



Turi Children's Project

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Guernsey Trip 2019

Greetings from Kenya, and welcome to our latest TCP update. In our last newsletter we shared about the 2018 trip from Elizabeth College in Guernsey, who have been visiting us every February for a number of years. We were thrilled to welcome them again this February and, as ever, they made a huge difference to the work we are able to do in our local community!

This year, alongside spending time at Turi Children's Project and assisting with activities and home visits, the group spent much of their time at Green Park Primary School. Green Park is a settlement for Displaced Persons, not far from St Andrew's School, which has been established for about 10 years. Senior School students from St Andrew's regularly visit the nursery there, and we have been developing our relationship with the primary school.

Following the amazing work that Elizabeth College did last year in building a new climbing frame at TCP, we asked them to build another one for Green Park Primary, and again they did a fantastic job. Working with a local builder they were able to construct a great climbing frame, which has made such a difference to the school where the children there would otherwise not have a lot to play with. The group also spent time helping in lessons at Green Park, and were amazed at the good level of English in the school and thoroughly enjoyed their time there.

We are so grateful for this regular support from Elizabeth College and the way they enrich the work of TCP in the local community. We are looking forward to welcoming them back again next year!





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Christmas Term 2018

Our Christmas term saw many successful events taking place at Turi Children's Project. In November we held an Open Day, in which we gave a number of presentations about the work of TCP. These were given by our Coordinator Rod Smith, along with members of the TCP Committee and also the team of volunteers who run the project day-to-day. The event was attended by parents of TCP children, along with members of the St Andrew's community. The children also gave amazing performances of singing, dancing, and Bible verse memorisation which they have been learning. Afterwards, there was a chance to enjoy refreshments together, to buy homemade items, and for the children to play. We hope this event helped to give both the village and St Andrew's an insight in to the work the volunteer team are doing at TCP.



A few weeks after this Open Day, we hosted our annual Turi Children's Project Christmas Party.



As usual, pupils from St Andrew's Prep School visited TCP and gave out Christmas parcels to all the children and their families. These parcels included essential items to support the families through the Christmas holidays, such as flour, oil, salt and bread, and also some tasty treats. The money for these was raised through a charity fete hosted by the Prep School earlier in the term, and it was wonderful to see these pupils presenting the parcels and blessing the local families.





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Easter Term 2019

Our first term of the year has been equally busy, and we are thrilled to have had a really healthy start to the year. We now have 120 children coming to TCP each week, in two groups which alternate. This means that each group comes on 5 days after school in a two-week period.

In February, we celebrated our 6th birthday! We were so glad that our Life President John could be with us again for such a big day. We celebrated with a party for all the children, and pupils from St Andrew's Prep School came down to join the celebrations and serve the cake.



Our birthday celebrations also included an Exhibition Day, for parents and local church leaders. This was a very interactive event, as we had live demonstrations of all the different skills the children are learning each week at TCP. These included sewing, knitting, woodwork and beading, and the children did a wonderful job of showing what they have learnt. Parents were also able to see how the children are learning to care for our chickens, and the functioning Sherborne Centre which was opened last year. Over refreshments afterwards, several parents commented on how much they had enjoyed seeing their children developing and using these skills.



Sarah and John

Many of you will know that in addition to supporting children attending TCP directly, we also support two disabled children from our community. We have been paying for Sarah and John's school fees for many years and travelling with them to school, which until this year has been in Nairobi. From January, they are both attending schools in the local city of Nakuru; John is attending secondary school and Sarah has joined a tailoring vocational course at a nearby college. They are both doing well and enjoying their new schools.



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TCP Chicken Project

In our last newsletter we mentioned that we were uncertain as to the future of our Chicken project, as there were questions regarding its sustainability. We are very pleased to be able to share a positive update! The project continues to supply St Andrew's with eggs, and this order size has considerably increased over the year, and in addition we have started supplying to a vendor in our local town, Molo. Between these two large customers we are making enough of a profit that the project has now become sustainable, and we are confident that these sales might even continue to increase. As a result, in March we went to collect 200 new chicks from Nakuru, to replace our current chickens who will stop laying in the summer. The children are already assisting to care for the new chicks and they're growing quickly! In the summer we will be able to sell the current chickens for a profit, and this means the project is in a very healthy place.



A Few Changes...

Finally, we'd like to share with you a few changes taking place for TCP.

The summer marks the end of an era as we say farewell to our Coordinator Rod Smith, who will be leaving Turi with his wife Carol to head back to the UK. We want to deeply thank Rod for all that he has given and invested in to Turi Children's Project, and the vision he has had to enable it to keep growing and developing well. Rod will be handing over this role to two new volunteers, Chloe Mortimore and Steph Hutton, who joined the St Andrew's community with their families in September 2018 and have been involved with the project since then. They will be continuing to assist the team in the day-to-day running of TCP, and providing the ongoing link between St Andrew's and the project.

We are also excited to share with you our new logo, which is featured at the top of this newsletter! This has been designed for us by the new team and our hope is that it will aid clear communication and add to the fresh energy and vision that the TCP team already have.

Thank you again for your continued financial and prayerful support for the work of Turi Children's Project. You are making an invaluable difference and enabling us to continue to bless and empower these children. If you have any questions, or would like information regarding how to give financially to TCP, please contact us at stephanie.hutton@turimail.co.ke

Thank you!