



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Corpus Christi Africa Fund Update and 2022 Appeal

Thanks to your generosity and donations to our 2021 Lent Appeal, we have been able to continue to support both Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School (OLN) in Nairobi, Kenya, and Suubi Children's Home in Entebbe, Uganda.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it was not appropriate to make our normal Lent Appeal in 2022, and we have had to delay our appeal until December 2022 to coincide with the South Berkshire Singers Christmas Concert. We are very much hoping that in 2023 we will be able to resume with our normal Lent Appeal.

Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School

In 2021 **£15,000** was our initial appeal target to cover the cost of Uji porridge which has been continued to be provided during 2022, thus ensuring that this important food supplement has been available to all the 2,500 children now attending OLN.



Mukuru kwa Nienga slum

As well as the 2021 Lent Appeal funds raised, we were able to raise over **£8,000** in December 2021 through our appeal to assist displaced families from the Mukuru kwa Njenga slum area, where OLN is located, following the demolition of a large area of the slum to make way for a new highway. The South Berkshire Singers performed their online Christmas concert at Corpus Christi and donated £1,700 towards this appeal. Our thanks to them, and all who supported the concert. Thankfully this will be a live event on 4th December 2022 when again all funds raised will go to CCAF.

OLN Update from Jeremy

Jeremy has not been able to personally visit Kenya for two years due to the pandemic, but he has kept in close contact throughout with the Marianists and the school. He hopes very much to visit in early 2023.



The financing of the Uji porridge, which we have assisted with over many years, remains one of the biggest challenges for the Marianists in Nairobi. For 2022 we were able to increase our contribution to **£17,000**. We shall continue to make the provision of Uji the main purpose of our fundraising in 2022, to cover the costs for 2023. **The cost per child is just £10.89 per year in 2022 but with the economic turmoil around the World this will inevitably increase.**

Several Parishioners have made individual donations to the Special Needs Unit, which continues to provide education and care to children with disabilities. A number of parishioners have also very generously given funds to support some of the former OLN children go on to secondary education. We are very grateful for their support.

Parishioner Nick Gorton, whilst in Nairobi in September 2022, was able to visit OLN and see first-hand how your generosity over the years has made such a huge difference. He was also able to be involved in helping with the distribution of Uji on the day of his visit.

Nick said “it was an honour to be able to visit OLN and spend time with the Marianists, teaching staff and pupils. I didn’t fully appreciate the significant scale of the positive impact the school has on the children, and how important it is to them and their families in so many ways, and they are very appreciative of our support. It was humbling, but also extremely inspiring and I would certainly encourage anyone who may be visiting or passing through Kenya to visit if they are able to.”



Nick Gorton Visiting OLN

As ever, the pupils and their teachers at OLN, together with the Marianists are extremely grateful for your generosity. However much you give, large or small, all makes a huge difference.

Suubi Update From Pat – The fruits of your Generosity

We are delighted that Chris, Geoffrey, Joseph, Collins and Benja have now completed their training and are working as plumber, mechanic, housekeeper, hairdresser and pool maintenance, respectively. Patricia gained top of her class at nursing training school and Nakato is working in a hotel. Peter, Martin and Francis are all working in restaurants, Simon is training as a tailor and Carol starts training as a hairdresser. Dan and John Rock continue their studies at the Junior Seminary.

This leaves four Suubi children still studying in school, and Fred who gained good A levels is hoping to get government sponsorship to study surveying at university. Joel, who is severely disabled, has now moved to a specialist home near Kampala where he can be treated more effectively for all his needs.

During the last two years Suubi Children’s Home has been complying with the directive from the Ugandan Government to have less children’s homes but instead to encourage more fostering of orphans. So, we have reached a bittersweet moment where Suubi Children’s Home ceases to exist. The remaining young children have been

fostered by previous Suubi staff. For this reason, our funding for this project is no longer required. I hope to bring you more information in the new year of just how much the support of Corpus Christi has meant to the Suubi family and we wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Secondary Education and Parish Support

We continue to receive individual donations from Parishioners and Friends to support children through their Secondary education. The cost is roughly **£2,000 before Gift Aid** for four years. This does not need to be donated in one amount and can be paid at the start of each academic year which runs from January. Should you wish to consider this for an OLN child, please contact Jeremy. A good education is probably the best chance that young Africans have to escape from poverty.

We have been considering our fundraising in 2022 and would like to continue to assist OLN with the provision of Uji in 2023. We feel that we should be looking at again providing at least **£20,000, but hopefully much more** to cover our contribution to the overall costs. **The actual cost per child to provide Uji for the whole of 2022 remains at just £10.89! – a small amount for a huge benefit?**



Our Africa Fund Commitment

The Africa Fund is run by a small committee. We continue to have very direct contact with OLN which means you can be assured that every penny donated is used as intended. We would truly welcome on to the Committee anyone who would like to ensure that this work is able to continue. Thanks to your generosity, in the 17 years that the Corpus Christi Africa Fund has existed, over **£500,000** has been raised. We hope that you will be able to support us this year to ensure we can continue to make big a difference to these many young lives.



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DONATION FORM FOR 2022 APPEAL

Should you wish to make a fresh or further donation to the Corpus Christi Africa Fund please complete the table below.

If you wish the donation to be given under Gift Aid and you have not already completed a Gift Aid form, please complete the Portsmouth Diocese Form (copy attached or from Parish Office) Please return your forms to address indicated below.

Ways to donate:

By cheque: payable to Corpus Christi Africa Fund sent to either the Parish Office or Jeremy Best (address below)

By transfer to CCAF bank account:

Account Name PRCDTR WOK CORPUS CHRISTI AFRICA FUND

Account Number 01783948

Sort Code 30 93 04

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Name of Donor	
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Otherwise please indicate if the donation is to be Gift Aided	Yes No

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