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About Tools With A Mission

Tools With A Mission enables people to earn a living and to support themselves.

In many countries of the world people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency is impossible without help.

TWAM started over twenty five years ago, and has given help where it is needed most, by collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK and sending them overseas.

Our headquarters are in Ipswich, Suffolk, where tons of equipment are sent overseas each year. In addition we have refurbishment centres around the country; Halstead and Southend in Essex, Axminster in Devon, Coventry and Crewe in the West Midlands, Penarth in Wales and in Scotland, where teams of dedicated volunteers enable the work to continue.

With the help and dedication of these volunteers and all our supporters, many more people have been given hope for the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Welcome to TWAM News

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Chairman's Chat



When you see the massive response from ordinary people to the recent appeals on TV for Comic Relief and Children in Need, you cannot but be amazed at the total amount of money raised from often the many small donations. We are living in difficult times economically, but people still find money from somewhere, to help those in need. TWAM is no exception, and I want to thank all of you supporters who have responded so generously to the appeals in the last magazine. Thanks to your gifts the process of bringing the gift of clean water into the lives of some of the people in Mpigi has started. So far £4,739 has been given for this project, materials are being moved on site, and the team will shortly be in the area to get started. The Mezzanine Floor appeal has so far raised £8,210, which has enabled us to go ahead with the project. Work is due to commence shortly to improve the workshop, store areas plus a Conference room and additional office space. The extra space is greatly needed to support the number of ever increasing requests we receive from all over the world. In addition to gifts for general funds, we also received £1,665 as a result of the Mother's Day Appeal. Thank you all very much for your gifts.

It often seems to me that we are constantly asking for money, but the fact is that without it we can do very little. We are fortunate at TWAM in that many people give on a regular monthly basis, this means that we know that a large part of our everyday expenses are provided for. Every regular gift, no matter how small, helps in this direction, and if the amount is gift aided we are able to claim more from the government in order to make your gift go further. If you are not a regular monthly giver can I ask you to think about becoming one. If you can Gift Aid, then so much the better, there is provision within this magazine to enable you to do this.

Do read about the new refurbishing centre attached to St John's Church, Kenilworth. TWAM has entered into a partnership with the church, whereby the leadership see this as a positive step in reaching out to the men in their area. Under the leadership of Terry Heath, who heads up the workshop team, refurbished tools will be fed into the Coventry Depot for packing and onward transmission to Ipswich.

Continued on HQ Update...

Kenilworth

When we lost the Kenilworth premises some eighteen months ago, we thought it was almost the end of the 'working TWAM world' in the town.

But after much searching for premises and pleading with local business men to allow us to borrow a room for free we ended up deciding that the way forward was to buy a Portakabin (yes this was

the spelling on the invoice). We asked the vicar of St. John's in Kenilworth if we could site it at the back of the church and he willingly agreed. So after much time spent battling with Planning Authorities and the bitterly cold weather, the Portakabin finally arrived (at the end of January) on the back of a large truck and was craned into



Workshop

place over one of the halls, causing the main street in Kenilworth to come to a complete standstill.

So now about the Kabin - yes, well it is progressing nicely. We established that it was a very cold building to

work in and agreed to line it with celotex. Graham Sheard and I started work by making the benches as it took some while for the celotex

to arrive. However, when it did arrive, it proved very problematic, as we assumed we could just stick it up with no nails; after all that was what we had been told! But after several

days of trying that

exercise, we moved onto double sided tape. Again that proved useless so we have ended up positioning the celotex (having cut it to size first, oh the headache) and then just screwing it onto the ceilings and walls using

sheets of MDF to keep it in position. So... we are now in the position of having finished the insulation in the first room and have now

finished building the benches on four sides. We have covered the work surfaces with lino to protect them and keep them clean. You need, of course, to recognise that everything has been built

The Portakabin finally arrived on the back of a large truck and was craned into place...



with old timber and recycled screws we have been given, even 9 rolls of lino have come in, so we should be able to keep our workbenches protected for the long term.

