

Granaghan Outreach

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The **Granaghan Outreach** Charity was formed in a follow up to the first parish volunteer project with the aim of the charity being able to provide continuous support to those in need.

Since its formation, many people have benefited from the generous help of the Granaghan and wider community through donations and active help. In summary the following projects have benefited.

In October 2006 a team from the parish travelled to Siaya Town in Western Kenya to take part in the renovation of the 'Nyasidhi School.' Five classrooms were to be renovated, and while each room was built, it did not have doors, windows, floors or plastering. Each time it rained, the clay bricks disintegrated, and with the roofs leaking the floors often turned into mud. The work was successfully completed during a two week stay.



Finished class room with new floor, doors, desks and windows

Granaghan Outreach has formed a relationship with Nyasidhi school and are continuing to fund the provision of a teacher, **Janet Atieno**. The school has gone from last place to near the top of performance league tables which has been attributed to our parish's involvement.



Teacher, Janet Atieno

Fr Matthews, the priest of the area, who only can normally visit once every two months, was given special permission by the bishop to say Mass during each of the projects in 2006 and 2007.



Fr Matthews Omogo

A donation of £1,000 was presented to Fr Mathews from Granaghan Outreach to help fund the installation of doors and windows and also to help concrete the dirt floor and plaster the church walls.

During the 2006 trip the team visited a clinic in the slums of Nairobi. The **Ushirika Medical Clinic** was established and is supported by Moving Mountains. Granaghan Outreach have been able to fund the provision of medical equipment at the clinic.



Delivery Suite at the Ushirika Clinic

In addition Granaghan Outreach have been funding the provision of a medical officer, George Gecheo, since 2007. George works directly with HIV and TB patients and is involved with health programmes in the Nairobi slums.



Medical officer George Gecheo at work.

The 2007 project was the renovation of four secondary classrooms at '**Wagwer School**', also in Western Kenya. Conditions at this school were awful with many of the buildings with no windows, doors, desks or floors.

Bare footed children are often attacked by 'jiggers', insects which burrow their way into the soles of their feet. The work involved installation of floors, doors windows and plastering.



Wagwer School

During the 2007 trip, the team visited Sr Theresa Rafferty at the Franciscan Convent in **Kariobangi** on the outskirts

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of Nairobi. The nuns in the beautiful centre all have their particular focus, from passing on our faith, looking after the elderly, running a medical centre for AIDS and leprosy to a feeding programme. They feed over 600 mouths daily with food often begged from the stalls.

Sr Lydia took the team to the slums of **Korogocha** to see the work she does with the youth of the area. At the 'Hands of Care and Hope Child Care Centre' they were met by over 150 children, who had been taken from the surrounding dump sites to be 'rehabilitated' in the centre which currently consists of 4 mud huts for which have exorbitant rent. Many of these children, especially the girls, are in grave danger of abuse and exploitation. The children are filtered into parish schools after a period of 2 years in the centre.

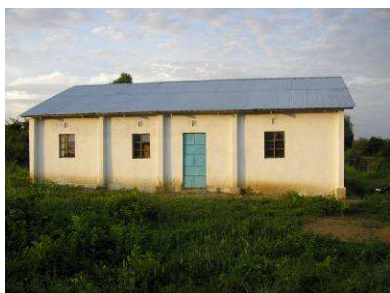
Sr Lydia informed the team that a new school was desperately needed for the children. The condition of the existing school was in a terrible condition. The team learned that the construction of a new school was to be approximately £35,000.

Granaghan Outreach was able to provide a donation of £10,000 in January 2008 to get this project started, while substantial local support was provided to reach the target cost. Regular progress reports of the construction are received with the four classroom building ready for the roof.



The Korogocha School well underway to completion

Another project currently being funded is the **Barkawado Orphanage**. Father Mathews has built a lovely but basic orphanage beside Barkawado Primary School in the District of Siaya in Western Kenya. Basically, he has got a building which can hopefully house up to 30 orphans. However the project is in need of help.



The Barkawado Orphanage

Before he can cope with this number he needs to provide a perimeter fence to secure the area which is essential in

Kenya, an Outside Toilet Facility, bedding and a kitchen annex. Granaghan Outreach has forwarded an initial donation and is continuing liaison with Fr Mathews in order to confirm costs.

None of this work could have been possible without the generous help of the community through donations and active help. Granaghan Outreach plans are ambitious and preparations are being made for Team Kenya 2008.

The proposed project is the construction of an operating theatre at the **Dolphil Clinic**. This is a small but comprehensive clinic on the road from Kisumu to Siaya and is a satellite clinic for the District hospital. Moving Mountains have been supporting the clinic through the medical students who go there for placements every year through Adventure Alternative, and also through direct aid from the charity which supplies equipment and drugs.

The construction of the operating theatre for Dolphil will turn this clinic into a serious satellite station for the whole region and provide access to surgical needs for a huge number of people.



The Existing Dolphil Clinic

The project is the new build of an operating theatre on land directly behind the clinic. The Dolphil Clinic will serve more remote parts of the Siaya region, so that those needing minor surgical procedures can be attended to without long journeys – many of which are not often made and as a result simple procedures develop into critical illnesses.

Fundraising preparation has started with the following events proposed.

- A Church door collection is to be taken up after masses on the 2nd and 3rd of August.
- A Poker night in Slaughtneil Hall on Friday the 22nd August
- A Golf day is also taking place at the Moyola Golf Club on Thursday 11th September.
- A night of live music & craic will be held in the Rafters Bar on Friday 19th September

For more information and if there is anyone interested in becoming involved with Granaghan Outreach please visit our website www.granaghanoutreach.com or alternatively contact Noel McGrath (028 79401586), Ciaran McGuckin (07779109018) or Barney McEldowney (07718340438).