

Eleza Uweza Kimungu School,

Barani, Mombasa, Kenya.

Margaret Williams, who lives near Aylesbury, has a timeshare near Mombasa. She has visited this school which she would like to support, but needs help from those with more experience. She has pledged £1000 and is willing to fundraise some more, but needs a partner to undertake a project.

Two years ago a parcel of land (one hectare) was given to Barani Church on which to build a school, which would double as a church. This the villagers have done, using traditional methods with local wood and coral from the sea shore. Already the school is too small and numbers have to be limited. The most pressing need is for a well, and toilet facilities. The well would not only bring fresh drinking water but would also irrigate the land where food could be grown to repay the teacher, and where the children could learn cultivation skills.

The headteacher, Mr. Killion Kishenga, teaches three classes in one classroom, (which is also the church) totalling thirty children ages 4-9yrs. He has a blackboard. There are plenty more children who could attend if it was larger, and the land is available as the plot is quite large. The villagers started to dig a well by hand, but it was too difficult. His long term vision is not only to have a bigger school, but also a health clinic as the nearest one is too far away to cope with emergencies.

Margaret has been helping them with donations of uniform, some of which she has paid for and the rest provided by School-Aid, where she was a volunteer. This visit she and two friends are taking suitcases full of educational equipment and books, again from School-Aid. She needs your help -is this a project which any Rotary Club would be prepared to take on board?