

## **My children**

One of the big decisions of my life has been to decide whether to have children or not. I love children and their energy enthusiasm and willingness to learn and have fun. Children are trusting, ask open honest questions and are not judgemental. This is what life should be like and we should all endeavour to remain as children when dealing with people in general. The main objective is to become wiser and to be able to discern whether we are being manipulated or misdirected.

I came to recognise in others that many parents love their own children more than they love others. I don't want to divide the world between my children and those of other people and I like to love all children equally so I decided to adopt all children as if they are my own. I am free to love all children equally so the nursery school in the Gambia is full of children that I love even if I don't see them. African children can be so wonderful they are generally taught good morality from their parents and are so interested to meet new people learn and have fun.

Some people might think it is sad I don't have my own offspring I don't see that I have such a great set of genes that I need to pass them on and any sadness I have by being disconnected from other families and children is made up by the occasional meetings I have with other peoples kids. My sisters children are now grown up but my cousin Dom has a host of kids who are wild and exciting. I hope I never stop being a child looking for others to share my wonder for the world.



This photo is taken by the leaders of the nursery school in Faraba who set up a project to protect their old trees by numbering them and linking them with a tree planting project called [trees4africa.org](http://trees4africa.org). Sadly even though the trees were recorded by the community someone elected to chop many of them down.