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## Latest News



## *Thank you to our regular donors*

Karibuni is fortunate to have this dependable income which is so important for us given that when each small child joins us at age 3 or 4, we are making a commitment to walk with them for many years to come. We know that some of our supporters have found it necessary to stand back from this commitment as a result of the financial challenges they face, but others have stepped in to help. Thank you everyone.

We continue to support around 700 children in their education from nursery through to tertiary. If you would like to join the team of regular donors you can do so by contacting Peter Wells at [karibuni.org.uk/donate](https://karibuni.org.uk/donate)



*And thank you too to all those who made extra donations in a year of particular hardship.*

Last year was an extremely difficult year for all of us. 2021 is likely to involve many challenges too, not least seeing how effectively the Kenyan education system catches up on what was lost last year. However, let us also remember that some very good things have come out of the way we have jointly responded to the Pandemic during 2020.

In April, when the severity of the situation facing the sponsored children and their families first became clear, Karibuni took immediate action. We consulted several project managers and provided one-off grants to finance the provision of food parcels/ food vouchers. At the same time we appealed to our UK supporters for help and, with the benefit of the money we raised, we were able to provide and budget for over 6500 food parcels for all 700 sponsored children's families for 9 months until the end of 2020.

As the lockdown of schools continued for month after month, we became increasingly concerned about the welfare of the children we support. With our encouragement, where feasible, projects devised imaginative initiatives to provide tuition. In some cases this has involved teachers, in others access to distance learning via IT hubs within projects and in others the provision of solar radios. This was expenditure for which Karibuni had not budgeted and our Board took the conscious decision to dip into our reserves to find the necessary money.

In January 2021, nurseries, schools, colleges and universities begin to open again. In Kenya, there will be four terms a year for two years with very little break in order to make up for the two terms missed last year.



In the last newsletter, we mentioned the grant of £6,000 from the International Tree Foundation which Project Leader George Mwabu had obtained through his own efforts to enable him to plant 24,000 trees. [Read more here.](#)



A Parallel Project, and a special one-off case. [Read Nigel Roberts' report here...](#)

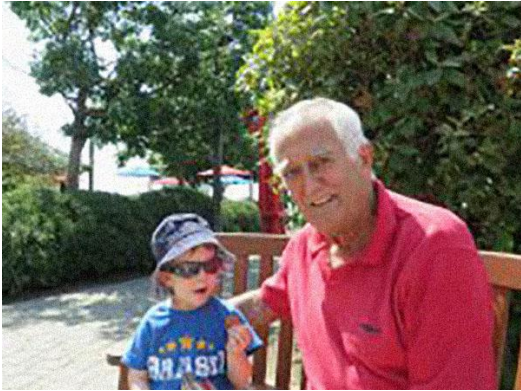
"We can be sure that Karibuni's intervention has made a real and lasting difference to the lives of these children."

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### *A New Trustee*

Paul Ingram, a Trustee for almost ten years, has stood down and Rev. Nicola Martyn-Beck, Superintendent Minister of the Methodist Milton Keynes Circuit, has been appointed as a new Trustee. We will look forward to working with her, and are most grateful to Paul for all he has





contributed over the years. We wish him all the best for the future.

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## Other news

Many students had to start their university and college courses online in 2020, but are now back in person.

In the past, Karibuni has been able to guarantee continued support throughout their tertiary education, be it university, college or vocational education, for all our sponsored children with the appropriate results. This is becoming increasingly difficult for us to finance because, alongside other costs, tertiary education fees in Kenya are increasing, particularly for some skills based courses.

Where possible we want to assist students to undertake such courses but instead of guaranteeing sponsorship, we will be encouraging them to apply for Educational Scholarships from Karibuni. Each year we will determine how many Scholarships we can afford to award. That number will take account of Karibuni's finances and the number of supporters who have agreed to sponsor a specific student, either in part or for the whole of their course under our

Sponsorship Scheme. Sponsors will be kept in touch with the wellbeing and progress of the student they sponsor.

Currently, we have a number of new students studying courses such as Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Forensic Science, Medical Microbiology, Accounting and Finance, Community Health and Development, Medicine and Surgery, Communication, Plumbing and Hairdressing who could be looking for sponsorship. Read more [here](#)...

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## Ways you can help



**Making a Lasting Difference**

With money received from legacies, Karibuni will be able to help more children in Kenya, where the need is massive. Your gift will help to improve the lives of many children, giving them the opportunity to have access to food and education which we can so readily take for granted. [Read more about legacies here.](#)

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*Costs to support a child in nursery are £20 a month, while by the time they reach university it can be £75 a month.*



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