

Living In Rural Nyanza

Kebirigo is located in the heart of the Nyanza province, home to the Kisii tribe. The countryside is blanketed by seas of emerald tea leaves and



blue gum trees, interspersed regularly by the corrugated iron roofs of homes and roadside businesses called kiosks. Despite its beauty, this rural area of Nyanza is anything but a tourist destination, as it is too far from game parks, beaches, and city centers to draw outsiders. Being so far from the limelight, Kebirigo is rarely noticed by the government and aid organizations, which unfortunately means it rarely receives support from such institutions.

In spite of this, the people are wonderful. The vast majority are devout Christians who always carry smiles on their faces even if they don't carry money in their pockets.

Kenyan Tea Plantation



Map of Kenya



*Opening Doors. Growing Together.
Making a Difference.*



KCRC is a non-profit charitable organization that has been serving the Nyamira district of Kenya over the last 3 years. Acting as a community hub devoted to aiding the community on multiple levels, our mission is ultimately to help

the community help itself. Our philosophy is that better information is the best long-term route out of poverty. That's why we try to empower farmers with seminars on the best cultivation techniques, provide a library for community members to come and read, and raise money to send local orphans to school.

Robert Kiriago Obanyi - Coordinator

Robert is the founder of KCRC and the impetus behind most of its programs. Having grown up in Kebirigo, he understands better than most the community needs and the route to effective solutions. In addition to working for KCRC, he scouts and manages elite Kenyan athletes and organizes road races for Safaricom.



Bryan Schofield - Director of Foreign Operations

Bryan spent the entire summer of 2008 in Kebirigo, working for KCRC. He spent his time meeting with community groups, speaking to students in secondary school, and performing other sundries for KCRC. Having fallen in love with the people, he is still actively involved with KCRC in many ways. He works as the Business Manager of Phraseology, a Los Angeles based strategic communications firm.



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Help Educate Rural Kenyan Children



In the peaceful rural town of Kebirigo, scores of orphans are unable to attend school because they lack even the most basic supplies. Help give them a chance by donating these supplies so they can get the education they desperately need to escape poverty.

Have you ever wondered: "Where in this world do people need the most aid? How can I help?" This is your chance!

The Kebirigo Community Resource Center (KCRC) and its network of community based organizations (CBOs) have teamed up with GlobalGiving to bring this aid directly to the children that need it most. To see how you can help, go to

<https://www.globalgiving.com/projects/help-educate-rural-kenyan-children>

or type "Kebirigo" into the search function of Google or globalgiving.com.





The Need

Walking the dirt streets around Kebirigo on any given weekday, you'll notice a heart-wrenching number of schoolage children in tattered clothes who, rather than go to school, play with each other in the street. Some have lost parents to AIDS, ill health, or general poverty. Some have caretakers who are barely able to buy the corn flour each day to make a meager meal of ugali and greens. All of them deserve a chance.



These children don't stay home because they don't have a desire to attend school, but because those who care for them lack the resources to buy the necessary school uniforms, lunches, books, supplies, and tuition fees. By arming them with those necessities, you can prepare them for an education that will serve them throughout their lives.

Why This Project Is So Important

For the third world, the surest way to escape the generational cycle of poverty is to start life with an education. Not surprisingly, studies have shown again and



again an indisputable positive correlation between education and GDP per capita over time. With a solid education as a foundation, these children will grow with the ability to think creatively to solve cultural problems, start businesses, and make positive contributions to the community.

The Solution

Through a network of local community groups, called CBOs, who have taken orphans and impoverished children under their wing, we use donations to pay for school fees and purchase all the sundries the schools require of students, from books to uniforms.



A Community Based Organization, or CBO

CBOs

are groups focused on improving the quality of life for its members and others in the community. KCRC has over 150 CBOs in its network, each of which with a unique purpose. Some marshal group resources to build up a business to support themselves. Some make weekly loans to each other. Some care for orphans and other children in the community. These are the CBOs through which KCRC will distribute school resources, so that the only middlemen in the process are those who care about the people of Kebirigo.

How You Can Help

Think about how ephemeral \$100 is. You eat out a few times, you watch a couple movies in the theatres, and it's just about gone. But what if you invest it in something permanent, something that will not only last a lifetime, but change the course of that life for the better? That is what a foundation of knowledge is for a Kenyan child. This is your chance to make an investment in someone who deserves a future.

Visit globalgiving.com, type in Kebirigo, and follow the link. Your donation isn't just being thrown into the third world, it is for a specific purpose, and it produces measurable results.

- \$10 Pays for school meals for a month
- \$50 Covers all school uniforms for a year
- \$90 Buys books for a year
- \$105 Funds a whole year of primary education
- \$120 Pays for school meals for 3 terms (equivalent to a year of schooling)
- \$365 Covers meals, tuition, books, and uniforms for an entire year

When even \$10 goes such a long way, it's hard not to give.



If you have any suggestions or would like to become more involved, email Bryan at bryan.schofield@yahoo.com. He'd be more than happy to hear from you.