We are now in the position to invite people to use the first workshop whilst we get on with the

second one. The whole of the second room has been full of insulation & MDF

so it has just been Graham and I plodding on with it.

Yes, it has been bitterly cold working there, but we

have been doing 3 days each week and hopefully now that there is some light

...causing the main street in Kenilworth to come to a complete standstill.



at the end of the tunnel we have arranged an 'Open Time' on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April and sent invitations to all the local churches to come to see what we are up to and once inside to recruit them!

We would also like to publicly acknowledge and say thank you for the help that David Wheeler gave in getting planning for this venture.

*Terry Heath
Kenilworth Workshop Manager*





Kenya Project

*K*itabisi Community Aids Victimized Orphans Programme (KCAVOP)

It has been a very humbling experience; seeing people who had given up in life being handed a lifeline to realise their potential.

I am talking about our tailoring vocational school in Kitabisi Kenya, which started with 16 students, most of whom were school drop-outs due to lack of fees, pregnancy, or simply neglected. They are all young with children and struggling to make ends meet. They were really hopeless until they received opportunity to be trained in tailoring with the equipment donated by TWAM. We thank God for the TWAM team who have worked tirelessly to make this dream come true.

The first class of 16 students completed their training and national exams and we are happy to announce they have successfully completed their course, graduating on 23rd February with Kenyan National Certificate qualifications in Tailoring.

Makokha Muyala, KCAVOP Founder and UK Rep



Thank you TWAM for giving support to KCAVOP and the community at large. Thank you for the pure heart of caring for needy, vulnerable and poor people. May the Lord bless you, Amen.

Pst. Everlyne Treasurer KCAVOK



I am Stellah Sifuna, I thank TWAM for supporting this project towards success. May the Lord bless you, Amen.



I am Praxides Sifuna, I hereby thank TWAM for seeing me through my studies. May God bless you, Amen.



I am Ann, a student of St Mark Ophanage Training Centre. I have a reason to thank TWAM for a strong foundation that you have laid in our community at large, I never knew that my life would come to change like it has. May the Lord expand your territories, Amen.



I am Christine Nekesa, I thank TWAM for seeing us through our self supportive studies. Thanks, may God bless you.



I am Elizabeth Wafula, a teacher at St Mark Training Centre. I wish to thank TWAM for a chance to practice my training and to educate the minds of my community mates. May God bless you.



Your support is greatly valued and has made a big difference to the community. Thank you very much for standing with us.

Chairman of KCAVOP, Pst. Moses, Life Reforms Ministries, Kitabisi.

The students have since formed into groups and have requested TWAM's help with machines to set up their own small business so that they can support their families. These sewing machines are booked into the next TWAM container heading to Kenya.

The students celebrate and dance at their graduation ceremony



Dad's Playgroup

Aka TWAM CYMRU Unit, Penarth

The unit in Penarth has grown out of the work started in and around Cardiff by Reg Cope in the mid-'80s and continued and expanded by John Haggitt since the mid '90s.

For a long time, the work in the area was based in Reg's garage, before being transferred to Penarth, where John variously used his basement, friends' garden sheds, a room in Tabernacle Baptist Church and sundry other storage places to store tools and sewing machines before transporting them in vans, cars and lorries to places such as a huge barn in Wiltshire or a small storage unit in a field in the heart of Herefordshire, which held a load of fleeces, needing to be removed before storing the tools, and then returned before closing the lid, en route to Ipswich.

