



# Newsletter

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**A charity to relieve poverty and distress among children and young people in Ghana**

## 2021 fundraising update

2021 has been another very successful year for GCT and our income hasn't suffered too much due to the pandemic. Sincere thanks go to our amazing supporters who have donated generously.

We held an Easter raffle via Facebook that raised £234 and a further Autumn raffle, again via Facebook, raised £97.

In July, Jean Edusei, Chair of Trustees, walked 75 miles over the 15 days up to her 75th birthday, raising a £1,017.60.

After much debate, we decided to go ahead with our Summer Garden Party on 12 August as an outdoor event. Thankfully the weather was dry and sunny, although a little blustery! We raised just over £1000. Thanks go to the hard-working volunteers on the day, as well as everybody that supported the event. It was great to meet face to face after almost 18 months of virtual fundraising. Our new card reader came in very handy!

All this money, together with the regular donations from supporters, mostly by standing order, have allowed us to continue supporting King Jesus Charity Home in Kumasi, Ghana.

## Work at KJCH

We are delighted to say that an appeal for funds last year to completely overhaul the plumbing and sanitation at KJCH was successful.

The leaking septic tank is mended, a new water tank has been installed, and all the damaged toilets, cisterns, washbasins and showers have been replaced. Thanks to the William Leech Charity and the Green Hall Foundation for their generous grants to enable this work to be undertaken.

The building work at KJCH is now complete and all the rooms are being used daily. The floors have been tiled and the walls and ceilings painted. Floor trunking has been installed in the computer room and the floor tiled, making a safe and clean environment for the students.



*The newly tiled computer room with floor trunking for the laptops.*



*One of the new toilet and washbasins at KJCH.*



*The newly tiled outdoor staircase.*



*Children drawing, showing the tiled floor in the activity room.*

## Education

Nora continues to do a great job in supporting the students with their home studies. Two girls have graduated from university this year.

Four of the five apprentices we supported last year are now self-employed at their trade, the fifth yet to complete his apprenticeship.



Baba showing his school artwork. He has now finished Senior High and is awaiting his exam results.

## General news

The children's home licence from the Ghana Department of Social Welfare was renewed on 1 July and is valid for 2 years. This is excellent news but came at a cost of £375 to KJCH, which was covered by our charity.

In the summer we shipped many boxes of clothes, shoes and books to KJCH. Our Chair of Trustees was so happy to get them out of her house and garage!



*Boxes of goods waiting to be shipped.*

## More fundraising!!

We were lucky enough to get a place in the Virgin London Marathon this year and were delighted when David Hodgson took up the place. He completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 30 seconds, and raised a fantastic £2,203.80.



*Congratulations David and thank you.*

*Pastor Kofi on his birthday in July, looking very dapper.*



## Finances

In the 2020-2021 financial year, £24,840 was sent to KJCH, £14,840 of which was for the education and sanitation projects. We received Gift Aid of £1,784.38.

**The total sent to Ghana since the charity was established in 2004 is £241,343.17 - almost a quarter of a million!**

**Your generous support is appreciated and enables GCT to continue to improve the lives of the children at KJCH.**

**All trustees and visitors to the orphanage pay their own expenses, not the charity.**

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