



## The Year That Was

Festive greetings to everyone who has supported **The Kisoro School for Deaf Children** in the last year. Many of you made donations, came along to the Kisoro Ceilidh III in January, encouraged your children to take part in the Wee Scottish Walk in April, sponsored us in the Great Scottish Walk in June, or took advantage of our summer plant sale to stock up your gardens.

As we head towards Christmas, we are delighted that a group of pupils from Larkhall Academy will once again be helping Kisoro by signing Christmas Carols in shopping centres in Hamilton and East Kilbride, on 15th and 17th December. Do go along and support them if you can!

Thanks to all this fundraising activity, the children in Kisoro have a lot to sing about as well:



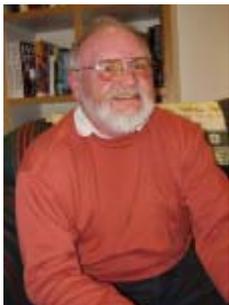
The Deaf children had the opportunity to take part in two educational visits, the first being a field study trip to Chuho main District Water Supply, to give the pupils an insight into the importance of water, including its potential as a source of energy. On a separate occasion, the children visited the shores of Lake Mutanda to examine the physical geography of the area.

Extra-curricular activities this session have included participation in music, dance and drama competitions alongside hearing pupils. All the pupils in the school also had the opportunity to take part in a debate on the motion 'disability is not inability'. Although Deaf pupils were not among the main speakers at the debate, they were able to contribute their ideas with the help of an interpreter.

During the past term, two Deaf children, along with one teacher for the Deaf and one sign language instructor, represented the school at the Deaf Ministries International Conference, which was held in Mukono, Uganda, in August. Over 21 countries were represented at the conference, the objective of the gathering being to strengthen the spiritual lives of Deaf people, and address their need to work together as a distinct community.

## Meet the Money Man

The Kisoro Trust is delighted to have obtained the services of Alasdair McLeod who helps with bookkeeping and financial advice.



He has been with us for just over a year now; and was put in touch with us through Reach, an organisation that places people with managerial, technical or professional expertise willing to offer voluntary services with organisations seeking such skills.

A Glaswegian who has lived in Edinburgh since 1982, Alasdair retired four and a half years ago after more than thirty years in the Civil Service. He joined the Scottish Office in 1975, when the office he was working in was taken over by them and, apart from a short secondment to Glasgow District Council, remained in the Scottish Office, and later the Scottish Executive, until he retired. The bulk of his time there was spent in Finance and, at retirement, he was an Assistant Director of Finance. After retirement he worked part time for three years in the academic world assisting in research on public sector finance, particularly in relation to devolution. During that time he co-authored a number of academic papers.

He now has a number of voluntary "jobs". Apart from Kisoro, he is Treasurer of a Community Project in East Lothian, and is in the process of undertaking bookkeeping for another small charity, again in East Lothian. In complete contrast, he also helps look after a cricket ground in South Edinburgh where he has been a member since coming to the city. When not involved in these activities, he spends time travelling, in recent years mainly in Europe.

## Change of Address

Please note that with immediate effect, the contact details for the Kisoro Trust have changed to: 91 Restalrig Avenue, Edinburgh, EH7 6PN, Tel/Fax: 0131 661 1930. All future correspondence/donations should be directed to this address.

## Fundraising News

### The Great Scottish Walk

On Sunday 19th June 2005, three members of the Kisoro Trust set out from Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh to walk 12 miles around the city to raise money for Kisoro. Their efforts were part of The Great Scottish Walk, an annual event which raises over £1million for charities, with over 7,000 people taking part this year.



Fortunately the weather was kind to us, and there was a carnival atmosphere at Meadowbank, with pipe bands and Chinese dragon dancers. The first part of the route took us through Holyrood Park which, although uphill, was very pleasant. Other parts of the route were less inspiring, and 12 miles along hot pavements was definitely harder on the feet than the equivalent distance on country footpaths. However, we all made it to the finish line, collected our medals, and more importantly raised over £600 in sponsor money for Kisoro.

### The Kisoro Plant Sale



The Kisoro Plant Sale took place on Saturday 4th June at Craigenitny St Christopher's Parish Church, as part of their annual Garden Fete. Despite some heavy downpours, over 100 plants were sold, and around £200 raised for Kisoro.

## 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: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2001. I understand that I must pay sufficient tax each year to cover the amount to be reclaimed.

Signed:.....