

Under The Mango Tree Newsletter

Friends of Kambe Timboni School
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Headlines:

- ✚ News update from Edinburgh
- ✚ Eat more cake – and feed a child
- ✚ Sad news from Kambe Timboni School

News.

School news:

We heard two weeks ago that one of the primary School teachers, Mr Wilson Nyaki died unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep. Mr Nyaki had been teaching class 4. We sent condolences on behalf of Under The Mango Tree to his family via Agnes the Primary School Deputy Head Teacher.

Desks:

Thirty new high quality desks were recently delivered to school. These are 'single pupil' desks for use by older children. When the children take the end of year and the end of school exams they have to sit alone.

One of the enduring images is from 2010 when a party from the UK visited the small school as it then was and in at least one classroom every girl was working on the floor. Now every child, all the boys and all the girls, have a desk. Some of the original desks are now in poor condition and at some time in the future Under The Mango Tree may need to help buy new replacements.



These desks are made at the woodworking workshop run by Mombasa Central Methodist Church. Here young people who have missed out on education can get skills training which gives them chances to get work. Buying desks helps both the children at Kambe Timboni school and the young 'apprentices' at Mombasa Methodist workshops.

Please consider the 'funds for nothing' opportunity with Riviera Travel. If you know of anyone who 'might' book a holiday with Riviera Travel please ask them to say the following few words to Riviera –
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You can link your interest with Under The Mango Tree even when you ask for a brochure. Just Email vicki.mclaren@rivieratravel.co.uk
There is absolutely no cost to the holiday maker, Riviera will send funds to the charity – it really is that simple. www.rivieratravel.co.uk



News from City of Edinburgh Methodist Church

In September 2016 the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church adopted Under The Mango Tree as its annual project, this means that the funds generated by serving tea, coffee, juice and biscuits following the Sunday morning service and other fund raising events held throughout the year will benefit the children of Kambe Timboni school.



Our first fund raiser was an Olympic Quiz of anagrams of the, then topical, British Olympic athletes. We enjoyed the Christmas (won by one of our members) and Musical Quizzes produced by Jean Ball and also her recent Cakes and Biscuits Quiz which we are selling now as we write.

During advent our local organist, George Wilson kindly allowed us to collect donations at his 'free' lunchtime concerts on the new digital organ and at which tablet and shortbread, both Scottish delicacies, were sold.

A Christmas gift stall of handicrafts by Craftastic Creations (<http://www.craftastic-creations.com/>) raised £150 with further funds raised by the selling of photo cards of Calton Hill and Edinburgh Castle fire-works.



News from City of Edinburgh Methodist Church continued

In March this year the Linton Singers and Orchestra performed at the church and we were able to split the proceeds 50/50. Hopefully by the time our project comes to an end in August all these small amounts will be of much benefit to the school and go some way to supplementing all the efforts of other generous congregations and groups here in the UK.



Ruth and Peter Whelpdale



As you know the old “round” pound is going out of circulation. Santander Bank (where our charity banks) has agreed that they will accept these old coins until the end of October. If you would like to donate any old coins you find please let one of us know or simply bank them with Santander, sort code 09-01-28 account 94444899

From last time.

In the April newsletter we explained that Under The Mango Tree had been asked to help fund the feeding programme at Timboni school with about £1,600 in 2017 and about £3,000 in 2018. Trustees met and considered this request and unanimously agreed provide this funding. The £1,600 commitment for 2017 has already been transferred to the school and we will now work to raise the necessary funds to meet the commitment of £3,000 for 2018.

A new initiative Eat Cake – Feed a Child has now been launched. If you would like any leaflets or information about this please email utmtcharity@gmail.com or write to us at the address at the end of this newsletter.

As we know, hungry children do not learn well. A UNICEF report included the statement “Growing minds and bodies are getting too little too late”. One of the ambitions of Under The Mango Tree is to avoid this being true for the children at Kambe Timboni school.

Future Plans

Our next ambition is to try and help the school to build one more urgently needed classroom, how this is progressing will be in the next newsletter. We also have asked the school for an update on the situation with Teachers and again we plan to update you next time. If you would like any further information about the work the charity is doing, how you might help or future plans please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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