



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025

CHRISTMAS APPEAL RESULT

I would like to start by reiterating our thanks for the great support for our Christmas Appeal. As a result, we have been able to fund one teacher from the start of the school year in January and a second starting in term 2 at the end of April. Their names are Owen (on the left of the photo) and Mark (on the right). The government of Kenya has funded two new classrooms and our next challenge is to fund some extra desks and chairs for them.



In February we raised £640 from a Bridge Drive organised by Anthony Mitchell and kindly hosted by East Grinstead Sports Club.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS

The headmaster of Loiyangalani Primary/Junior school has been making periodic visits for some time to the secondary schools where our sponsored students study, to check on their progress and wellbeing and any needs they have and to encourage

them to be diligent in their studies. This involves quite a lot of time and long journeys, but has been really successful and helped the students to achieve better grades, which in turn enables them to apply for government loans for higher education. We are delighted with this initiative which was instigated by him despite the pressure of heading up such a large school in Loiyangalani.



Jacob with Diramu at Moi Girls

Secondary School

Note for sponsors – if you wish to write to the child you are sponsoring, you are welcome to send something via our email at info@loiyangalanitrust.org.uk which we can then forward.

LOIYANGALANI PRIMARY/JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recently a new kitchen was funded by an NGO called the Kenya Drylands Education Fund. As you can see from the photos this was badly needed, especially bearing in mind the school has over 1,000 pupils!

Before



After



Since we provided sports kit for the pupils at Loiyangalani Primary/Junior School they have gone on to several successes in regional competitions. There is plenty of evidence that children who compete in sports tend to do better at school.



Jacob with Rita – fastest girl in 100m

Race at Marsabit County Athletics Competition



The rest of the team sharing success at the games

HIGHER/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Two of our higher education students completed their studies towards the end of last year – Sebastian in Diploma in Building Technology at Eldoret Polytechnic and Dominic Ekal in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Sagana Technical Training Institute. Dominic is off to collect his certificate next week and Sebastian is awaiting his graduation ceremony and has travelled back to Eldoret to look for work.

ENVIRONMENT

There was some excessive rainfall in March which demonstrates how the poorest people are the worst affected by climate change. Our contacts in Loiyangalani said it was the worst they have ever seen. No human lives were lost but some houses were destroyed and livestock drowned.

They do have rainy seasons, but nothing like this and most of the time the region is hot, dry and very windy.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMING UP IN 2025

Cello recital by Laura van der Heijden in West Hoathly - Tuesday 24th June – info on website and facebook

Our annual very popular quiz night in Burgess Hill. Saturday 15th November

There will be a few other smaller local fundraising activities during the year, details of which we will share with everyone as they are finalised.

IN CONCLUSION

As ever thank you for your wonderful and enduring support. Please do share this with anyone you think may be interested and remember you can find information on our website at www.loiyangalanitrust.org.uk and on our Facebook page

Best wishes

Carolyn and our team of volunteers