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Dear Friends

I hope this finds you well and enjoying life. I spoke at a school recently about my journey in life with an emphasis on the importance of giving back and it reminded me of what joy I have had out of my (almost) 20 years of working for New Ways and the people we help. I talked too much as usual but I hope it will inspire a few young people to pick a cause close to their heart and make it part of their life. New Ways has had an amazing journey we funded our first project in Nairobi in 1996 and by the end of 2014 we had given over £4m to projects, over 90% of which are based in Turkana. Fantastic!

I know from my visits that these projects are changing the landscape for the people and the environment. You will hear of our recent visitors to London in the newsletter and their trip brought great news about the success of the Furrows in Desert programme. Our first graduates of the programme are now making a very basic living from the food they grow and the diet of many has changed significantly as a result. It is hard to image what it tastes like to eat a watermelon or tomato for the first time - this change in diet will improve their health as they will get more vitamins from the food. We are only in year 3 of a 10 year programme to develop agriculture in Turkana but what a fantastic start. Thanks to everyone who is supporting this fantastic project.

This year we will also start to work in the new country South Sudan in the area of Yubu helping provide work and bursary with the running of a poultry farm. This area has been devastated by the civil war and then further troubles 18 month ago so we are delighted to help rebuild a shattered community. We are now working in 4 countries - Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and South Sudan.

We need as much support as we can find as we have a queue of projects needing our help so if you can help please complete the subscription form as every penny makes a difference or go online a make a donation is you have some spare. £5 will feed a child for a month at our nurseries and you can specifically donate for that programme if you wish as our budget is over £100,000 per year. <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/newways>

I very much hope the newsletter helps you understand how your generous donations are put to good use to change the lives of others. If you need any more information please do write to me at angela@newways.org.uk and give your views or let me know what more we can do to keep you updated.

Please accept my sincere thanks to all who contribute with their time, talent and hard earned cash to making a difference to the people of Turkana, Ethiopia and Malawi. It is not in vain.

Very best wishes

