

# Jengana Chairman's report

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We thank God for all that has taken place from April 2023 – March 24. We extend our gratitude to our UK Board, Kenya Board and all those who have volunteered their time and/or resources to ensure as many people as possible were helped through the ministry of Jengana.

In writing this year's report there is so much that I could include but I have tried to give an overview of the work and influence of Jengana over the past year.

## Jengana Centre

We have mentioned William Carey's word before, '*expect great things from God, attempt great things for God*'. This year we have seen so much come fruition, things that seemed impossible in the eyes of man but we are encouraged that even in our weakness and disbelief the Lord has continued to accomplish a lot through our ministry. Below is a summary of the activity going on at the centre.

- Kipepeo Home

To start with the all the Children at our Kipepeo home have remained well and have continued to excel in different areas. The house parents' reports have highlighted great improvements and awards in academic and sports performances of our children. If anyone wants to read details of how the children are performing, we encourage you to join our support group where you will the reports in a more detailed manner.

We continue to look for ways to link as many of our children as possible to their families. This is only possible where existing family members are known to us. This is done through regular contacts of officers from the Kenya Government offices.

- Camps

It is with great joy that we report that our Kipepeo children and young adults have been able to attend camps at Word of life Camps in Kabete and in Mombasa for a week at a time during their school or college holidays. During those camps, they have been challenged in their faith. They also have mingled with children and young adults from different backgrounds. This is important in opening up their thinking and motivating them to aspire to do better with every opportunity that comes their way.

- Two summer teams

Now and again, we manage to run two summer teams, one after the other. This year was one of those years. Needless to say, this requires a lot of energy from the leaders to keep going. Having said that, these teams have a huge impact in Kenya. Within, most of the physical work done this year was either done by the teams themselves or funded by the

teams' efforts. This has been invaluable, and we are delighted to read of the transformations in Kenya after the teams left and the impact on the team members as they returned home.

- **Guest accommodation**

We were very excited this year to be able to stay in our own guest accommodation for the first time. This has been very encouraging as it has been part of the vision of Jengana for a long time. For the teams, it meant that we could stay on site near our children's home and base our work from there. Other local teams e.g. Nairobi Baptist Church have been able to use the facilities for their residential camps. Our prayer is that the rooms will be used for many more groups and individuals and will bring glory to God.

We look forward to extending this work with the building of a multi-purpose hall which will be of great use in the local area.

- **Water project**

With the area around where Jengana is located being affected by drought during certain months in the year, water is always a top feature in our reporting. A small group from the community has come together and organised to have their own water tank inside the Jengana property. This will allow them to buy the water in bulk and pipe it to the respective members' homes. This is a great idea as it does not require any administration from Jengana, it also brings them community and fosters a spirit of pulling together without requiring our input. We continue to sell water to local individuals who are not part of the water project to ensure that no one misses out on availing of water when they need it.

- **Football ministry**

One of our key principles is working with local communities to help them deal with the many challenges they face. The football ministry has been a great tool in ensuring that we reach out to the local young men by support for a unifying entity – in this case, football. Jengana Football Club (JFC) is a group of footballers consisting of mainly young men between 18 and 27yrs

The regular football practices also include a devotional time and an opportunity to share a message from the Bible. We have seen God at work among these young men and many lives transformed.

The football club is a united community with young men who are continuing to work together to help each other and their community at large.

## **Outside of Jengana Centre**

### **Education sponsorship**

Jengana's commitment to education sponsorship continues. We cannot emphasise enough the role good education plays in a child's life and the ripple effect which positively transforms families moving them from hopelessness and a state of survival to a trajectory of hope. We support children at Kicoshep Primary School and provide religious education lessons through our summer teams. These lessons, incorporating interactive role-play, have been well-received.

As a result of years of sponsorship of children from Primary school right through to college education, we always have successes to report on every year. Our challenge has been raising enough funds to keep the scheme going. It is heart breaking to see young people stay home