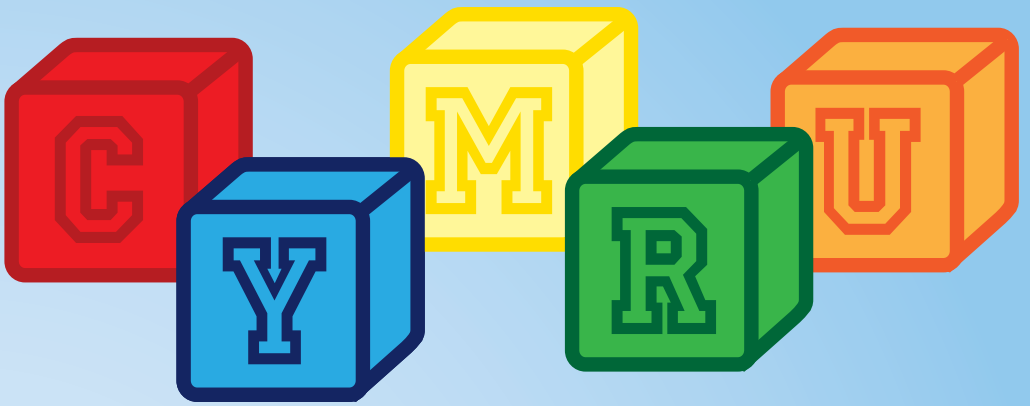
By 2000, he had been joined in his endeavours by Andy Bowdler, and for a number of years they looked at the possibility of opening a unit of some

sort. At the same time, the network of collectors in South and West Wales had begun to develop, and the viability and value of a 'central' collecting location, such as Cardiff, was beginning to be appreciated. In Spring 2009, a unit was located in Dingle Lane in Penarth, the location and nature of which would be perfect for the purposes, but the rent being asked was too high, so the two continued looking, only to be brought back to the Dingle Lane unit on more than one occasion. Finally, in Feb 2010, it opened to collections and deliveries from the South East and South West of Wales, from Haverfordwest to Newport, with 3 or 4 volunteers cleaning and sorting the donations. Refurbishing took a bit longer to get under way, but with a volunteer team of about

15, we now refurbish sewing machines and chisels on a continuous basis, and other things as we have time, opportunity and know-how.

From initially opening a single morning a week,





the unit now opens 3 mornings a week and on these mornings comes the sound which has prompted our children to call it 'Dad's Playgroup'. Sounds like "Hey, come and have a look at this!"; "Has anyone seen anything like this before?"; "Oh, isn't that gorgeous"; "I knew that if you cleaned it up, we'd have something delightful!" are mixed with sounds like "Don't chuck that; I can get it working again" or "Why didn't I check the handle before cleaning the rest of this!" and "Who's got the cake today?" And that's just downstairs.

Upstairs, other volunteers are busy sorting buttons and knitting needles, folding fabric, and all that goes with getting haberdashery ready for making up into kits, before sending this off on the TWAM van that makes regular runs from Coventry to Penarth, originally 3 or 4 times a year, but now every 6 weeks or so.

Upstairs, as well, is our 'tea room', a vital part of the day's activities with





TWAM Cymru at The National Eisteddfod of Wales, August 2012

Coffee and cake time!

homemade cakes and other delights appearing each week!

We try to publicise the work in various ways, from the typical speaking engagements at local churches, Rotary and WI's etc; but we also take the opportunity to take stands to local supermarkets, fairs, county shows and the like. In 2012 we developed a stand for the National Eisteddfod, which was held over 8 days, a half-hour drive from Cardiff. This involved translating the introduction leaflet and other materials into Welsh, so that we could be a bilingual stand, the hard work of which in itself helped to spread the name of TWAM!!

The work of the volunteers in the unit would be much quieter if it wasn't for the small, but slowly-growing team of official and unofficial collectors across the region, from Jeff in Haverfordwest; to Peter in Carmarthen; Wayne in Neath; Rob in Bridgend; Andy, John and friends in the Vale and Cardiff; Bruce in and around Newport; Alan in Cwmbran; and Rachel in Monmouthshire. Their involvement allows us in Penarth to concentrate on a local collection area, thus saving travel costs. There are also

a few collectors in Mid (Rosemary and John) and North Wales (Graham, Alan and Mike), but they direct whatever they collect to centres in the Midlands and the North-West.

