



Hi Everyone,

welcome to the first newsletter for the **OMWABINI AIDS ORPHANS & WIDOWS CHARITY**, from www.ricksharpe.co.uk

I have just spent two weeks in Kenya. The above picture, which I took on the 9th. July 2010, of these three beautiful young ladies, says it all about the wellbeing of the children here. They are happy, and receive a lot of love, affection and education, but there is always a lot to be done.

Due to the success of '**THE SUSSEX FACTOR**', (over £800 was raised after expenses) we managed to send three hefty cases of medical supplies out, and I was there to film them arriving. (See the site for video.) We will be sending more shortly, and I am negotiating the possibility of an air lift of medical supplies in the coming weeks. Thanks to all who gave their time and energy to put the show on. The winners were, **1st. The Officials, 2nd. Laura Day, 3rd. Bettina Scott.** Our next epic will be '**THE XMAS FACTOR**' on the 11th. December, so come on all you budding stars out there, get rehearsing!

All the contestants in The Sussex Factor will be participating on Amazing Grace, the track we are doing as a fundraiser for **OMWABINI**. It will be recorded in the next few weeks. I am also looking at the possibility of recording a Christmas CD with the acts, if it can be done in time.



Medical supplies arriving at The OMWABINI Rescue Steps Centre.

RESTORING HOPE & DIGNITY

A party for the kids, thrown by Chris, one of the volunteers, on his last day at OMWABINI.





The OMWABINI Football Team warming up for the tournament. They are very talented guys. Video at www.ricksharpe.co.uk

KIMILILI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The football tournament that I helped organize on behalf of the UN/CBSM on the 3rd. July, started out as a shambles! But it all came together in the end, and a fantastic days football was had. By about 4pm, there was a thunderstorm and torrential rain, which knocked out the generator, so I was not able to sing...which was probably a great relief to the audience!

The object of the tournament, was to get school teams playing competitive football, and to raise funds for a school that was about to close. There were 16 X 6 a side teams. Most teams had up to 14 members!

MEDICAL SHIPMENTS

We had a meeting with **JOSEPH LEWA, The DC of BUNGOMA DISTRICT.** Mr. LEWA has been kind enough to give us a waiver on our medical shipments, in order that we do not pay any extra duty when they arrive in Kenya. It turns out that he is also a musician, and we discussed the possibility of a music scholarship for the youngsters of Kimilili. He has made a Gospel CD and is an accomplished singer and writer. He is also passionate about helping youth, and I will be keeping in touch with him to see what we can achieve.

I'm looking at shipping multi vitamins and malaria drugs out to Kimilili. I have contacts, but need a commitment form organizations to supply them. If anyone is connected with companies that supply these in tablet or capsule form, I would love to hear from you.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers. If you want to come and experience real life in Kenya and want to get hands on, we have many field projects. Building projects, fresh water projects, and teaching, are among some of the varied and interesting areas that you can participate in. If you have special skills, such as nursing, we want to hear from you. If you are interested, please contact me at rick@ricksharpe.co.uk Many gap year companies charge high rates for arranging your itinerary. It can save you up to £1000 going direct. We can supply all the details you need.



JAMES BUNYASI, MD of OMWABINI, RICK & JOSEPH LEWA, DISRICT COMMISSIONER OF BUNGOMA, KENYA.



FRESHWATER PROJECT

People can get clean water for themselves & animals, and the pond is stocked with fish for the town to eat, and to sell the surplus at market. The Kenyan Government are also involved in the scheme.

THE RESCUE STEPS GOSPEL CHOIR CD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD SOON. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SAMPLE TRACKS ON THE 'CHARITY CD'S' PAGE ON THE SITE. SWAHILI GOSPEL AT IT'S BEST.

There is a possibility that we will be building a unit for abandoned infants in the near future. It would accommodate up to fifteen babies at a time. Three babies have been brought to us in the last two months. There has to be a feasibility study, as so many factors come into play, not the least being a full time paediatrician. But we are hoping that a favourable report will be forthcoming. If you have skills in this are, and would like to be involved in this project, please contact me.

All the stuff mentioned in this newsletter, and more, is on the **VIDEO DIARY JULY 2010** page, in full, on the site, with pics & video.

Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard on The Sussex Factor, and a special thanks, as always, to Annie Symons, who puts up with me, and doesn't take me as seriously as I take myself. Thanks honey.

More in a couple of months time. The site is always being updated, and a lot of great things are going on behind the scenes that I cannot always mention. I have my fingers, and everything else, crossed. I Will let you know more...soon.

Love and Peace.

Rick xxx



Michael & Celine, two saved rhinos on a small, privately owned farm, at the bottom of Mount Elgon. Celine is pregnant, & I suggested, if it's a boy they call him NEIL. He would then be RHINO NEIL!!!



Branton and Rick



THE XMAS FACTOR

TALENT COMPETITION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

FUNRAISER FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR OMWABINI

7: 30pm. SATURDAY 11th. DECEMBER 2010

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