



THE NEWSLETTER

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The GTO - Welcomes Jose Maria Barrau



The GTO is excited to announce that Jose Maria Barrau is joining our Board of Trustees as our European Trustee.

Jose Maria is based in the Madrid office as the T&I Manager in Spain and has spent almost 20 years with WSP. In his spare time, he works on non-profit projects focused on Africa and South America. He comes into the role with great experience and plans to expand the GTO footprint in Europe.

Welcome aboard, Jose Maria!

GTO - Celebrating 20 Years!

The GTO Trust celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year! Watch this space for updates on an exciting celebratory campaign currently in the pipeline, recognising our past, current and future projects that have and continue to change the lives of vulnerable children worldwide!

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Lewa Children's Home (Kenya)

In line with our vision of caring for vulnerable children to become self-reliant and responsible individuals, Lewa Children's Home (LCH) has made huge strides this past year to align itself with the newly introduced National Care Reform Strategy for Children in Kenya between 2022-2032.

Despite COVID-19 setbacks and increasing cost of living, LCH has worked to ensure that its vision and mission of providing love, shelter, nutrition, health, and education is maintained at the Home Farm and within the school.

2022 began with 44 children living at the Home Farm and the admission of 2 children on a temporary stay, who transitioned into loving homes through the Little Angels Network, a registered adoption agency in Kenya.

LCH repatriated 4 children to their families through family tracing, where 3 siblings reunited with their biological mother and 1 with her family.

Currently, we support 10 children and young adults under our Independent Living Home-Based Care Program.



Primary School:

Two classes sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam in the 2021-2022 academic year. The first group consisted of 2 boys, Samson and Elvis, who wrote exams in January 2022 and passed with flying colours. One managed to secure a spot at Maseno Boys School, and the other joined Eldoret Seminary Boys School. Christian and Belinda sat for their exams in December 2022 and came up with top scores. They are currently awaiting their Form 1 school placement.

High School Graduates:

Patrick and Newton sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exams in 2022 and are awaiting their results to progress to their Higher Education phase.

The rest of our school-going children are doing well in their education and individual roles. They are all aware that education is the key to growth and development.

Awards Received:

Samson participated in a National Writing Competition called E-Kitabu and won first prize! He was awarded a Tablet and Ksh.50,000 towards his Secondary Education school fees.

Congratulations to all on your achievements!

Office Fundraiser: Cozies

Jill Neumann and Lindsey Bevan from the Kelowna office knit these beautiful Cozies to fundraise for the GTO and raised 46 CAD in December 2022!

Keep up the excellent work, Jill and Lindsey. Your efforts are highly appreciated. Contact our Kelowna office to get your cozy on!



Gwandavale Secondary School (Zimbabwe)

Last year, the GTO team visited Gwandavale Secondary School, sponsored by the GTO through a generous donation by Paul and Nancy Smolkin, which opened at the beginning of 2022.

Previously, children walked 40 kilometres to attend school and now walk only a short distance.

Due to Covid restrictions, only 42 students enrolled for Form 1 at the time, and we are excited to announce that a new classroom block built is nearly complete and will allow 40 more students to be enrolled.

The recent completion of a water supply borehole provides potable running water to the premises. The establishment of a vegetable garden and the building of further accommodation for the teaching staff are projects still in progress.

We are thrilled to have received another opportunity to contribute towards improving and building a community.

