km to get to the course each day.

HRCO is also producing re-useable sanitary pads. These are a little cheaper than disposables but last longer. EACP are really supportive of this initiative but would like more investigation into hygiene aspects of their use.



Water shortage is a problem, so EACP would like to raise funds for a new borehole. We would also like to fund 20 new mattresses for trainee garment makers who travel long distance to attend their courses. Following a successful sponsoring of 8 orphans, we would like to support HRCO extend its project to 50 abandoned orphans in Musoma.

We are always pleased to receive your feedback on all aspects of our work, our projects and communications – please feel free to email us on eastafriacchildrensproject@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions to make. You can also get more information or donate through our website www.eacpcharity.com.

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