



The Boys' Brigade

The Object of The Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.



Project Steadfast:

2nd Year Group of Boys and Girls from the two Brigades.

With 2008 and the 125th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade in Scotland approaching we had started to look into the possible ways in which we might celebrate the event. It was decided that whilst 'special' events would run to mark the Anniversary, we at 5th Livingston, 51st Bonnyrigg and 1st Loanhead Companies wished to reach outward. In December of 2005 letters were sent to many Boys' Brigade and Church officials throughout the BB World enquiring after possible situations where we could help. In January of 2006 we met with the Rev Elaine McKinnon in Glasgow, having just returned from several years mission work in the region of Kikuyu, Kenya. We were humbled by news of the efforts of the Boys' and Girls' Brigade Companies at Kerarapon Parish Church in their bid to establish a school.



This is where our project begins.



By cleaning shoes on the streets of Nairobi the Boys and Girls of the Brigades raised sufficient funds (with some help from the Church) to buy this old wooden structure and some of the surrounding land to build their school on. Unfortunately that is as far as the story goes to date. This method of fundraising in a poor country would require a lifetime effort at shoe cleaning. This is where we have to step in. Education here at home for our members is a fundamental right, freely available to all. These Children have shown a determination to get that right for themselves and with our help and yours their dream could be a reality.

What can you do?

Where do you come in: easy, we need your help. The project cost is £33,629.00 in pounds sterling, 4,250,000 ksh (Kenya Shillings). A lot of money for an individual BB Company to find.

However, when we consider the break down of cost for each part:

Classroom	£5000.00	Staff/Gym Room	£5000.00
Water Tank	£2500.00	Electrical distribution	£2500.00
Filtration	£2500.00	Toilet Blocks	£3000.00

Here is a level of cost which we hope will attract the interest of individuals, Churches, Companies and Groups and harness their desire to be a part of not just a Celebration but a Project that will benefit many generations of Boys and Girls all of whom are members of The Girls Brigade and The Boys' Brigade.

In November this year a small group (with the help of British Airways) will make the trip to Kenya. Our target for then is to raise £10,000.00 to enable the commencement of works on the school.

Perhaps you or your group would like to name and sponsor a Classroom or maybe just make a donation but please remember the World cannot ever become a better place if good people do nothing.

From the beginning we realised they were both in need of help and deserving of every effort we can make to bring it to reality.



'Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' *Matthew 25:45*

Donations can be made directly to the 5th Livingston, 51st Bonnyrigg or 1st Loanhead Company of The Boys' Brigade. Alternatively you can donate by post to:- The Treasurer, 5th Livingston Company the Boys' Brigade, C/O 125 Bankton Park West, Murieston, Livingston, EH54 9BS.

(if posting please make your donation by cheque only. Cheques should be payable to 5th Livingston Boys' Brigade and please clearly mark the back of the cheque 'Steadfast Project'). All donations are very gratefully received.

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