



The Boys' Brigade

The Object of The Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.



Project Stedfast:

On the 3rd of November 4 members of The Boys' Brigade Staff from Edinburgh and West Lothian made a trip to Oloolua Church, Kerarapon Parish, Ngong, Kenya. The purpose of our visit was to meet the Management Committee and finalise plans to build a school for the Boys and Girls of the Brigade next to the Church. Since returning from the region there have been a series of talks raising visibility of Project Stedfast, together with flyers and short video clips.

Our arrival in Kenya saw the beginning of a relationship with the Oloolua Management Team, Church Elders, Parents and Children who mirror our own Church in so many wonderful ways, even resemblance in the Kirk Session. The elders we met could not believe that four people would travel 4,000 miles to see them, but by the time we departed on Wednesday we were the honoured ones and we forged a relationship of Christian Fellowship and trust.

We have experienced the most sincere and heartfelt hospitality we have ever come across leaving colleagues deeply humbled.



Whilst travelling over the Parish of Kerarapon, we captured many images best suited to Comic Relief or Live Aid broadcasts on TV. The words of Bob Geldof at Live Aid back in the 1980's came to mind many times as we sat at night considering how best to find ways of obtaining the funds this project desperately requires, although Sir Geldof's words are not suitable on this occasion as the people we are trying to reach out to help do not deserve such coarse vocal raving.

They have an unshakable belief that in their Christian lives God will provide a way, working tirelessly to build a new future for the Children, they give thanks for the small blessings they receive in their daily lives in a way only equalled by our daily moans.

Over the coming weeks this flyer will be continually updated to provide an account of our experience, the progress of the fundraising and the School build.

A special thank you, so far, to all of the organisations and individuals who have contributed, together with those who have embraced the Project.

What can you do to Help?

These Children need your help. The project cost is £33,629.00 in pounds sterling or 4,250,000 ksh (Kenya Shillings).

When we consider the individual component costs, the goal becomes more achievable.

Classroom	£5000.00	Staff/Gym Room	£5000.00
Water Tank	£2500.00	Electrical distribution	£2500.00
Filtration	£2500.00	Toilet Blocks	£3000.00

‘Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.’ *Matthew 25:45*

Donations can be made directly to the 5th Livingston, 56th Edinburgh, 51st Bonnyrigg or 1st Loanhead Companies of The Boys' Brigade. Alternatively donating by post to:- The Treasurer, 5th Livingston Company the Boys' Brigade, C/O 125 Bankton Park West, Murieston, Livingston, EH54 9BS. (if posting please make your donation by cheque only. Cheques should be payable to 5th Livingston Boys' Brigade and please clearly mark the back of the cheque 'Stedfast Project'). All donations are very gratefully received. Thank You!