

Jengana Chairman's report

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We continue to be amazed at what has been achieved so far through the ministry of Jengana. It is a privilege to write this report as a summary of the main areas of our work. There is more detail in our newsletters and an overview on our website. Both the UK and the Kenya board are volunteers who give of their time to ensure that Jengana continues to respond in many ways as possible to the plight of those in need.

Jengana Centre

The main ministry at the Jengana Centre is Kipepeo. This is our home where 19 children reside. These children that have been brought to us as having no parents, abandoned, unaccounted for, needing temporary rescue, children of teenage mothers that need some support or Children brought to us by the Kenya police as vulnerable and needing a place to stay. Our aim is not to institutionalise the Children but to provide them with all we can for them to experience life and thrive in the best possible manner whilst they live at Kipepeo.

I am delighted to report that there are more programmes centred or connected with the Jengana Centre. It was always our vision that we would have a centralised place which would act as the headquarters for all our work in Kenya. That way, there would be a more active engagement of the staff and the Kenyan board members in the daily running of our work in Kenya.

The following areas were of key focus this year:

- **Guest accommodation**

The purpose of the guest accommodation is to provide a safe place for all our guests to stay in during their visits, holidays breaks or residential conferences for different organisations to avail of in Kenya. It is our plan that the guest accommodations would be able to bring funds which would support Kipepeo and other ministries at the centre.

During our visit in February and in July 2022, we were able to get the guest rooms all completed and furnished in readiness for our summer 2023 two teams.

- **Water project**

July being our coldest month in Kenya, we realised that we were pumping insufficient water to serve Kipepeo and the surrounding community. In consultation with the UK board, we agreed to install three phase electricity to be linked to our bore hole pump. Though pumping using electricity is more expensive than solar powered water pumping, it was deemed wise to have the option to pump the water using electricity when there is limited sunshine. We were able to get the installation completed and was left ready to switch on when necessary.

- **Football ministry**

As a result of the lock down, Jengana Centre has become a safe haven for many of the local young men and women to safely meet. This has resulted in a friendly football kick about which further developed into a football club. Apart from sharing the message of God's love with the footballers, the Football ministry has developed into a rehabilitation programme receiving young men from different backgrounds and moulding them into upright moral citizens who are already contributing positively in the local area.

Around 20-30 young men meet at the Jengana centre four evenings to train as part of the Jengana FC. They also take time to talk about issues affecting them and the local community and seek ways to encourage and respond to each other's needs. As a team under the leadership of Philip, they are already a force to reckon with within the local league.

- **Education sponsorship**

The primary school sponsorship of children Kicoshep primary school continues to be a vital step in helping many children get a chance to step out of the vicious cycle of poverty. Our sponsored children then transition to good secondary schools.

The secondary school pupils have also done well. Some of them are finished with their secondary school studies and have progressed to the *Badili* programme which will help them to use their free time in a productive way while they wait to see what their next step will be. We were able to meet up with students and to encourage them to choose their college and careers carefully to ensure they are not stuck with qualifications that will keep them unemployed for a long time.

Our college students sponsorship also has seen great success. None of our students has dropped off college and the reports we are getting are very positive. We were very encouraged to learn that in one of the recent graduations, one of our sponsored students was given the award of the best public relations student in 2022 in their college. Most of these students continue to serve in Kibra church during their college breaks. Two of the college girls originally from Mukuru slum also spend their holidays helping out at the Kipepeo home. This is a form of refuge for them as well as a chance to give back. They are very encouraging to the children at the home and their help in all areas but especially with academic work has been invaluable.

- **Further development**

As the work has grown in Kenya, new avenues of transforming lives keep coming and we thank God for the provisions that have helped us continue in our 'building each other' mission. To this end, we were able to establish partnership with Mara Silalei school and project. This is an exciting project rescuing children from traditional ways of life that could be detrimental to their holistic development, provide primary

school education and cares for them spiritually. We look forward in getting involved in their work with our summer 2023 teams.

I want to thank everyone who has prayed with us, prayed for us, encouraged us and for the financial support. Such support cannot be taken for granted and the products of such engagement are clear to see.

I am very thankful to our UK Board and to our Board in Kenya, without whom our work could not continue. I am also thankful to the staff at the Jengana Centre and all our partners who help us respond in the most favourable and efficient ways to needs of the people we work with. Above all, we are indebted to God who has been so faithful and who has gone before us, guiding us in so many ways.

Thanks to all

Fransuer Mukula