

News from Imprezza

Work is about to commence on the permanent kitchen, made possible by a successful grant from CERN.

'I must say that it has been hard work getting all materials prepared in place ready to start the foundation. This time I used more women and youths. The youths were to tell me what they were going to use the money for before they get the job. Women obviously have tangible agendas. Bless them and thank CERN granters for making this dream come true.

We will do the bricks when I have a small break especially after the guests leave. It is not advisable to produce bricks and leave them for a long time in a distant place. So we will dig the foundation and wait for more money to start the building finally.xxx'

Catherine Omanyo

As part of the school site is a quarry Catherine has saved a great deal of money on materials. She also supports the community by using locals for labour. Catherine and Rose achieve an astonishing amount while under great pressure and with few resources.

Lesley Smith

Our Mission is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary or decent primary education to succeed.

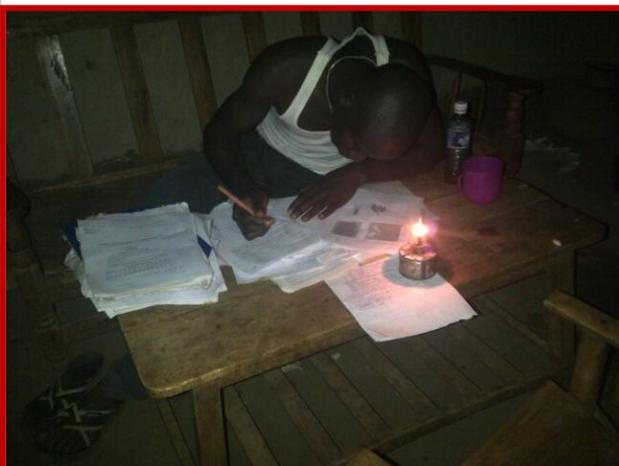


Above – Working hard gathering materials in preparation for the foundations.

Student update

You may remember one of our students, Helon, who we discovered had a tumour in his ear. He underwent a big operation. Catherine recently sent a photo of him studying at his grandma's with little light. They have decided to move him to the boys dormitory as it appears studying in this manner is causing migraines and tiredness. Although the operation went well, he is making slow progress. With him living at the dormitory, Staff can keep a closer eye on him.

Recent, serious medical issues has depleted funds, but seeing how our supporters generosity have changed Helon's life makes us see how important it is to continue to provide this support until the school is self sufficient. If you would like to help with funds then please do get in touch.



Helon, studying at his grandma's hut.



Student Stories

Emmah Akinyi

I have collated a collection of students' stories from the school which will feature in newsletters. They are typed as they are written.

I am Akinyi Emmah, 16 years old. I am a form two girl from Imprezza Secondary School. I did very well in my primary and joined Imprezza School. My hobby is drawing. In future I would like to be a journalist.

I vividly remember the day that my father died in a road accident leaving us in great pain. My two brothers and I were left as orphans while my mother was left as a widow. After the death of my father we were left in a life that we were not used to. Sometimes we may eat, or sleep hungry and going to school was a big problem because my mother could not manage paying the school fees.

My mother commenced looking for a job so that she could pay our school fees. She would dig a big piece of land for someone to earn some money. She continued like that until she finished paying for my older brother's fees. At that time when she was paying for my brother, I was at home because I had not paid the school fees.

As I was at home, I gave up on going to school and started helping my mother in the garden digging for people. One day my mother told me that she will give me the money that we had got to go and pay the school fees. Early in the morning I prepared and went to school. I paid the money that my mother had given me and went to class. I struggled with life until I reached class eight. On weekends I could not go to school, I dug for people so that I could get money for registration of Kenya Certificate of Secondary School.

I had not finished paying the registration fee when my teacher chased me away to go and look for it. Tears of sorrow rolled down my cheeks. I cried bitterly like a young baby. I walked slowly going back home. I was in great thoughts when I saw something like paper on my way. I reached near the paper, it was a thousand shilling note. I jumped up and down praising God. I went back to school and paid the school fees. In the evening when I went back home and told my mother, she was as happy as a sand boy. I sat my K.C.P.E examination and passed with flying colours. When it reached the time for joining a secondary school it was a big problem to my family.

My mother dug for people and took me to Imprezza Secondary School. Paying the school fees is difficult but my mother struggles and pays little by little. In the bungalow when I started living, life is going on very well. Madam is very good to us all. Madam Catherine is such a good mother to me. She treats me like her own daughter. When you delay to pay the school fees, she does not talk to you harshly or chase you away.

Sometimes I don't come with school fees but when I tell Madam Catherine, she just lets you go to school. Now the bungalow is just like my home. In school I am continuing very well. I hope God will help Madam Catherine and the Imprezza community to help me finish my secondary school without problems. God Bless you all.



Emmah Akinyi

Fun Fete Day

The Whistlestop Café, with thanks to Teignmouth Council are holding a family fun fete day on.....

Monday 4th August – 9.30am to 5pm.

The Den, Teignmouth.

Stalls – Tombola - Craft - Jewellery –
Displays - Magician - Karaoke -
Paranormal Investigation Team –
Jazz Band.....

and much, much more.....see you there.

How You Can Help

- **Donate online** at www.operation-imprezza.org
- **Donate via Believe** at <https://believein.org.uk/operation-imprezza/>
- **Make a cash donation** to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon, (if you know an establishment that would be willing to have a box on display, please get in touch)
- **Set up a standing order** – contact our treasurer Lesley Smith lesley@operation-imprezza.org for details
- **Send a cheque** payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA.