

AIDex Newsletter November 2022

Hi all & Merry Christmas and greetings from the AIDex family both here in Australia and from our colleagues and those we sponsor in Kenya. They are very grateful for your support of them and it's been a blessing to be a part of this family now since 2001. During that time, I have watched young vulnerable children become adults ready and willing to 'serve their God and to help others' (our motto). Some have come back to be a part of our Kenyan board with a desire to help the younger ones coming through. We pray our interaction with the people over in Kenya inspired and encouraged them to keep on giving and helping the vulnerable in their communities. I do hope we can continue this ministry into the future as there are still many worthy of our support and love. This part of Kenya is still rural, remote and suffers from a lot of poverty. We currently support some 1300 people and to do this we need your ongoing support financially and in prayer. I'd love to have some more donors giving regularly to this ministry so if you yourself or someone you know is interested, please pass on a copy of this newsletter or direct them to our website at this link; <https://aidexaustralia.org.au/> Donations are now tax deductible. Thank you all who support this ministry... It's truly appreciated! Regards
Russell & Di Marke & our AIDex family & team.

Donations:

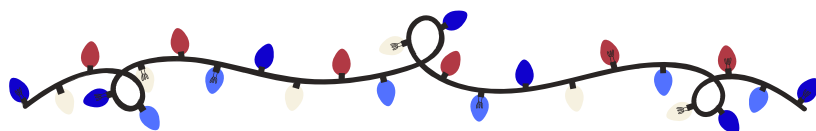
Although Kenya is slowly improving economically there is still a great need for the gospel to be shared and for AIDex and other missions to be working in Kenya. Unfortunately this year has been a difficult one for Kenyans with the dry weather and droughts making it very difficult to farm. There are still many students unable to afford schooling, there are many widows who can't afford to feed their children or themselves, and there are many other problems. AIDex has been able to help so many thanks to your donations, its never the most comfortable thing to ask for donations however, alongside prayers, without the donations, AIDex simply would not be able to support the many people in Kenya that we do. So we would really appreciate if you would consider donating to the general funds of AIDex whatever you feel in your heart God wants you to.

As of 2021 we have received our charity registrations and approvals here & in Kenya. This now allows donors to claim a tax deduction for donations to AIDex Australia INC. The most amazing thing is that for AIDex to help a Kenyan child through one year of their schooling, it only takes about \$100 dollars from you. That \$100 dollars in Australia is usually less than one days income for the average worker, and yet it gets one Kenyan child through schooling for the whole year! Not only will you be able to support students with your donations but you will also be supporting widows, helping source the AIDex library for the Kenyan community to use and educate themselves with, medical bills to help support those we sponsor that are sick, and more.

Everything you give will be directly invested in the Kenyan community we support. This means it will not be going towards admin fees and you can trust every dollar will be supporting someone in need.

Again we want to thank-you so much for your giving and prayers. It is so very appreciated both by the AIDex team and by the Kenyans you are helping.

You can give via <https://aidexaustralia.org.au>



It's that time of year...

It's almost Christmas! What an exciting time of year, a time that encourages giving and sharing joy and kindness. If you would like to give a special gift to a family member or friend this year that saves you the time of shopping and blesses them and someone in need we have gift cards available. You buy a card and AIDex will use that money to bless someone in need as well as send you a beautifully crafted gift card to present to your family member or friend on Christmas day!

Our gift card options:

