

Appendix 2

Destiny Garden School

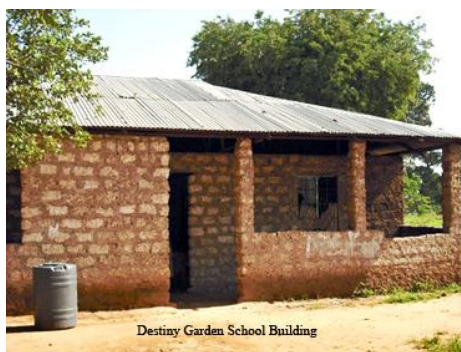
Progress Report

Destiny Garden School is being established at Mtongwe -one of the poorest suburbs of Mombasa, on Kenya's coast.

Last Year

Destiny Garden School opened in May 2009 with 160 children and 7 teachers, with classes from Baby Class to KG1, KG2, KG3 (Kindergarten) to the three primary classes -Class1, Class2, Class3. See below for the Educational Structure in Kenya

The school was housed in rented accommodation, with no doors or windows and no floors. As there were no desks or chairs, lessons were taken on mats.



Destiny Garden School is run by Jacob Boaz, the School Director, who himself came from this area, but was given the opportunity of an education by Monks and went on to go to University in India. He is a Christian man with a calling to help children from his neighbourhood. At present he receives no salary and lives off the wages brought in by his wife, Brenda.

With support and donations from Jackie Price, (Sister to Judy Roper, Chair of Destiny Children), who did 6 months voluntary work at the School from May to November 2009, desks and chairs were provided, uniforms, blackboards.



During this time a kitchen was built so that the children could be given lunch, in some cases the only meal they receive during the day.

Three cooks were employed and they are responsible for the buying and cooking of the school lunch, as well as the general cleaning of the school'

The school grounds are used to grow vegetables to help with the costs of the lunch, chickens are kept for eggs and four goats to provide milk for the children.

Destiny Garden School focuses on supporting the most vulnerable children in the area and half of the children in the school are orphans and at least a quarter of them are HIV positive. These children are being given the opportunity to escape poverty through the good education they receive from Destiny Garden School. Its work is especially important since the number of orphans, living with extended families, is increasing, as is the number of children living with families with no regular income, who are struggling to find work in an area where jobs are scarce, with unemployment as high as 75%.



It is estimated that there are 1,000 vulnerable children in the area that are currently not receiving an education and whilst Destiny Garden cannot reach all these children, as it grows in size it will have an impact.

This Year

In January 2010 the School increased to 205 children ranging for 2 to 14 years old, and 8 teachers in classes from Baby Class to KG1, KG2, KG3 (Kindergarten) and four primary classes -Class1, Class2, Class3, Class4. The teachers are all fully qualified and are dedicated to the welfare of the youngsters.

The aim at Destiny Garden School is to keep the classes small, no more than 30 children, to ensure that each and every child gets the attention they need to develop their full potential.

The ages range from 2 ½ year olds to 11 year olds, although there are older children up to 14 years. The classes aren't necessarily age related as some of the children have never been to school before, so they are classed according to their level of education. For example we have a 6 year old in the baby class and a 14 year old in Class 4, which is usually for 10 to 11 year olds.

In April 2010, the school had to vacate its rented accommodation, and Jacob had built on adjacent land that he owned, a Kindergarten block which was funded by an American Organisation.

Jacob also built the Primary School block of 4 classes, funded by the UK charity Destiny Children with donations from the committee and their families.



Next Year

Jacob has decided not to take in a baby class next Jan 2011 – the babies are a lot of work with extra caring, toileting etc. This will give him a spare classroom in the nursery block – not quite up to the educational authorities standards required for Primary classes but should keep things going for a little while.

Then, at very little extra cost, Jacob is going to increase the DGS student numbers by 65 to 240 by increasing the class sizes to 30, which was always the intention; the numbers in the classes were not all originally at 30 and some have dropped due to children leaving – see figures below. Jacob will therefore save not having to pay for an extra teacher in Jan 2011. There will of course be some extra costs for lunches, drinking water, text books etc and extra desks when the numbers of children increase. Also, the teachers urgently need an increase in their wages as they are currently being paid well below the Kenyan average – and two have left for that reason.

	end of 2010	recruit	2011
Class 4 = 23	23	7	30
Class 3 = 18	18	12	30
Class 2 = 23	23	7	30
Class 1 = 26	26	4	30
Class KG3 = 22	22	8	30
Class KG2 = 27	27	3	30
Class KG1 = 18	18	12	30
Baby Class = 18	18	12	30
	175	65	240

The Future

Over the next three years, taking into account increases in wages and the growth of the school, the number of sponsors need to cover the running costs is estimated at -

Class 5 in January 2011 - 240 children & 8 Teachers - costs covered by 120 sponsors
Class 6 in January 2012 - 270 children & 9 Teachers - costs covered by 135 sponsors
Class 7 in January 2013 - 300 children & 10 Teachers - costs covered by 150 sponsors
Class 8 in January 2014 - 330 children & 11 Teachers - costs covered by 165 sponsors

The KCPE Certificate level, is taken by Class 8. (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) which enables the children to go on to High School. Jacobs's ultimate dream is to build a high school so that the children can go on to further their education, which is very rare in this area.

Re classroom 5 - we have been unsuccessful in our applications to the Hilden Charitable Trust and DFID for funds to build classroom 5. A decision has to be made whether we continue to apply for grants or whether we rely on fundraising events, starting with the two big events coming up in December 2010. The urgency to start the work is not so great as we will be using the Baby Classroom, but this is not ideal as it does not quite come up to the Educational Authorities standards set for Primary Classes.

Future Aims of Destiny Garden School:

- Broaden the curriculum to include sports and the arts
- Increase the retention of pupils at DGS, especially the girls who tend to leave at a young age.
- Improve the students' performance and examination results
- Improve the health of the children ensuring they receive regular medical check-ups & treatment
- Offering more educational programmes on HIV/AIDS and further care for those already infected
- Offering further training and counselling to the orphaned children
- Create an adult learning centre for uneducated adults in Mtongwe, using DGS resources
- Build a boarding shelter for the orphans who get passed from guardian to guardian
- Build a Destiny Garden High School!

Educational Structure in Kenya

Baby Class - 2 1/2 to 4 years

Kindergarten Classes

KG 1 - 4 to 5 years

KG 2 - 5 to 6 years

KG 3 - 6 to 7 years

Primary School Classes

Standard 1 - 7 to 8 years

Standard 2 - 8 to 9 years

Standard 3 - 9 to 10 years

Standard 4 - 10 to 11 years

Standard 5 - 11 to 12 years

Standard 6 - 12 to 13 years

Standard 7 - 13 to 14 years

Standard 8 - 14 to 15 years

Pupils must pass the KCPE Certificate (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) to go on to High School

High School Classes

Form 1 - 15 to 16 years

Form 2 - 16 to 17 years

Form 3 - 17 to 18 years

Form 4 - 18 to 19 years

Pupils must pass with A or B+ to go on to further education - i.e. University or College