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A Message from Angela Docherty Chief Executive NEW WAYS

Dear Friends

Basking in London heat I am try not to complain about being too hot but it brought back fond memories of my trip to Malawi and Kenya at the end of last year. Both places were roasting yet all those we visited in the villages were getting on with life and looking after their families. Their happiness at what we do for them is inspiring. Thank you so much for being part of that -we are nothing without our supporters and value all you do.

One of the highlights of the trip in both counties was talking to some of the young ladies we are helping through our programmes. In Malawi we visited with a group of young ladies between 12-14 who wanted us to subsidise solar lamps to allow them to study in the evening and do well in their exams. The commitment of both the students and their parents is inspiring and I say that as a school governor in London where we sometimes the school struggles to hit the attendance target of 96%. The parents have worked hard to find the funds to pay for half the costs of the lamps and New Ways sponsored the other 50%. What a welcome we got with plays and singing all especially developed for the visitors to show how they valued our support. Wonderful - I truly enjoyed my first visit to Malawi.

My second group of young ladies whose ages ranged from 7 to 16 are all part of our Girls student sponsorship programme which is supported by a fabulous German foundation, Tua Res, who recognise how important it is to education girls. It is led by a very committed individual who has moved to his second career to change the lives of others. They have made a 10 year commitment to New Ways and we are in year 3 of the programme. I can really see the positive impact when chatting with the 25 students we are supporting on my recent visit to Turkana. Lenny (Jillo) who many of you have met at the ball is responsible for the programme working with the girls and their families with the aim of ensuring they stay in school until they complete secondary school. We do, of course, hope many will also undertake tertiary education too to bring much needed skills to the region. While the girls were very shy with the visitors from UK and were reluctant to speak English I could see how committed they are to learn and work hard. One 7 year old in particular was very impressive and I hope very much that we will persuade her parents to her go to University. Not always easy given the dowry system in Turkana but we can but live in hope. These ladies are the future and we need to do all we can to help them reach their potential.

We target raising over £90,000 to fund 5 education programmes we have if you can help in any way please donate at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/newways>. Do contact me angela@newways.org.uk if you have any feedback.

Please accept my sincere thanks to all who contribute to making a difference - It is not in vain.

Very best wishes