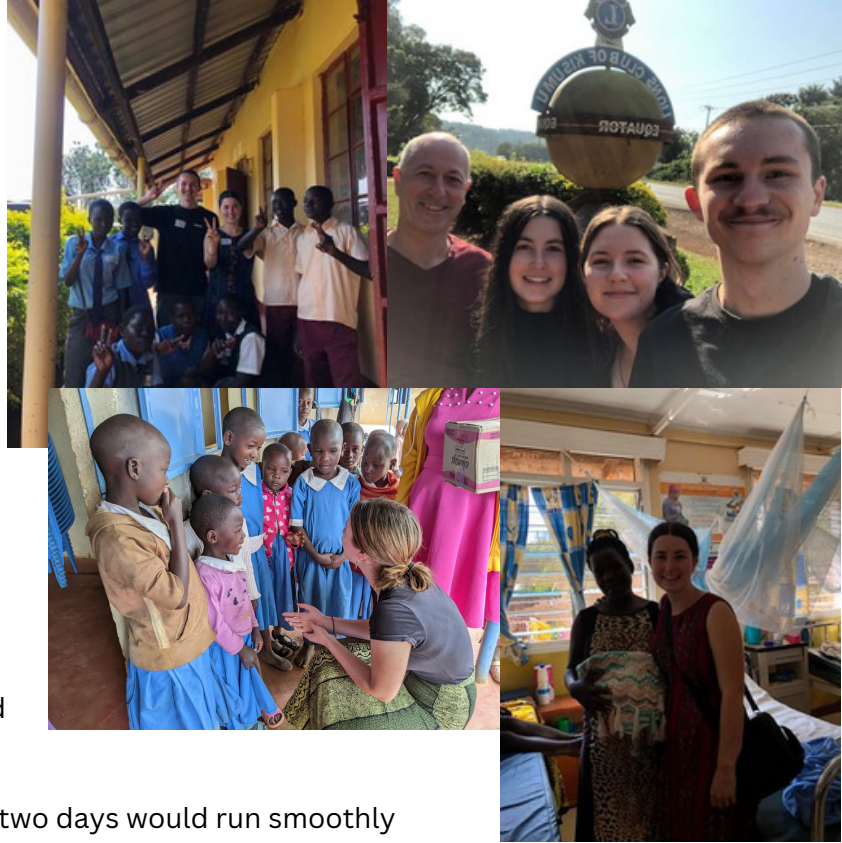
- \$10 Bible Gift Card: provides a bible for a student in Kenya
- \$20 School Uniform Gift Card: gives a brand new uniform to a student
- \$50 Medical Gift Card: provides healthcare to those in need
- \$100 School Fees Gift Card: provides school fees for a secondary student in Western Kenya

To order a gift card today contact Russell Marke via
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2022 Mission Trip

Our 2022 mission trip was a blessed time filled with the power and love of God and growth for both the Australian/Kenyan team and the Kenyans AIDex supports. God really blessed our team in keeping us all safe and healthy with very little problems occurring whilst we were in Kenya. Unfortunately while we were over in Kenya there was a whole week where students were on holidays and we could not visit schools. This made our time limited in visiting schools however with all the efficiency the team brought and help from God, we were able to visit all the schools that we needed to whilst we were in Kenya. We also decided that because of the week where we could not visit schools we would instead have two days where our sponsored high school students and their parents/guardians could come and join us in a day full of games, study skill lessons, faith based lessons, health and hygiene lessons, food and more. Although we weren't really sure whether these two days would run smoothly and actually be beneficial to our students and their parents/guardians, they ended up being two of the best days of our trip. Our Kenyan team consisting of Ben, Benjamin, Erina and Catherine and the Australian team were all able to speak and share their own experiences and knowledge to those that attended. We had a lot of positive feedback from both students and parents/guardians which was really great to hear and we hope to continue to run programs like this on future mission trips. We were also able to spend a day meeting with our sponsored widows and sharing with them as well as handing gift bags of clothes and other items that were donated by people back in Australia. They loved their gifts and were very thankful! Overall it was a wonderful trip and we are very thankful for everyone that was praying while we were in Kenya.



Nicks story

Going to Kenya this year was an awesome experience and I'm very grateful I had the opportunity to go. What stood out most to me was how massive an impact we can make. Amounts of money that seem insignificant in Australia can be life changing for people in Kenya. I'm really glad I got to be a part of this mission as I saw this money being used to buy uniforms for primary students who most of the time would smile gratefully. Sometimes they'd frown and look at you like you were trying to give them a root canal but you could tell they were grateful haha. That money supports hundreds of vulnerable students through high school who might otherwise be forced to drop out. Meeting these students was another highlight because they would laugh at our accents and tell us more about Kenya and their way of life. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and blankets to be brought over for the widows in Aidex's widow program. These women got to receive bags of clothes that they could either wear, give to their children or grandchildren, or sell to pay for their living expenses. They were extremely grateful, friendly and passionate about worshipping God. Being in Kenya I learnt a lot from Ben and Benjamin, two of Aidex's on the ground representatives. They helped me as I tried terribly to learn Swahili, gave me new perspectives on biblical subjects and explained life in Kenya. I hope to go back on another Aidex mission and would encourage anyone else considering going to do so.