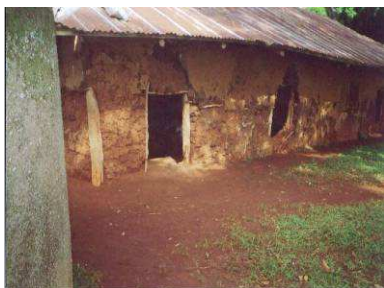


The **Granaghan Outreach** Charity has been formed in a follow up to last years successful trip to Siaya Town in Western Kenya, where the renovation of five class rooms at the Nyasidhi School was completed.

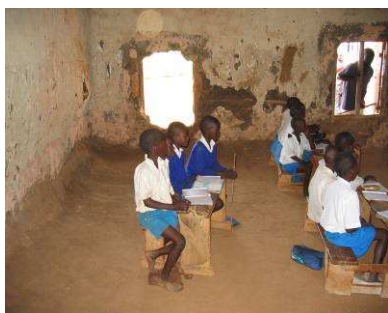
Granaghan Outreach is continuing its work with Moving Mountains and it is the intention that a second trip will take place during the first two weeks of October this year.

The proposed project is the renovation of 'Wagwer School', also in Western Kenya. Conditions at this school are awful where the buildings are in poor repair with no windows, doors, desks nor floors.



Wagwer School was the first Primary School in the whole District. They are still trying to establish themselves as a Secondary School so Granaghan Outreaches help will go a long way to providing that base.

The teachers are committed and the headmaster is a genuine and caring man who has the plight of dis-advantaged kids at heart. This is one of the reasons that Granaghan Outreach are keen to work at Wagwer, as it is a school that is taking kids from the poorest backgrounds and giving them a chance to finish Secondary School at an affordable price which so often is not the case in Kenya.



During last years trip, the group seen first hand the state of the Wagwer School. Bare footed children are often attacked by 'jiggers', insects which burrow their way into the soles of their feet. Without desks the children are forced to sit on the dirt floor

Each time it rains, the clay bricks continue to disintegrate, and with the roofs leaking the floors often turn into mud.

It is proposed that the volunteer group will carry out the renovations, again with the help of Moving Mountains and the local community. There are at least five class rooms in need of urgent repair.



Depending on the funds raised, the project could be easily extended to include fitting the classrooms out with lockable desk/chairs, more text books, writing materials, slippers for the kids (help to prevent jiggers – as very few of the kids had shoes), uniforms for some of the poorest kids, long term support of a new feeding program that the school is setting up, the list is very much endless.

A community meeting to finalise the trip will take place at the Resource Centre on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 8.00pm**. This will be the deadline for anyone wishing to travel on this year's trip. It will also be an opportunity to find out more about Granaghan Outreach.

A website has been established, [www.granaghanoutreach.com](http://www.granaghanoutreach.com). which gives a detailed report on last years trip to Nyasidhi School, information on Granaghan Outreach, this years project and upcoming events.

Fundraising for this year's project will begin soon, with several events planned. The main event is a golf day is to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Moyola Golf Club. A four ball will cost £120 and hole sponsorship at £100.

**If there is anyone interested in helping or taking part in this year's project, or are interested in the golf day, please leave your details with Noel McGrath (028 79401586), Ciaran McGuckin (07779109018) or Barney McEldowney (07718340438). Alternatively email 'info@granaghanoutreach.com'**