

Dear Sandra , Brian, Todd, Anney, Abbey, Susan ,and Sven,

I am delighted this team is going forward and I encourage to communicate with each other through your task team email account. Below is a description of teams, needs and tasks.

As per Sandra's excellent questions, we have answered all those questions, at last, on our website via the updated Kenya manual that you can download in addition to the blog links of two of our alumni; Joseph and Dan Gray.

I really look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you so much,

Carol

IHF Building Task Team

This task team will be made up of members from all over the world, including members from Rebuild. The task team's goal is to help the IHF centres to become places that guests can stay, whereby 100% of the profit goes back into the community. The tourism involved is run by the community, rather than an outside tour company, so that they are the owners and benefactors of their own cultural heritage. Additionally, this team oversees the maintenance and upkeep of IHF centres, of which the sole purpose is to benefit the poorest of these communities.

On this team we need electricians, plumbers, agronomists, agriculturalists, carpenters, handymen, architects, engineers and anyone else who is interested. Team members can communicate with each other at home and via email. Team members can also assign tasks to volunteers that are visiting these sights and work with the fundraising team to raise the necessary funds.

Current projects:

Kenya

There are two sights in Kenya that are in need of development; Pokot; and Nakuru.

Nakuru has 5 buildings at present that are in need of renovation in order to make them comfortable and attractive to tourists. They need to be in-keeping with the tribal culture whilst, at the same time, adapted to be more aesthetically pleasing and with more suitable amenities for westerners. It is really important that this sight has a security fence built in order for work to start and for future guests to feel safe. This too needs to be visually attractive and can be made from local materials such as a thorn bush.

In Pokot, new accommodation needs to be built using the materials and skills that the Pokot already have (local clay, dead bush etc). This too is to be as authentic as possible whilst having the additional amenities and the aesthetic aspect that will attract guests.

Tribal Peace Farm

Someone is needed to take on the task of creating an advisory council for people of Pokot. This council will be comprised of agriculturalists familiar with Kenya. This will require you writing to individual schools, universities, and Kenyan clubs, such as the Safari Club and Kenyan club, to establish a minimum of three members on the advisory council. You would need to write to telling them about the projects and why their help is needed: the Pokot people are primarily a nomadic tribe and therefore have no knowledge of farming.

Bali

On the grounds of Carol's home-come-school in Bali, a guest house has been built with the aim of bringing in extra funds for the school. This is a traditional Balinese lumbung with swimming pool and spa. This project is still incomplete and help is needed to oversee its completion so that it is ready for guests

There are also other problems with the centre. For example, whilst Carol has been away from the centre, a huge wall has been built on her property, completely blocking the view to ocean. In addition, another development next to Carol's property have blocked a necessary canal, causing floods. Apart from the implications these things have for the value of the property, help is needed to make the most of what is left.

1 volunteer is needed to initiate, direct and coordinate a small advisory council for the Bali project. This is a much smaller project than Kenya and we will help to provide ideas, names and information to help you get started.

Thailand

A guesthouse has been built but it also is incomplete. Primarily, the ambience needs to be created. For example, the wire gates need to be made more aesthetically pleasing.

In addition, at this centre there is a huge hole that has been tiled to resemble a swimming pool. It has no plumbing, or anything else, so if someone has any knowledge of how to fix this the children would be so happy!

1 volunteer is needed to initiate, direct and coordinate a small advisory council for the Thailand development. This is a much smaller project than Kenya and we will help to provide ideas, names and information to help you get started.

(All members of this team will be working with the grant writing and fund-raising team regarding expenses).

Hostel Proposal

Another idea, that has yet to be researched and planned, is that of developing some of IHF's

centres so that they can also run as youth hostels for travellers. The idea being that young conscientious travellers, who are always seeking accommodation, can stay at the centres on a self-catered basis, knowing that the proceeds are going directly to the children of the centre.

The implications of this have not been thought through and someone is needed to help work on this, to determine whether this is a viable option.

...So let's get this team started!