



PARTNER WITH A SCHOOL IN AFRICA

**African Adventures is an award-winning volunteer travel company that provides humanitarian and financial support to educational projects in Africa, and organises opportunities for people in the UK to spend time volunteering at them.**

Dan Mew first travelled to Kenya in 2007, where he volunteered at a community project called The Walk Centre. Set up by Alex and Patricia Maina, it provided a basic education and lunchtime meal for children living on and around the nearby dumpsite.

Dan was so impacted by his time at The Walk Centre, and in Kenya, that he decided to set up African Adventures, which would support similar projects and increase access to education for disadvantaged children in Africa.



Today, we support over 20,000 children across our three volunteer programmes via the partnerships that we have with 25 schools, which are a combination of non-government organisations and government schools.

Our principle aims as a company are to enable development at these partner projects in order to increase access to education for young people, and to provide valuable learning experiences for people from across the UK to increase global awareness.

By engaging in our School Partnership initiative, you can help us to do just that whilst bringing a bit of Africa and its culture into your classroom.





## ALEX MAINA

**ALEX IS OUR EAST AFRICAN DIRECTOR. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2009.**

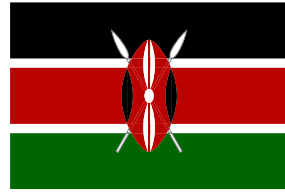
Prior to setting up The Walk Centre in 2005, Alex and his wife Patricia were both teachers. Finding themselves in a relatively fortunate financial position, they were unable to stand by and do nothing when witnessing the plight of children living on the periphery of the Hilton Dumpsite in Nakuru. Many of these children were unable to afford an education, so spent their days scavenging on the dumpsite for materials to sell to help support their families. Initially, Alex was able to rent two rooms in a local church, and started providing a basic education and food for 60 nursery-aged children. When the school grew to over 100 pupils, more space was needed, and, with support from a generous donor, The Walk Centre was able to relocate to its permanent site.

Together with African Adventures, Alex has increased the access to education for thousands of children, providing them with the opportunity to change their lives. He has dedicated his life to helping others, and we feel privileged to work alongside him.

After a tragic incident at a Nairobi school in 2019, all Kenyan schools have been subject to investigations with a view to closing any schools which were deemed inadequate or unsafe. Each of our partner projects passed inspection on the provision of a number of improvements being made.

Volunteers who will travel in 2021 will be working to action these and guarantee every project is able to register and remain open for the academic year.





Your school partnership with

**CHERISH SCHOOL**

KENYA

## KEY INFORMATION

7

STAFF

120

STUDENTS

5

CLASSROOMS

*All figures correct as of February 2020.*

Cherish School is a private primary school, located in the Rhonda area of Nakuru, Kenya. It was founded in 2009 by Moses Kombo who is the school's Headteacher. Moses is supported by six teaching staff.

Cherish School is one of African Adventures' newer partnerships. Our first volunteers travelled to Nakuru to assist with renovations and teaching in July 2017.

The school provides a free education and feeding programme to approximately 120 students living in deprivation in the local area; these children may otherwise not have attended school, due to the associated costs of each item such as school uniforms, desks and exercise books.





Cherish has eight classrooms, starting at Baby Class up to Standard eight, with students aged between four and 16. Class sizes are relatively small in comparison to other partner projects in Kenya. On completion of primary education at Cherish, students sit their KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education).

An exciting development at the school over the past year has been the construction of partitions between the kitchen and the classroom next to it, and within a classroom to create what can act as another classroom. The partition insulates both areas from noise, creating a better learning environment for the children.





# 2017

African Adventures' partnership started with Cherish School. Volunteers visiting the project assisted with the renovation of two classrooms, painting educational murals on the walls to create a more engaging learning environment.

## 2018

This year four more classrooms were renovated, and volunteers also assisted with teaching and sports coaching for the children.





## 2019

Over the course of the year, volunteers worked on painting and cementing classrooms, and refurbished all the blackboards in the school. In addition, volunteers painted the new classroom and kitchen, and held classes on sexual health/hygiene for all girls of the relevant age. One group held a sports day event to help teach the children about teamwork

We are working with Cherish School to improve their facilities in order to encourage more children to attend school.  
To do this, we are aiming to:



## NEW TOILETS

To be installed



## UPGRADE ALL BUILDINGS

To become permanent classrooms



## FRONT GATE

And perimeter wall to be built

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT (HERISH SCHOOL, VISIT:**

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/cherish-school-partnership/>

**The students are looking forward to hearing from you!**