



*Changing lives by offering a hand up to
education opportunity in rural Kenya.*

What we do

At Innis Education Centre (Primary school):

Porridge Project (Breakfast Club): We provide a porridge meal for the **nursery children** every morning. This year there are **52 – up by 15** children compared to last to last year. We have been asked to consider including **Class one pupils - 50** in number (and more are still joining the school). Providing this meal costs **£12 per child per term (£36 a year)**. The Board of Management purchase some of the food stuffs, Cassava & Millet, the Siatok Widows and orphans group – a women’s co-operative that we also support.

Student Sponsorship Scheme: Ex-Miriu students in or through Higher Education or Further Education

- **Victor:** Did not complete his study at Masai Mara due to illness and after a break has returned to study Mechanical Engineering at Kisumu Poly – he’s just completing year 1 and has a full bursary plus living costs.
- **Hastings:** Completed his degree in Urban and Rural Planning at Maseno and is now studying for a Masters, he’s currently on placement in Belgium, he’s also spent a year studying in Sweden
- **Martin:** Completed his degree in Maths and IT at Maseno, a PGCE and is now teaching at Butere High. Martins is married and has two young daughters
- **Queenter:** Graduated from Kisii University with a B.Ed in 2018 and is awaiting a teaching post. She has also received seed corn money to help her to set up a small business which she runs with her mother. The profits from the business have enabled her to keep her younger siblings in school and to help her eldest brother to enrol in university.



- **Lawi:** In final year and a partial bursary for this final year only to enable him to finish his Diploma in Accountancy by November this year.
- **Millicent, Nancy, Daisy, Dorothy and Treazer** are all ex-Miriu students who have received sponsorship to attend Teacher Training College. All but Treazer have completed (Treazer finished in July). All of these young women achieved a Teaching Certificate. Rose is our next candidate, she's now in the process of applying to Asumbi TTC for enrolment this Autumn.

Ex-Innis students in Higher Education and currently in receipt of bursaries:

- **Tracey:** Sponsored through secondary at Kenya High, Tracy is in her third year studying Law at Nairobi. This year (the first year she has requested help) Zest for Life has made a contribution (£200) to her living costs whilst she is on placement at Kisumu law Courts.
- **Sheila:** Sponsored through Nyakach Girls, Sheila is at Maseno studying a BEd in Maths & Physics and is just completing year 2 - she has a partial bursary
- **Merab:** Sponsored through Nyakach Girls, Merab is at Masai Mara University in Year 2 - she has a partial bursary
- **Brenda:** Sponsored through Also at Masai Mara in Year 2 - she has a partial bursary
- **Phenny:** Is now studying Law at Nairobi University, this is her first semester. Formerly of Innis, Phenny is very bright and was sponsored throughout Secondary School at N'Gyia Girls High - she has a partial bursary and has completed an IT preparation course funded by ZfL (she excelled of course!)

- **Clinton:** Sponsored through has just started his degree in Computer Science at Maseno
- **Martin Dudi:** Sponsored through has just started his course in Actuarial Science at Maseno

Miriu Secondary – sponsorship scheme: This year Zest for Life is sponsoring two students, Mary & Franklyn (both in Form 2), they receive a full bursary of kshs9,000 p.a. (£71) which means that they do not get sent home for lack of fees.

Ex-Innis students National Secondary school Bursaries:

- **Moses Fanado** is in Form 3 at Orero High
- **Steve Bico** is at Ambira High in Form 3
- **Crispine Ogutu** is at Usenge High in Form 2
- **Edestia Ojwang** is at Nyakach Girls in Form 1
- **James Otieno** is at Kabianga High in Form 1

Fee costs for these students vary between schools and the amount we offer as a Bursary may also vary. As an example, **Moses Fanado's** fees cost £316 per year of which Zest for Life contributes £188.

Liza: Formerly of **Siaya Primary** (the former Head at Innis, Moses moved to this school last year and we keep in touch), Liza is an exception. A total orphan, the decision was taken to sponsor Liza as she had shown great promise at primary but would not have been able to continue her education as she has no family support. Very few of the children from this school move on to secondary, even fewer girls do so. Liza is showing much promise at Bishop Okloth High.



How does it work?

Secondary School bursaries to National Schools are offered to needy students who achieve 350 marks or more at KCPE (Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education). In most years, only 1 or 2 students qualify under both criteria. All Bursaries are offered on condition that the parent(s)/guardian or extended family will contribute at least 20% of the total amount needed. All fees are paid directly to the school.

Higher Education bursaries are offered where a promising student cannot source other funding (scholarships etc) and where the parent(s)/guardian or extended family cannot meet all of the fees. Some students only receive funding for a short time (e.g. Tracey) other need more help (e.g. Victor).

Teacher training bursaries – the only time we offer 100% bursaries. The young women we help through college are the poorest students. Some have young families and absent husbands; others just have no other means of support - their families are unable to allocate scarce resources to one girls' further education when she has already been through school. It costs **£1,200 for a 2-year course**. All candidates are recommended by a teacher at Miriu who also helps them to apply and mentors them throughout. All achieved a C grade at KCSE – the minimum requirement for the college.

Sponsorship Summary:

- Innis Porridge Project (Breakfast Club): £12 per child per term
- Teacher training bursaries: £600 per year
- Secondary (national school) bursary: £188 per year (£15 per month)
- Higher Education Bursary: Around £200 per year depending on the course and the ability of the student to find other funding

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