



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

(HADDY MISSION SCHOOL

KENYA

KEY INFORMATION

10

STAFF

286

STUDENTS

10

CLASSROOMS

All figures correct as of February 2020.

Chaddy Mission School is a primary school located in the Mwariki district of Nakuru. Pastor Geoffrey Mbugua was inspired to set up the school in 2009 after realising that many children in the local community were unable to attend government-run schools, due to the costs of items such as uniform and classroom resources.

The school has 10 teaching staff, and provides a free education to approximately 300 children between the ages of three and 16. The school also runs a daily feeding programme, which provides students with two free meals a day. Chaddy delivers Kenya's national primary curriculum to students. On completion, students sit their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exam.



Geoffrey has a good business mind and has introduced a number of micro-finance initiatives which help fund the running of the school. The income generated from these small businesses relieves pressure on Geoffrey from having to source funds from elsewhere.

After the school inspections in 2019, Chaddy received its registration but was told that its toilets needed improvement – African Adventures Foundation was able to fund this work thanks to a number of very generous donations from supporters.





2012

In our first year of working with Chaddy, it was called Hadassah and was located on a different plot of land to where it is today. At the old site, volunteers painted the school kitchen and all the classrooms, built two new temporary classrooms, and installed a small football pitch with goals.

2013

By now, the school had around 275 students between the ages of 4-16. The opportunity arose to purchase a quarter of an acre of land nearby, so the school relocated. Volunteers then helped to build and paint temporary classrooms. An exciting development for the school was the introduction of a microfinance initiative through a chair and marquee hire business, helping supplement the feeding programme and its running costs.





2014

Volunteers helped by painting classrooms and carrying out renovation work on the new school site. Funds were provided for a new brick classroom and volunteers assisted with the cementing and levelling of classroom floors, as well as contributing to the school's feeding programme. The installation of electricity at the school enabled the development of the feeding programme.

2015

A school hall was built, along with five temporary classrooms and a temporary kitchen. Latrine toilets were also constructed, which was a significant development. In addition, playground equipment was installed at the site.





2016

A big job this year was the construction of a new roof for the main school building. As well as this, several new doors were installed and existing classrooms were renovated; all of these improvements enabled Chaddy to be established as a registered school. Furthermore, the school's micro-finance initiative was boosted with the acquisition of two small shops, which would sell local produce and school uniforms.

2017

The school hall was renovated to become a fully functional building for assemblies, functions and school examinations. By now, 300 students between the ages of 3-16 are receiving an education at the school, and the school is performing as one of the top 10 in the area.





2018

A new kitchen was built and the classroom floors were renovated to make them safer. Renovation work was also done on the toilet block, to meet the needs of the growing student population.

2019

Two new brick classrooms were built, to replace timber and tin classrooms: this is an important development as the new classrooms will have a much longer lifespan. In addition to this, volunteers helped by tiling floors and painting classrooms. Thanks to generous donations, the kitchen was able to have a new flue and new cooking pots were provided.



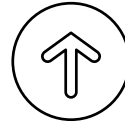
AIMS FOR THE FUTURE

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



FURTHER TOILETS

The construction of more toilets for the students



UPGRADE ALL BUILDINGS

To become permanent classrooms in line with school inspection guidelines



PROVISION OF POWER

And computers for use in classes

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CHADDY MISSION SCHOOL, VISIT:

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

The students are looking forward to hearing from you!