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Inspirational gifts to help end poverty

Volunteer Takes to the Skies for a Very Special Delivery

When a Workaid consignment, destined for Nairobi in Kenya became stuck in Kisii, Workaid volunteer and MAF pilot, Derek Moores came to the rescue.

It was as Derek was preparing to travel to Kisii on a MAF flight that he received a concerned email from Sylvia at Workaid. She had heard that a consignment of 34 boxes containing tools and equipment for the group Vision Peoples In Mission in Nairobi had become stuck in Kisii.

After a number of frantic phone calls to the depot holding the boxes at Kisii, Derek discovered he would have to arrange a vehicle to transport the boxes from the depot to the airport. However, with his flight running late, there was no time to travel into Kisii to find someone with a suitable vehicle. On his way from home to the plane, Derek met Paul (from MAF Operations) who asked if he could travel with him to Kisii. Determined to make the delivery to the project in Nairobi, Derek charged Paul with the task of arranging the last minute delivery from depot to airport. As they arrived in Kisii, they were delighted to find



Paul's cousin, who had kindly driven his pick-up truck to collect the boxes, waiting for them on the runway. With no time to lose, the boxes containing the precious tools and equipment were loaded onto the plane and the flight was able to leave before dark.



In Nairobi, an expectant Reverend Franklyn met the plane to take delivery of the equipment which included boxes brimming with tools as well as two treadle sewing machines (pictured top). The sewing machines were going to help Eunice, a young widow at the VPM project, to expand her tailoring business. Eunice had enrolled at the project in 1994 to learn vocational skills and, after progressing to become one of the tutors on the course, she started a tailoring business to help support her husband and three children.

In 2009, tragedy struck the family when her husband Alex was attacked and killed on his way home from work, while returning with his monthly wages. Now, having to support three children on her own, VPM asked for sewing machines so that Eunice could expand her business and buy material to make her children's uniforms and buy books for school. Thanks to Derek, MAF and Workaid were able to work together to bring Eunice her machines and deliver the tools and equipment safely to assist all those supported by the VPM project.



Eunice receiving her machine

Famous Quilter Pays a Visit To The Workaid Shop



The Workaid Shop was delighted to welcome the international quilting author and teacher, Dawn Cameron-Dick, this summer.

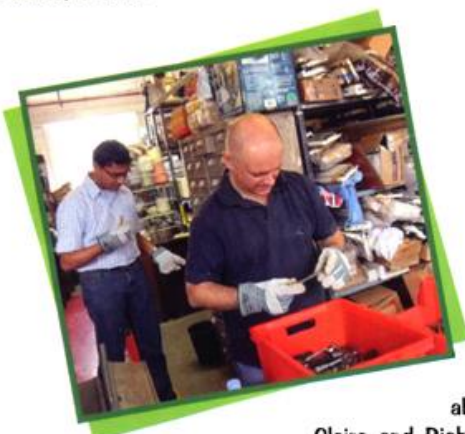
Dawn, who spent time living in Africa, was on a visit whilst lecturing at the nearby Missenden Abbey Summer School where Workaid regularly hold sewing and haberdashery sales to raise funds.

Earlier this year Dawn's partner John Caulfield arrived at Workaid with a car full of wool, books and sewing supplies from Dawn and enjoyed a tour of the workshop.

The couple are both keen to support Workaid and Dawn has kindly donated some of her own quilts and copies of her new book to the shop.

Claire explained:

"Dawn always has a tight schedule, so it was a pleasure to be able to welcome her to our premises and show her first-hand how the charity works."



Community Spirit

Each week, clients from the Community Head Injury Service (CHIS) join volunteers in the workshop at the Old Boot Factory. Mandy Jeffery, Senior Occupational Therapist, reflects on some of her clients' experiences of volunteering:

CHIS is part of the NHS Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust. 'Working Out' Vocational Rehabilitation Programme is an integral part of the service providing assessment and vocational rehabilitation for adults who have suffered a brain injury and are looking to return to work. Each week a group from the programme attend Workaid.

Workaid has been very valuable to CHIS over the years as it has provided our clients with the opportunity to return to a supportive workplace in a voluntary capacity prior to exploring their own ideas of work. Those clients that attend are usually in the initial stage of our vocational rehabilitation programme. By attending Workaid the clients have the opportunity to practice, learn and/or re-learn work skills in a friendly, supportive and non-pressured environment.



Over the years we have worked in a number of different areas. These have included cleaning tools, refurbishing typewriters, the shop stock room and the haberdashery and knitting machine sections. In addition we have been responsible for taking the drink orders and making the drinks for all the volunteers at the mid-morning break. Attending Workaid has enabled clients to work on a wide range of work related skills. These have included planning and pacing, organisation, social skills, team work, initiation, motivation and also fatigue management.



Below are some quotations from our clients who attend Workaid:

- "Workaid has helped me to organise tasks and plan what I do"
- "Workaid is a friendly environment"
- "Workaid has helped me with my fatigue. Here I am able to stand up and walk around"
- "I'm not intimidated to ask questions"

"Workaid has helped me to develop my skills to get me back to work"

- "Workaid has helped me to go out again"
- "Workaid has helped my concentration"
- "Workaid has helped me to get to know new people"
- "Attending Workaid has helped me to develop work relationships"

Thank you to CHIS for all the help your clients have given Workaid over the years.

