

# The Kindu Trust

Summer 2009 news



## Positive developments at the Kindu Trust!

Since we last wrote to you, the world has seen many changes and, as we are always keen to move with the times, this has also been a year of change for us! However, the developments happening at the Kindu Trust are far removed from the doom and gloom that we see on our news programmes each night, instead these are positive changes that are keeping us moving forward in the right direction.

We hope you enjoy reading our news!



Kassahun



Marta



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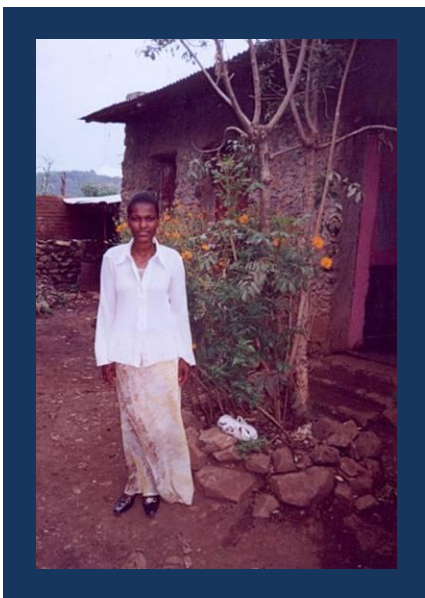
Marcy

## Long term project sustainability is one step closer!

When Kate Fereday Eshete first started the Kindu Trust over 10 years ago, one of the long term goals was that the project should become fully sustainable in order to assure its longevity. Over the past 6 months our team in Ethiopia has been gradually relieving Kate of much of her workload, with such success that she now feels able to hand over the reigns, which will enable her to spend more time with her family. By August 2009 the team in Gondar (pictured left) will have responsibility for the day to day running of the sponsorship programme. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate for the 10 years of hard work, perseverance and dedication that she has shown to the people of Ethiopia. In acknowledgement of this, Kate has agreed to accept the title of Honorary President of the Kindu Trust, and will remain in close contact with us in this new role.

We are so proud of our team in Ethiopia, as they have proved fully capable of stepping up to the mark. This has been evidenced by the huge volume of sponsor information packs that have been mailed out since October 2008. Communications between our UK office and our Ethiopian office have also improved, and we now keep in almost daily (electricity permitting!) contact.

## From Ethiopia: supporting Sinidu Terefe



Sinidu and her sister came to Gondar after their mother died from a farming injury. Their father had already died in the military. The sisters were looked after by their grandmother until Sinidu became sick with tuberculosis at 10 years old, and they were left at Gondar hospital where they lived until the Kindu Trust found them and took them into care.

Sinidu was taken to a foster house funded by the Kindu Trust, where she made friends and was given some pastoral care and support. This was a turning point for Sinidu because as a young woman with no parents, she would have been unprotected and isolated, and might have found it difficult to get regular work.

She then moved into a rented home with her younger sister Etsegenet where they looked after themselves, cleaning and cooking and doing all the household chores between them. Her tuberculosis was successfully treated although she still suffers from asthma.

Sinidu has been a good student, and studied very hard with a tendency towards biology and mathematics, and hoped to be a doctor one day. She was accepted to Haremaya University to study agriculture and horticulture, the subjects allocated to her by the Ministry of Education (which allocates subjects to all university students). This will equip her with a degree and the possibility of good job prospects to support herself and her sister, and perhaps future studies if she chooses.

## New Website and Logo!

Our long-awaited new website is now here, thanks to a generous donation specifically given for this purpose, and we have a brand new shiny logo to go with it – one that we believe reflects the forward-looking trajectory of the Trust. We will be keeping the website updated with the latest news from Ethiopia and your sponsored families. In addition, thanks to the services of PayPal and JustGiving, we are now able to accept one-off donations and monthly subscriptions all at the touch of a button. Check us out at [www.kindustrust.org](http://www.kindustrust.org).



## New UK office!

It feels like each time we send out a newsletter we are informing you of a change of details, as we strive to find an inexpensive location as a base for our UK volunteers. However, this particular move has a more permanent feel – our address is **The Kindu Trust, St George's Church, Crayford Road, London N7 0ND**. At Christmas, we also told you of our renewed commitment to increasing efficiency in communication. To help us with this a UK-based volunteer, Hannah Marcazzo, has joined our team – as some of you have already discovered. We are incredibly grateful to the work she has done to date, making huge strides with our UK administration.



Hannah

## Office upgrades in Ethiopia – bringing our team into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

The Kindu Trust has always operated on a tight budget, but we have realised that sometimes it is not always the best idea to cut all the corners. So, we have started upgrading the office in Ethiopia – we now have two new laptop computers (replacing two unreliable and slow machines), two digital cameras (replacing our 35mm film cameras), a scanner and a backup hard drive. This will save on filing space, and allow us to create backups of the school reports and drawings the children have made, in case these get lost in the post. It may also allow us to send occasion photos of children by email, for example if they receive a gift parcel. Thank you to those whose non-sponsorship donations made this possible.



Kate and Marcy putting together an information pack in Ethiopia



## Spread the Kindu Trust word – become a FAN!

The Kindu Trust has a fan page! If you are a member of Facebook find us by searching for The Kindu Trust and become a fan. Our aim is to spread the word of the amazing work that is being done out in Ethiopia to as many people as we can – and what better way than to reach out through the social networking phenomenon that has been sweeping the globe for the past few years.

## Call to action: How can you help?

**1)** If you have received this newsletter through the post, it is probably because we do not have your current email address. **If you would like to support our paperless office vision, please send us your details.** If you do not have an email account, please be assured that we will continue to maintain our communication by post. Thank you!

**2)** Do you know anyone who would like to sponsor a child? We have a number of children on the waiting list who we want to support. Sponsorship costs just £16 a month – the equivalent of a trip to the cinema for two!

**3)** Do you have a special skill or a dream to hurl yourself out of a moving plane? Can you bake, run, swim or sky dive? We would love to hear about innovative ways you can think of raising money in aid of the Kindu Trust!