

St Luke's Charity for August 2020

Sevenoak Kenya Education Trust (SKET)

Kenya is no exception to the difficult times Covid 19 has inflicted on the World order. It arrived a little later than for us but despite dire predictions for it to run rampant in the overcrowded slums of Nairobi and Mombasa it has not yet done so. Quite why not, we do not know but nevertheless numbers infected are rising. Government action has locked down life and many people are jobless by restrictions on movement together with a paralysed tourist sector, and even the effect of us in UK not buying the flowers that Kenya grows for export. Unlike here, there is little help for the people to get through life so suffering is acute for many. Earlier this year and before Covid arrived, Kenya was swamped with too much rain and conditions became right, and still are, for plagues of locusts, just as told in the Old Testament. They have already devoured pasture in the north of the country and threaten production of subsistence farmers in more populated parts.

Schools are closed for the time being, so one might think SKET has downed tools. Well it has not, but rather it has just completed, within the £10,000 budget, a refurbished washroom and toilet block at a Government Girls Boarding School. It was funded by a group of mostly Sevenoaks cyclists participating in a sponsorship adventure, who were hosted by SKET on a visit to Kenya last November and who saw for themselves the urgent need of the school. One day soon we hope the first returning girls will be benefitting from a brand new clean and hygienic facility.

SKET's core function of helping the poorest teenagers receive an education at school will no doubt be having an ever increasing role in the next few months. We have enjoyed St Luke's support for many years and assure you that 100% of every pound received pays the school fee of a girl or boy who we link up directly with St Lukes.

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The Trustees of SKET thank you for your generosity and pray that God will bless you at St Luke's.

Contact me, David Debenham, Sec of and St Luke's Champion for SKET, or look at the website (www.sket.org.uk) for more information and if you wish to donate, SKET is a registered charity (Number 1118914) so please Gift Aid your donation.

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Here are the old and 2020 Toilets/Washroom at Olooseos Girls Secondary School in Kajiado County in Kenya's Rift Valley

