



Newsletter

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Foreword from the Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last newsletter, a great deal has moved forward—not just in bricks and mortar, but in hope, opportunity, and shared vision. The transition from Osiligi Charity Projects to Together With Kenya marks more than a name change. It reflects our growing ambition and commitment to reaching even more communities with education, skills training, and clean water.

Much has been achieved in recent months, from breaking ground on our new educational complex to restoring safe water access for thousands. These milestones have only been possible because of your continued support, trust, and encouragement. In this issue, you'll find updates on our building progress, the joyful Ground-breaking Ceremony in Kenya, the ongoing education of your sponsored children, and the life-changing work of our water team. We also look ahead to what's still needed—and how you or someone you know might be able to help. I hope you enjoy reading about everything that's unfolding. Thank you, as always, for walking with us.

Warm regards,

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Building for the Future

Phase 1: Nearly Complete!

In just the last 3 months, thanks to a dedicated team on the ground, the following has been achieved!

- Construction of a water tower, tanks, solar panels and water system sufficient to serve the planned educational complex – the Primary school, Junior Secondary school, Community Learning Centre, Technical College and staff housing.
- Near completion of Phase 1 encompassing the first two Primary classrooms, toilet blocks, and the Community Learning Centre, which is a huge learning space (see photos above)
- Installation of an eco-friendly biodigester, serving the entire complex.

Phase 2: Starting Now

We are now initiating Phase 2 of the build, which will include 9 further classrooms, kitchen and dining hall, more toilets (!), and on-site houses for 10 teachers. If we can secure the necessary funding, our builder has committed to completing this in time for our planned goal to open the Primary and Junior Secondary schools in January 2026!!

Ground-breaking Celebration in Kenya

On April 25th, four of us from the TWK (UK) team were in Kenya for a Ground-breaking ceremony on our new land. This was an amazing occasion, consisting of unveiling of a plaque, ceremonial tree planting, speeches (and more speeches) and dancing, to mark the breaking of the new TWK ground. The first brick was ceremonially laid, which really highlights the speed of the build given the developments outlined above.

The event was attended by more than 500 people from the local community, and many senior dignitaries and officials, who showed excitement and huge support for the new TWK educational complex.



Community celebration



ceremonial tree planting

The event was even featured on Kenyan national TV and radio! See TV news clip [here](#) (mainly in Swahili!), and 10 minute video of the Ground-breaking ceremony [here](#).

The support is captured well by Ms. Janet Sereu, Kajiado County Education Minister:

“Most of the population is illiterate especially the young mothers and men who never got an opportunity to go to school. So the Community Centre, and the TVET [technical and vocational college] is going to give them an opportunity or a second chance to realise those skills”.



This was the perfect occasion to unveil and introduce the new TWK Kenyan board members to the local community, and feedback showed that the community was heartened by the quality of the board. We are fortunate to have a board of highly experienced and engaged professionals, committed to strong and clean governance, all fully aligned to TWKs objectives.

Ongoing Education for Sponsored Children



During this period of transition and construction, all of your sponsored children are continuing to get a great education at the Osiligi Obaya school, or at secondary schools across Kenya. My UK colleague, Keir Thomson, and I were able to meet with most secondary pupils at the Osiligi school during the Easter holidays, and all students appeared to be doing well, apart from the cold weather at their Secondary schools being a common complaint.

Each pupil currently at the Osiligi Primary school will have the option the transfer over to the new TWK primary school when it opens in January. The new TWK school is 4km away from the old school, and transport assistance will be provided to children that are disadvantaged distance-wise by the move.

Clean Water Milestone: 3,000 Pumps Repaired!



Our team of water engineers in Kenya surpassed a major landmark and achievement in the last few weeks: Between them they have now repaired more than 3000 broken handpumps!! They have restored drinking water to more than 850,000 people, and provided local communities with the knowledge of how to make simple repairs and maintenance.

I would like to acknowledge the generous support of those individuals and organisations that have funded this important work. One of these is the Swiss Eagle Foundation which since 2019 has providing funding to Osiligi of more than £400,000 to repair over 1,600 pumps benefitting around 550,000 people. Pump restoration and education remains a key component of TWK's future activities.