2013 sees John Haggitt cutting back on his involvement, as anno domini creeps up on him, and with this, a change of leadership of the group, possibly to a more team-based leadership which includes 3 or 4 of the volunteer force, which will reflect the way in which we have been increasingly working anyway.

Andy Bowdler

Regional Development Manager for Wales





Doing our Part

A few years back, I was looking for something to keep me occupied after health problems curtailed my physical activity. Then someone from TWAM came to Woodbridge Methodist Church to talk about the wonderful work being done by the organisation.

The idea of renovating tools sounded interesting and possible. While TWAM have a workshop at their headquarters in Ipswich where volunteers work together, I am not able to sit for too long at a time so suggested bringing something home to work on when I felt able to. Graham set me off cleaning planes, making them look as near-new as possible. So far, I have refurbished 465.

Also after the talk, a box was placed in the church foyer where members and friends can leave tools and other useful items. Things are cleaned and polished up, then taken to the Ipswich depot. And a group of ladies produce an abundant supply of knitted items, tool kit rolls and haberdashery bags.

TWAM is a wonderful organisation, helping people in foreign countries make their living. We enjoy being able to do our small part to help out.

Mike Morphy

HQ Updates & Letters

...Continued from Chairman's Chat

The last edition gave details of the opening of the TWAM / Donald Gray Training and Refurbishment Centre in Uganda. Be encouraged about what is happening there, we have been hearing stories of some of the students. Your gifts have helped to make a difference in their lives and others at the centre.

Please continue to pray for the situation concerning our Office and Warehouse in Kampala, from where our goods are distributed in Uganda. Ongoing negotiations have secured our presence there for the remainder of 2013, but we are still talking to the owner about his plans for the compound for 2014 and beyond.

I trust you are encouraged by what is happening at TWAM. God has enabled us to do much in many African

Countries, but there are needs beyond Africa to which we are being asked to respond. Your gifts are being used to give a "Hand up" to needy people, thereby "Empowering them through Skills" to be able to provide food for their families, education for their children and liberating them, to play effective roles within their communities and their countries.

Bill Dewhurst

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Text TOOL10 £2/£5/£10 to 70070 to donate now


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Progress at Mpigi

Robert Tumuhairwe reports that there have been difficulties in getting materials on site in order for the work to start. These have been resolved and the team to build the tanks should be moving into the area to start construction of the ten tanks. We hope to have pictures of the work in progress, together with some of the completed tanks, in the next edition. **Thank you for making their dream become a reality.**

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of TWAM on Saturday 15th June at Leamington Spa Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4RN. Members will be asked to adopt the Annual Accounts and the Directors Annual Report. A ballot will take place to re-elect retiring Directors and appoint a new Director. Registration will be at 10.30am with the AGM at 11am followed by lunch at 1pm. If you require lunch you are asked to book with Cindy Scott at Ipswich on 01473 210220.

A Few Facts and Figures from TWAM HQ

This year got off to a good start with our first container loading on the 4th January. This is how our container schedule looks for 2013:

January 4 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 260
January 25 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 264
February 8 Friday	Zimbabwe	TWAM Ref 282
February 22 Friday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 271
March 11 Monday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 272
March 22 Friday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 274
April 10 Wednesday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 275
April 15 Monday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 277
May 10 Friday	Kenya	TWAM Ref 276
May 24 Friday	Tanzania	TWAM Ref 273
June 5 Wednesday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 280
June 14 Friday	Rwanda	TWAM Ref 270
June 28 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 281
July 12 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 283
July 26 Friday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 284
August 9 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 285
August 23 Friday	Sierra Leone	TWAM Ref 279
September 11 Wednesday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 288
September 27 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 287
October 11 Friday	Zambia	TWAM Ref 292
October 30 Wednesday	Uganda	TWAM Ref 291
November 13 Wednesday	Tanzania	TWAM Ref 290
November 29 Friday	Kenya	TWAM Ref 286
December 13 Friday	Rwanda	TWAM Ref 289

Items shipped in the first seven containers:

946 Sewing Machines, 72 Knitting Machines, 382 Carpenters Kits, 167 Computers
124 Haberdashery Kits, 121 Typewriters plus many other tool kits from our store,
wheelchairs, bicycles, educational books and laboratory equipment.



