



Book Review:

*In Strength Not Our Own*

by Georgie Orme and Irene Howat

Georgie Orme was a young Scottish missionary nurse who took up a position in a Child Care Centre in Kajiodo, Kenya. Here she was confronted with handicapped children who were paralysed as a result of polio or other diseases and accidents. These children spent their lives dragging themselves around on the ground in the dust and cow-dung, often with their bodies covered with scabies.

With the guidance and support of two South African missionaries Lorna Eglen and Betty Allcock, Georgie began a work with these desperately needy children.

In the years that followed she faced incredibly hard work, extremely primitive living conditions and almost died from a snake bite - but what she achieved with these children was truly amazing.

In 2005, because of ill health she was reluctantly forced to retire and leave Kenya - but she left behind her a new life for the many children she was able to reach through her work.

It was with a thankful heart that she listened to them expressing their gratitude at her farewell ceremony. Many of them by then were confident adults holding down responsible jobs.

Her story is told with straight forward honesty, not pretending to be perfect or to know all the answers. She made mistakes and admitted them, and she wasn't too proud to seek advice and help when she needed it.

Read more in her book which is available in the Surfside Library.

Reviewed by Shirley Peart