TWK (UK) Board of Trustees

I'm delighted to report that we have now assembled a high calibre Board of 7 Trustees for TWK (UK). I look forward to introducing each Trustee to you in the next newsletter. We are still looking to recruit a Trustee to oversee Fundraising, an essential role. If you, or any of your colleagues or family members, would like more information or are interested in this role, please contact me.

New Website Launched

We have now launched a new TWK homepage: www.Togetherwithkenya.org, and over the coming months this will become a full charity website, taking place of the previous Osiligi website.

Osiligi Hand Pump Project Summary

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Handpumps Restored to date
2015-2025

 | +866,000

Population benefiting from the restored handpumps

Funding and Fundraising: Here's How You Can Help

In our recent newsletters, we have highlighted how child sponsorship remains essential in order to maintain the education of the disadvantaged Maasai children. Thank you to all our generous and long-term sponsors.

To date, we have been very fortunate to have received generous donations from a number of private individuals and Trusts, including the Thomson Trust and Bournemouth North Rotary Club, towards our ambitious building project. We have already raised over £500K. However, we still have a significant amount of fundraising to do.

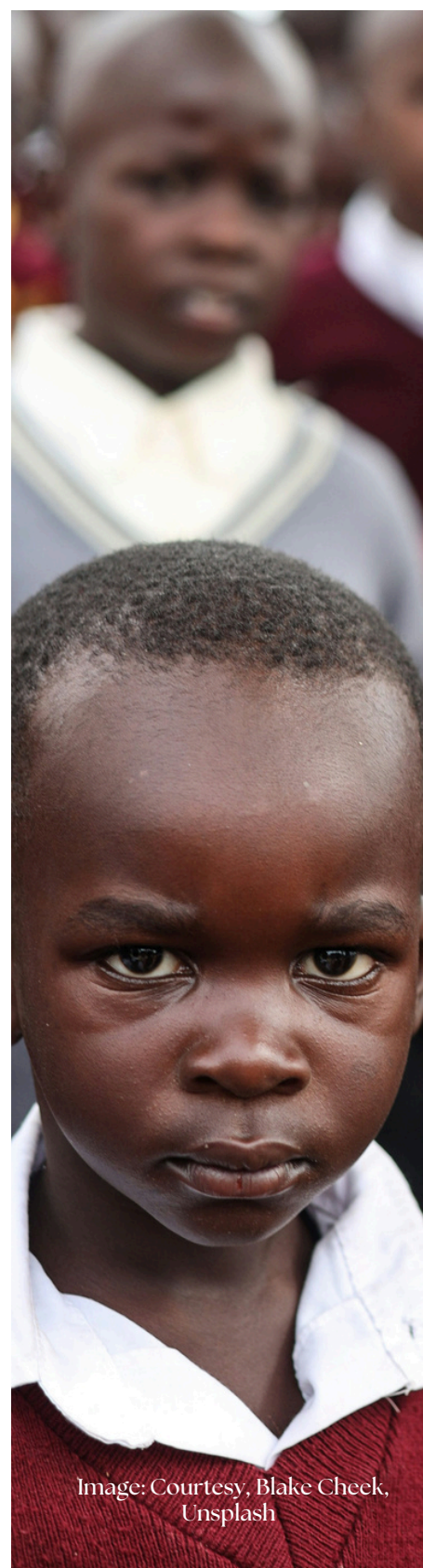
We are urgently looking for funding during 2025 for:

- Staff houses: Critical to attract and maintain excellent teaching staff. Each house costs between £10,700-£14,500 to build
- 6 standard classrooms: Critical in order to open the new school in January. Each costs £12,000 to build
- School resourcing: Computers, furniture, other resources (various £ amounts – please get in touch)
- Child Sponsorship: We still need more sponsors! £250/month would provide an education to 10 needy children, £500/month would educate 20 children, or £750/month would educate 30 children.

I'm delighted to say that we have just received funding pledges for three staff houses. I would also like to thank Pearsons Wealth Management Limited (<https://pearsonwm.co.uk/>) for pledging to sponsor a full class of 30 disadvantaged children in the new school in January 2026. These pledges give us a great start towards our goal.

If you know of any companies, organisations or individuals who may be interested to learn more about TWK, with a view to supporting one of the above options, please do get in contact with me: jim.freeth@togetherwithkenya.org.

We would be really happy to acknowledge the funding of a complete staff house or classroom with a plaque, and/or in the case of a staff house, naming it.



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