GSK Volunteers Lend a Hand in the Workshop

On a bright Saturday morning in August, staff from GlaxoSmithKline in Brentford came to the Old Boot Factory to lend a helping hand.

Organised by Simon, who works at GSK and volunteers at Workaid with his son Matthew on Saturday mornings, the new recruits toured the premises and heard

about Workaid before splitting into teams lead by Workaid volunteers Bryan, Alan,

Claire and Richard. The whole team worked hard painting floors and ceilings, cleaning windows,

breaking a concrete block in the old horticultural workshop, moving workbenches and heavy machinery as well

as doing a great job sorting many spanners and screwdrivers.

GSK's George commented: "Many thanks to the folks at Workaid for making us feel so welcome. All of us enjoyed the experience and learning more about Workaid's contribution. We were really impressed."

If your company is interested in volunteering at Workaid, please email Richard: operations@workaid.org to find out more.

Africa's Unsung Heroes



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At the Ndirwami Integrated Rescue Project in Uganda, all generations are coming together to fight in the battle against HIV/AIDS. While peer groups of young adults offer education and support, it is grandmothers who are bringing up the many orphans; providing them with a safe home and the love that keeps them going.

It is hard to imagine the grief that millions of grandmothers experience when they lose a beloved daughter or son to AIDS. Harder still is the realisation that they are faced with the prospect of parenting again in old age.

Muhwezi Henry, Director of NIRP writes:

"...HIV/AIDS has brought dread and grief to millions of grandmothers as their children fall ill and die at unprecedented rates. As the death rate accelerates and governments' coping abilities deteriorate, Grandmothers bury their own children and shoulder the burden of caring for the orphans of the next generation... Elderly heads of households scrape together money for funerals [and] school fees, for food and medicine."

Pictured right, Barbara Nakaweesi looks after four orphans who all live with her in the hut behind. With no source of income, she has to rely on subsistence farming. Barbara explains:

"I have struggled with these children since their parents died. The eldest boy [Aloysius] is a total orphan whose parents died when he was 1 year in 2007. Since then, I have taken care of [him]."



Supported by the project with items such as seeds, paraffin and additional food, Barbara also looks after her daughter's three children, while she is out at work. Her daughter, whose husband died of AIDS, works at a landing site.

With many Grandmothers in the same position as Barbara, looking after their grandchildren and other young orphans, Muhwezi Henry speaks with confidence when he says:

"...They are unsung heroes who hold families and communities together."

Vocational Training

In addition to offering education in HIV prevention, support to grandmothers and counselling for the orphans in their care, NIRP have an active vocational training school. Here, students learn trades such as tailoring, car mechanics, carpentry and joinery and secretarial skills.

In 2010, 98 orphans and vulnerable children completed vocational training courses at the project using tools and equipment refurbished and donated by Workaid. Muhwezi Henry comments:
"Without your continued support, our work would be in jeopardy. I know with a combined commitment to reach out to needy children, a glimmer of hope and happiness will be realised in the... community as a whole."



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Workaid tackles poverty by supplying disadvantaged people with the tools they need to acquire practical skills and become self-supporting.

Donated tools and equipment are collected from all over the UK, refurbished and sent to vocational training projects and self-help groups, mostly in East Africa and in the UK.

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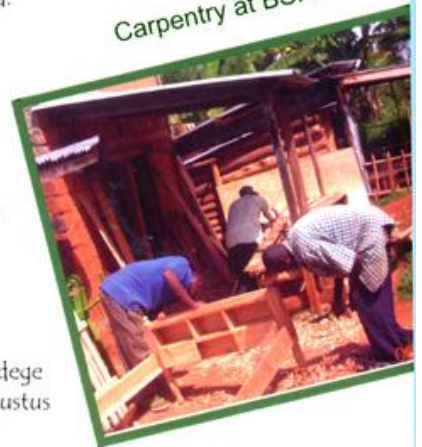
Much greetings to you all at Workaid from Birongo Self Help St. Augustus here in Kenya.

We thank you very,very much for your support of Tools & Equipment which you sent us, and we can't just tell you in words how helpful they have contributed to our lives and the whole community in general in ending poverty. Thanks all at Workaid for showing a Godly love to our Project. Be blessed and have a great day.

Sincerely, James Ndege

Project Manager, Birongo Self Help St. Augustus

Carpentry at BSHA



Dear Workaid,

On behalf of my organization, I would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you so much for all the equipment and material you donated us; God bless you.

We received the donation yesterday and we shall launch the project soon and I will update you.

Again, I do thank you so much. Thank you.

Yours, Kibaya Robert, Executive Director/Founder
Kikandwa Rural Communities Development



Collecting the tools at KRCDO

Dear Workaid,

We are pleased to inform you that Kyarugaju Rural Emancipation Project (KREP) is doing very well. Its activities and programmes have more than doubled since the collection of the consignment of tools and equipments from Workaid. We thank you very much for your continued support, cooperation and most importantly your assistance. With all good wishes to every one in Workaid. May God bless you and your work.

Secretarial training at KREP



Rodgers Ntambo Mukambo

(President Trinity Foundation, Zambia)