

Report of Year Ending December 2025

of the

Barrhead Churches Kibera Project

This Report, along with the audited accounts for year ending 31/12/25, will be published on the Project's website and have been distributed to the members of the other Churches in Barrhead.

Chair's Report:

Jim Mitchell has provided the following report: -

During 2025 we had 11 trustees, 1 co-opted member on our committee, along with Bourock's minister, Rev Pamela Gordon. Our committee members come from 3 different churches in the town.

The congregation at Silanga are still meeting in temporary accommodation, whilst they try and sort out a new site for Silanga Church. On the PCEA Emmanuel site, along with the Church building, there is a primary school, and a further education training college called the PCEA Emmanuel Technical College.

Emmanuel Technical College is supervised by a Board, whose members are selected from both members of the Church and of the local community who are qualified in different fields. The Parish Minister is the patron of the college. The college is supported from the fees charged to students and also sponsorship from donors.

At the beginning of June 2025, we held a zoom meeting with members of Kibera Parish Kirk Session. These Session members are also on the Board of Emmanuel Technical Training College. The college is directly under the supervision of PCEA Kibera Session. Following a very informative discussion, our committee decided to support students who could not afford to attend this college and give them a chance to enroll in one of the courses offered. PCEA Session members had identified over 50 young people who have expressed an interest in attending Emmanuel College. This list is very extensive, and the numbers involved show just how much of a need there is within the Church and community to train and find a path to employment.

Following discussion at our committee meeting, we agreed to forward £3000 (Kes 519,600) to begin the sponsorship process. This has allowed 10 students to register for courses, which started in September.

The courses offered include Hairdressing, Fashion & Design, Plumbing,

Mechanics, Electrical installation, Catering, and Computing. We look forward to hearing about the progress of these students in due course. If this sponsorship program is successful, we will look to repeat it again in 2026.

At the end of November, we again ran our Christmas Greeting leaflet in Bourock Church to raise funds for the project.

Treasurer's Report

David Miller provided the following report: -

After the hiatus of 2024, during 2025, in accord with the charity's stated aims, we were able to plan future cooperation and financial assistance with our partners in Kenya. During that summer we used some of our accumulated balance and transferred £3,000 through the Church of Scotland head office to the PCEA Church in Kibera. This grant was used to assist with funding the Technical College which is supported by PCEA Emmanuel.

Our income totalling £1,062 arose from sponsorship and donations of £292 and Bourock's Christmas message appeal which raised £770. In 2025 the Bank of Scotland changed the type of account we operate and charged £43 for its operation. The registration fee to allow the charity to retain and process personal data increased to £52.

We finished the year with a balance of £3,686 at the Bank of Scotland as our expenditure exceeded our income by £2,033.

If we are to maintain the same level of financial support to the project in the current year, we will have to investigate avenues of fund raising.

David Miller
March 2026.

If anyone has any questions on this report, they are invited to forward them to the Secretary via email deb.mitchell@ntlworld.com