

# Granaghan Outreach

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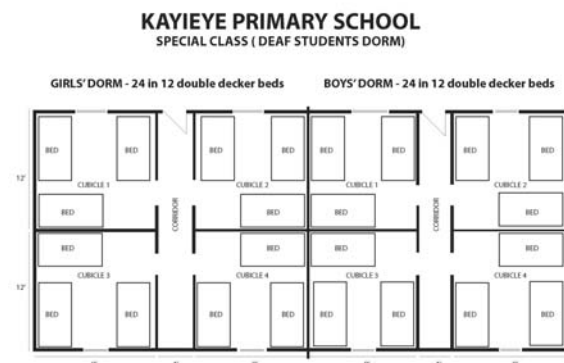
**Granaghan Outreach** is now in its fourth successful year and is continuing its work in Western Kenya. The project for 2009 has been identified and preparations are well under way with continued help from Moving Mountains. The project is the new build of a dormitory at the Kayieye School which is in the same region visited in previous trips. Kayieye has a special needs class specifically for deaf children from the area but they are getting requests from all over Siaya District and further afield to take in children who need the care and education that only a specialist teacher and set up can provide.



*The specialist teacher in the Kayieye school*

Kayieye has the specialist teacher in place but because the children are from all over the Siaya District they have no means to travel to Kayieye on a daily basis. Therefore the construction of the dormitory is essential to ensure that the children who need it have continued access to the education they deserve.

The plan below details the proposed construction.



*Kayieye Dormitory Plans*

Granaghan Outreach are hoping to raise sufficient funds to be able to build the 8 bedroom building and if possible provide the beds for the maximum number of children the building can hold. The approximate cost of the project is £12,500. It is proposed that the team will travel to Kenya in early October for a 2 week project.

### A Cow Called Granaghan...!

Mourice Odindo, a community leader in the Siaya Region sent this report earlier this year. "Towards the end of last year 2008 a wonderful group called Granaghan Outreach visited our school and donated Kshs 38,000 which was instantly used to buy one Dairy Cow. The dairy cow, called **Granaghan**, has now become a member and part of this school community since then and I believe it has become a learning area for most of our children

who take Agriculture as a major subject for examination or would like to become farmers in future."



*The Granaghan Cow*

"The cow now produces 5 litres of milk which is sold at Kshs.200 Daily. In one calendar month this comes to a total of Kshs.6000. Part of this money is used on its feeding and treatment purposes while a bigger percentage is pumped into the feeding programme of the 61 orphans in the school. So far the feeding programme is succeeding very well in our school."

"To support our feeding programme we grow foodstuffs like; maize, vegetable, and bananas in our rich school garden. The work is done by the children themselves with the help of the Agriculture teacher who uses this opportunity for his lessons."

"The Granaghan cow has been of great use in this environment and occasionally you find groups of people from the surrounding village coming to learn from our own school children. It has also created employment to some parents who have become milk vendors. As they buy milk from the school and sell at a high price for profit maximization. We also sell the cow products i.e. manure to the farmers around the school and this they use to plant crops in their farms and this enables them to get higher of crops yields."

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.

The 2006 team from the parish travelled to Western Kenya to complete the renovation of five classrooms at the '**Nyasidhi School**' during a two week stay. Granaghan Outreach also funded the provision of a teacher, **Janet Atieno**, helping the school climb to near the top of performance league tables which has been attributed to our parish's involvement

During the 2006 trip the team visited the **Ushirika Medical Clinic** in the slums of Nairobi which was established and is supported by Moving Mountains. Granaghan Outreach funded the provision of medical equipment and are funding 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.

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*Medical officer George Gecheo at work.*

The 2007 project was the renovation of four secondary classrooms at 'Wagwer School'. Conditions at this school were awful with many of the buildings with no windows, doors, desks or floors. The work involved installation of floors, doors windows and plastering.

During the 2007 trip, the team visited Sr Theresa Rafferty at the Franciscan Convent in **Kariobangi** on the outskirts of Nairobi. The nuns feed over 600 mouths daily with food often begged from the stalls. At the 'Hands of Care and Hope Child Care Centre' the team was met by over 150 children, who had been taken from the surrounding dump sites to be 'rehabilitated' in the centre. These children are filtered into parish schools after a period of 2 years in the centre. The condition of the existing school was terrible. Granaghan Outreach was able to provide a donation of £10,000 to get this project started, while substantial local support was provided to reach the target cost. The 2008 Team were privileged guests of honour at the opening and naming ceremony in October past, which proved to be a humbling experience.



*The completed Korogocha School*

Another project identified during the 2008 trip was the **Barkatado Orphanage**. Father Mathews had built a lovely but basic orphanage in the Siaya Region. Granaghan Outreach has provided funds to allow provision of a perimeter security fence, an outside toilet, bedding and a kitchen. The orphanage is in full operation, providing a home for some 30 orphans.



*The Completed Barkatado Orphanage Kitchen*

The 2008 project was the construction of the **Dophil Operating Theatre** at the Dophil Clinic, also in Western Kenya. The construction of the operating theatre turned the Dophil Clinic into a serious satellite station for the whole region and provides access to surgical needs for a huge number of people. The Dophil Clinic now serves 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. The theatre is now in use and regular reports are received from 'Dr Phil' on the work load.



*The Dophil Operating Theatre*

Granaghan Outreach has formed a special bond with the priest of the area **Fr Matthews**, who celebrated Mass during the each of the trips in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Granaghan Outreach has provided funds to help complete the installation of doors, windows, concrete the dirt floor and plaster the church walls.

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, but are very aware that any future work will only be possible through continued community support. A strong bond has been made between the people of Siaya and Granaghan Outreach and it is that bond which makes returning to the area so easy each year.

Fundraising preparation has started with the following 5 events proposed.

- A **Classic Peugeot 205 Convertible** has been kindly donated for the main prize in a draw scheduled to take place mid August. Tickets will be on sale soon and your generosity will be much appreciated.
- A Church door collection is to be taken up after masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August.
- Poker night in Slaughtneil Hall, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- A Golf day is also taking place at the Moyola Golf Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- A night of live music & craic will be held in the Rafters Bar on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**An information evening and team meeting is taking place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00pm in the Resource Centre, Main Street Swatragh, and everyone is welcomed. For more information and if there is anyone interested in becoming involved with Granaghan Outreach please visit our website [www.granaghanoutreach.com](http://www.granaghanoutreach.com) or alternatively contact Noel McGrath (028 79401586), Ciaran McGuckin (07779109018) or Barney McEldowney (07718340438).**