I'm sure you will agree, an amazing achievement by our volunteers refurbishing these tools in our workshops around the UK.

We are committed to fulfilling the requests we have received for the rest of this year...

So please keep clearing out those sheds, garages & sewing rooms!

Giving to Tools With A Mission

I would like to make a gift towards the work of TWAM £ _____

Name or Contact: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Organisation: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

I would like to receive an acknowledgement/receipt.

Gift Aid

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If you are a taxpayer TWAM can reclaim the tax under the government's Gift Aid scheme. This can significantly increase the value of your gift. Please sign this Gift Aid declaration.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 20p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please make sure you have also completed your name and address details above to enable us to claim the additional amount.



Please return this form to:

Freepost, RLUJ-ZBTT-KGRK, Tools With A Mission,
2 Bailey Close, Hadleigh Road Industrial Estate, Ipswich, IP2 0UD.

You do not have to use a stamp but if you do it will help us.

Standing Order Form

If you would like to give to TWAM on a regular basis please use this standing order form. (It really helps us to have committed regular giving and allows us to plan our work effectively.)

To (your bank): _____ Branch: _____

Address 1: _____ Sort Code: - -

Address 2: _____ Post Code: _____

Account Number: _____

Please Pay to: Cafbank Ltd. Sort Code: 40 - 52 - 40

For the account of: Tools With A Mission Account Number: 00090091

the sum of £ _____ words: _____

Please make the first payment on: ____ / ____ / 20 ____ and on the same day thereafter monthly/quarterly/annually* until further notice. *Please delete as necessary.

Signed: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Payroll Giving

CAF Give As You Earn means:

- Regular donations come from your salary before tax
- For a basic rate tax-payer every pound given only costs you 80p (60p for higher rate taxpayers)

If your employer is signed up to the scheme, then getting on with giving is easy.

CAF Charity Card

We can accept donations using your Charity Card. Please call us or complete the form:

Name as it appears on card: _____

1st line of address: _____

Postcode: _____

Card No:

Amount Donated: £ _____

Words: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Charitycard is a scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) which allows you to give from an account held with CAF directly to your chosen charity by quoting the card details.

Legacies

Legacy income can be very important for a small charity like TWAM. It ensures that TWAM can continue to help in the future, developing its services to keep pace with the changing needs of people within the Third World. Currently only 1 in 7 Wills contains a charitable bequest and many people fail to make a Will at all. Here is a sample form of wording for those who would like to prepare a bequest in favour of TWAM:

'I bequeath to Tools with a Mission (a tenth/a quarter/a half, etc.) of the residue of my estate, free of tax and duty, to be applied to the general purposes of the said Tools With A Mission, and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other authorised official for the time being of the said Tools With A Mission shall be sufficient discharge of the bequest.'

Make a Father's Day!

16th June 2013

"Most African Fathers have only the equivalent of 55p per day to feed their families, while the average UK family spends £7.60 a day on groceries alone!"

So let's help by sending a set of tools to help him provide for his family also.

Can your church or organisation get involved?

TWAM Challenges UK Fathers on 16th June to organise a simple fasting meal and encourage people to donate what they would have spent on Sunday lunch at home. This money will enable TWAM to get the tools to where they are desperately needed.

Please call Tools with a Mission for literature pack inc DVD

To make a simple donation of £10 text the word TOOL10 £10 to: 70070 or donate online at www.twam.co.uk

