

Thika Community Development Trust client stories – Kairi Trust Group 2009



Alice and baby Lawrence (1 year old). Alice keeps poultry, and has been a member of the Kairi Trust Group (one of the groups within Thika Community Development Trust) for 11 months. She has been saving all this time, and will soon be taking out a loan to support her business.



Mary has been saving as a member of Kairi Trust Group for 6 months. She has 3 grown sons, one of whom is also a member of the savings group (David, who is a matatu driver). Mary keeps cows in order to sell the milk. She also has a small shop which she would like to expand with a loan from the group - which she will be able to get as she has been saving for 6 months. She seemed very proud to be able to do this "Even at my age!" In the photo she is holding up her passbook, in which the group treasurer records at every meeting of the group how much that person has saved or paid back.

Joel and Magdalene Karika, with their children Nelson, Faith and Edwin. Joel is a matatu driver, and Magdalene is a teacher. They also keep chickens and cows. They are currently repaying a loan from the Kairi trust group.



Jane (or MamaJoann), and her 9 month old baby Joann. Jane works in her brother's shop, but would like to start her own shop business in the near future. Jane opened a savings account for her baby when she was 3 months old, and so Joann is the only baby we know of who is a member of a savings group supported by Five Talents!