

News from Kisoro

The year to December 2004 was a busy one at the school, although sadly three children had to drop out of school owing to socio-economic problems at home. But the remaining children continued to thrive both academically and in the many extra-curricular activities. Six new children have joined the school for the start of the academic year 2005, bringing the total number deaf pupils to 54.

Particular emphasis in recent months has been on sign language training for parents and guardians. Twice a month there has been a sign language training session, to enable parents and guardians to develop the skills to help them to communicate with their children at home. During the holidays, teachers have been able to visit the deaf children in their homes, to assess their living conditions and provide any counselling or guidance that might be required by either the children or those looking after them.

The Kisoro School for Deaf Children values spiritual as well as academic development. This year the children have benefited from monthly visits by Kayondo Raymond, from St Emmanuel Church for the Deaf in Kampala. He has been able to share Bible stories with the children, which they very much enjoyed.



There were several notable visitors to the school during the year, including Mr Murangira Ambrose, the Chairman of the Uganda National Association of the Deaf, Mr Alex Ndeze, MP for people with disabilities, western Uganda, and Dr Sarah Kyobe, Deputy National Co-ordinator, Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) Uganda.

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Fundraising News

The Great Wee Scottish Walk

On Sunday 17th April, the Great Wee Scottish Walk took place in Holyrood Park in Edinburgh. Several 'great wee walkers', aged two to six, took part to raise funds for Kisoro. It was a chilly, breezy day, but the children were undeterred, and they all completed the two-mile course; some of the smallest ones did resort to their buggies for some of the way, but some of the older ones decided they needed more of a challenge, and ran most of the way round. Everyone was rewarded with a medal, a certificate and an ice lolly at the end – perhaps a bit optimistic in view of the weather.



The adult version of this event - The Great Scottish Walk - takes place in Edinburgh on Sunday 19th June. It is a rather more challenging 12 mile route, and again you can walk for Kisoro. To enter, simply go to www.greatscottishwalk.com and select the Kisoro Trust as your chosen charity. Once you have paid your entry fee, all sponsorship money you raise will go to Kisoro. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fundraising News – continued

The Kisoro Ceilidh III

The Kisoro Ceilidh III, held at the Thomas Morton Hall in Edinburgh on 22nd January was our most successful ceilidh yet. The event was sold out before the doors had even opened, and all those who did manage to get a ticket had a great night of dancing to the music of Sandy Brechin and the Sensational Jimmy Shandrix Experience. The ceilidh raised over £1400 for Kisoro, and a special thank you goes to House of Hearing for sponsoring the event, and to the Caledonian Brewery for donating 5 cases of Deuchars IPA for the bar.

Thank you!

Once again we would like to thank all those who give so generously to Kisoro, either financially or by giving of their time to organise events on our behalf.

Mrs Nancy Scott from Glasgow celebrated her 75th birthday at the end of last year. Instead of presents, she asked guests at her party to make a donation to Kisoro, and raised a fantastic £440.



In December, the Deaf Actions Christmas Charity Concert took place in East Kilbride, featuring Govan Salvation Army Songsters, St Mathews Church Choir, and other deaf choirs. The event was a great success, and raised several hundred pounds for Kisoro.

On Friday 6th May, the Roman Road Ladies Group in Motherwell held a Ladies Evening, in conjunction with the Deaf Actions Group from East Kilbride. Again, proceeds were to the Kisoro School for Deaf Children.

To Make a Donation

I would like to make a donation to the Kisoro Trust. I enclose a cheque for £.....

Please send me a standing order form.

Name:

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If you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase the value of your gift by nearly a third, at no extra cost to yourself, by completing the Gift Aid Declaration below:

Please treat as Gift Aid Donations all donations made by me to the Kisoro Trust from 6th April 2001. I understand that I must pay sufficient tax each year to cover the amount to be reclaimed.

Signed:.....

Stop Press!

The Kisoro Plant Sale takes place on Saturday 4th June at Craigentiny St Christopher's Parish Church Garden Fete, Craigentiny Road, Edinburgh, from 1.30pm. Don't miss this opportunity to pick up some real bargains for your garden, and support Kisoro at the same time.



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