

## Mission of the Month

### The African Children's Fund

The Fund focus is on the children of Africa.

Africa's children need an education if Africa is to prosper, but many children drop out before even completing a primary education. Children stop attending schools for two reasons. Firstly there is a lack of food in the family and the children scavenge and beg during the day or remain hungry to attend school. The other reason is the unaffordability of sanitary products for girls forcing them to miss a week of school each month. They quickly fall far behind and leave as a result.

The African Children's Fund was founded in 2006 by Dee and Peter Tyrer to support initiatives and projects by staff deeply committed to their local communities and well versed in these needs.

The Fund began work in Kenya, where a daily meal of porridge with added vitamins was introduced and quickly took hold. This had a huge impact on the health of the children, and school attendance soared. With the initiation of a programme for the provision of sanitary products the girls flourished. Now being fed and free to attend school every day they were able to complete their primary education, and many now go on to secondary school.

The ACF is now also active in Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

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To follow their progress and learn how aid has been tailored to meet the needs and priorities of all four countries.