

# The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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In February all 3 Trustees travelled to Kenya to visit all the organisations we work with, to review projects and in particular to meet our sponsored students. The trip was timed to match the Kenyan half term dates, but as happens in Kenya not all schools stuck to the plan! 4 Mukuru students we had not met before were unable to travel to Nairobi from their boarding schools and we hope to have better luck on our next visit. We did meet all the remaining 16 Mukuru students, 2 graduates and 6 Ruben students over two days and we spent some valuable moments with them individually discussing their progress and interests, their families, and their hopes and aspirations for the future.

The students in our **Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to do well with 6 Mukuru students now in tertiary education. Judy is in the second year of her degree in Economics and Statistics at Nairobi University and Sarah has started her degree in Environmental Studies at Pwani College in Kilifi. James, Benta and Dennis are completing their first year in Hotel Management, Business Administration, and Electrical Engineering respectively. The 4 students who took their KCSE last year all passed with C+ or above. Kelvin qualified for University and Peter has started an Accountancy course. The other 2 are applying for courses. 4 more students took their KCSE exams in November, and 5 remain at school. Hermann gained his Diploma in Social Work and he and Kelvin (CPA '09) are looking for work. At **Ruben** a new boy was sponsored this year so there are 6 students at secondary school, with the first one completing his KCSE this term.

**We have no new Secondary Education sponsors for 2011. The cost is £300 pa (£240 with Gift Aid) for 4 years, should anyone be interested.**



Adam Greener is planning a cycle ride as a way of raising funds to support his Mukuru student, Christopher, through tertiary education. He will start his ride at Chelsea FC (the club Christopher supports) and cycle to Everton FC (the club he supports) to arrive for the last match of the season in May, between Chelsea and Everton.

The annual **Mukuru Kerrigan Challenge Cup Final Day** is a day of fun and celebration for the pupils of the 4 Mukuru schools and the Streetchildren Rehabilitation Centre. A **WAVES** volunteer at Mukuru, Sarah Jocelyn, told us that it was a wonderful day for the children. Congratulations to St Catherine's and their coach Wambua for winning both the boys' and the girls' matches.



Amongst our "**WAVES** Scholars" from **Starehe** we are pleased to report that John, our first graduate, has found employment as a project engineer with a Kenyan company that has won a contract to provide rural electrification in northern Uganda.



John describes his work as an adventure as the roads in this area are often impassable through flooding. Jamleck, who graduated with an honours degree, and is a qualified CPA, set up and ran a tree nursery in his village near Tsavo and the money he earned has enabled him to spend several months job hunting in Nairobi, so far without success. Dennis has completed his third year at university studying Architecture and is relishing his course. Peter is now reading Telecommunications and Information Engineering at university having completed his Diploma in IT at Starehe College. Our youngest student, Joab, starts his final year at Starehe in January. During our visit we met all 5 boys for lunch – a very enjoyable family gathering.

With the **AFEW education team** we travelled to schools in the Great Rift Valley where we are sponsoring micro projects run by teachers who attended the **AFEW environmental science teaching workshops**. We talked to children and teachers who were enthusiastic about what they were doing.



Since our visit there has been a comprehensive **AFEW** review and evaluation of current projects to ascertain actual benefit of the funding received. The aim of the exercise was to assess projects on progress, sustainability and impact on both the school and the adjacent communities. The review included examining if the projects were fully owned by the whole school, especially the pupils, which is a priority for Waves; and if the projects promoted active learning from the link between the environment and the school curriculum. The conclusions from the review were positive with the report stating that "the projects are wonderful and are key in addressing specific environmental issues such as school greening and waste management, becoming models for teaching and making schools key resource centres for the regions they are in". There were lessons too about ways of ensuring that funds are used most effectively on the projects.

**AFEW** again ran the **Ecology Trip scheme** on our behalf and organised trips this year for 916 children from the Mukuru and Ruben schools, the Street Children Rehabilitation Centre and Starehe School. In his report a Ruben teacher told us about the curiosity of the children about all the Kenyan wildlife they saw for the very first time. He said that 'there was a lot of joy' when the pupils were given a special lunch and that 'it was the happiest moment in the pupils' lives to experience this particular day'.

During the February visit Malcolm, Margaret and Jon travelled down to Tsavo with the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** and while there visited one of the village schools, where **WAVES** has donated sports equipment and desks, to hear about the DSWT Tsavo Outreach Programme at first hand. There was a demonstration of shot putting (which narrowly missed the thronging and excited children) but the javelin throwing was discouraged in the circumstance! We also joined a field trip into the Tsavo National Park for the children. Here one of the highlights was a stop at the DSWT stockade so that the children could give the young orphaned elephants their morning bottle of milk when they came in from the Park for their 'elevenesses'. These trips are fun and educational enabling these less privileged children to become familiar with their National Parks and the wild inhabitants for the first time.



We had 6 **WAVES** runners in the **London Marathon**. Peter, Jon, Bev, Kirsty, Alex and Mick did well to raise **£11,270** inclusive of gift aid, in a continuing difficult fund raising environment. Bev had been "trapped" in Australia by the volcanic ash cloud that disrupted flights but managed to get a flight arriving at 5:00 am in London from which she went direct to the start line. Our team of 7 for 2011 includes Simon, Andy, Ann-Louise, Susan, Donna, Jules and James. Ann-Louise brings her own place to the team. To support the team you can find the links on the **WAVES** website.



We had 8 runners in the **2010 Adidas Women's 5K Challenge** in Hyde Park. Margaret and her team of Charlotte, Sue, Katie, Clare, Kate, Alison and Tracy enjoyed the run and met family and friends afterwards for a "picnic in the park". 12 year old Katie ran the course in 30 minutes and has vowed to return in 2011 to better her time. The team raised **£1107**, an excellent result for this event. All ladies and girls are welcome to join us in this fun run in September 2011. Contact **WAVES** for details.



We received a donation of £1880 toward tertiary education from a fundraising by **Ben Langdon and friends**. This has paid college fees for three students this year. We met Ben when he was volunteering with Mukuru in 2000 and organised the very first Kerrigan Cup Football Competition which was played on our first football field at St Elizabeth's.

**Stirling Dynamics** staff have raised funds at work with cake sales which will fund a scout trip, and were a great help to fellow employee Jon Pillai, in our marathon team, with his fund raising. We are again grateful to Malcolm's cousin, Sheila Aldous, for adding a new design to the **WAVES**' Christmas cards selection this year.



We continue to be fortunate to be offered assisted flights by **British Airways** and hope that all 3 Trustees will be in Kenya in again in 2011. We are exceedingly grateful to the Community Relations Team at BA for providing this support to **WAVES**.

For the first time we will have a team in the **BUPA London 10k** on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The course takes in the sights of London along parts of the 2012 Olympic Marathon course. Jon has signed up along with a few friends and is looking for others who would like to join him. Starting and ending in St James Park it should be a nice family day too.

Our income for the year ending July was £24,365 and our expenditure was £24,177, and **WAVES** funding was targeted at well run projects designed to give best long term value to Kenya's needy children and its environment.

We would like to thank all our friends in Kenya who made us so welcome and facilitated our visit. As always, our **very big thank you** to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have given their donations of time and money, energy and support to **WAVES** projects – we could not do any of this without you - we thank each and every one of you for helping us continue to "make **WAVES**"!

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful Year 2011

*Margaret*

*Malcolm*

*Jon*

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