

# IN MEMORY OF MIKE KNOX

## Appeal for Twende Pamoja (Let Us Walk Together)



*(Mt Kilimanjaro – viewed from the Twende Pamoja Sacred Heart Centre)*

It's fair to say that any encounter with Mike Knox - either alive or dead - has an impact.

In life, meeting Knox usually brought on a vague concern that he was about to attempt to embroil you in another of his initiatives.

It is difficult to think about him without simultaneously smiling at a remembered happy event, phrase or situation shared with him. But he still has the capacity to make you feel that there is yet something you need to do!

Mike spent the final 10 years of his life devoted to the cause of global peace. Through the Trust which he set up, he opened up educational opportunities for children and young people in Tanzania with a particular focus on providing access to laptops and teaching computer skills to both pupils and school staffs. Alongside this, he promoted friendships between schools and parish communities in Scotland and in Tanzania which have touched the lives of thousands of people in both countries.

Care for the planet, translated into practical action is also at the heart of Twende Pamoja's educational projects and the 'Makutano' meeting of young adults has become an annual fixture in the Trust's calendar. This year will be the first time it has been run without Mike and it now rests in the capable hands of Martin Kalula, who has had to assume responsibility for planning and delivering the Trust's educational programmes. Assisted by team members, Cretus Mlabu and Beatrice Shayo, a gathering of 50 young adults will convene to share ideas and action plans to secure a sustainable future. The gathering will be held at the beginning of December in the Sacred Heart Centre which Mike built and personally funded. The Centre, which is the hub of the Trust's activities is very efficiently run by Sister Lillian, a member of the Ursuline congregation which has close links with Twende Pamoja. The photographs below give you a flavour of the place, the work and most importantly the children who are served by Twende Pamoja.

Our job as Twende Pamoja Trustees is to ensure that the vision of the young people of Scotland and Tanzania - sharing and walking together - continues. Mike built the Sacred Heart Centre at Mweka to facilitate the work with teachers and young people. He built up a team of young, dedicated staff to bring people together and share a Global Vision rooted in Christian teaching. While he achieved much, he did not complete the work which is why we, the Trustees, and you his friends, are still 'embroiled in his initiatives'!

Mike financed Twende Pamoja from his own monthly pension and personal savings. It was his intention to set up an appeal for donations but alas, he never got round to it and so this has become our job. As we now currently rely entirely on donations, it is our aim to gather a pool of supporters who are able to make small, regular contributions thereby ensuring that Mike's visionary work is carried on into the future.

To ensure the continuation of the Centre, its staff and their work, we appeal to you directly to make a regular monthly donation to the work of Twende Pamoja if you can. These are difficult financial times for many people and so we are not asking for a huge commitment – although feel free to give as much as you can. With small regular contributions from many people, the Tanzanian expenses will be covered and the work of the Trust will go forward.

We will undertake to provide you with regular updates on progress.

While we thank again all those who have already made donations in Mike's memory, we now invite anyone who would like to contribute a regular monthly sum to consider setting up a standing order, either through online banking using the details below or by completing the attached form and taking it to your bank. You may also wish to complete the Gift Aid form below.

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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

**Thank you in anticipation and God Bless,**

**Des Brogan, Maria McCann, Linda McGee - Trustees of Twende Pamoja**



The Sacred Heart Centre, Mweka



The Chapel at the Heart of the Centre



Hance, Beatrice, Martin and Cretus.  
The Twende Pamoja Team



Mike connecting a Primary Class with a  
Scottish school using Facetime



Discussion groups at St Ursula's Secondary



Mike with a music group in the Centre



**Michael Andrew Knox 1953 – 2020**  
**Rest in Peace**