

Karibuni Children - what do I think of when I hear this? First, the many children we see each year as we visit - the Baby Class who started in January who have never met us before and greet us with great curiosity and not a little fear; and the 'old hands' of one or two years who mob us, all wanting to greet and touch us and ask 'How are you?' The new ones quickly gain courage and join them! We marvel at the change that has happened since we last saw them a year ago – now well-fed, confident and bonny. Then those progressing through Primary Schools who display their new skills and learning as they recite poems, perform sketches and dance for us – and make us dance – a sight to behold. (John usually hides behind his camera!!) It's a privilege to meet again those who are in Secondary Schools and hear their dreams for the future – a future they wouldn't have had without Karibuni and the sterling work done by the project social workers, teachers and cooks. And those in tertiary education, graduating from their courses with degrees, certificates and many skills – dressmakers, carpenters, car mechanics, hairdressers. We thank God for them all and ask you to pray for them as they continue to live with absolute poverty.

At home Karibuni is trying to raise money in many ways and this autumn we have three concerts planned:

1. Ellesborough Silver Band at Fairford Leys Church, 7pm on 13th October; a mix of laid back music from the Laid Back Band
2. Heavy Metal from Group Therapy at 7.30 pm 10th November at AMC;
3. Wycombe Community Choir at 7 pm 8th December, also at AMC. There's something for every taste! Book the dates in your diary – tickets and more details later.

We're taking a work party to Kenya in February – interested to hear more? Contact Joy Murphy 07841536892 or joymurphy@karibuni.org.uk