

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

Well we are once again writing the Kivuli News from Melbourne, Australia. We said farewell to our Kivuli family on the 18th and they welcomed back their new Aunty Holly and Uncle Leigh, on the 31st – our co-director Anne was counting down the days until their arrival!

Although it is strange to be back in Australia, and the reason for us returning is not a nice one, we are comforted to know that God has Kivuli covered. He provided us with flights to get home (quite miraculously actually) and of course made sure Holly and Leigh were at Kivuli at just the

right time with just the right skill sets needed and gave them the hearts to stay on until August. This project is not ours, Kivuli was started by God and whether we personally are in Kenya or not, His work will continue. He's surrounded Kivuli with a team of very committed, loving and generous people to carry out the work. Praise Him!

On the ground this month Anne has been very busy with her driving lessons and assures us she is improving. She even thinks she might sit her test next month! There has been a lot of progress in the shamba, planting in preparation for the upcoming rainy season and we



have appointed another exciting addition to our staff team. We have also had a meeting this month with members of the local community to share our new strategic plan with them. Always lots going on!

We want to thank you for your ongoing love and support and hope you all have a wonderful and safe Easter this year.

With love and blessings,

Dan and Dee



## community meeting

We held a small community meeting in March to start sharing our strategic plan and 3 year goals with the local people of Ndaragwa. Amongst those that attended were the local Chief and one of the church ministers, both of whom were very excited about what we shared with them. They encouraged us to hold another meeting with more of the community leaders to gain support and agreed to help us.

The meeting was very positive and an exciting one as we want to make a big impact in our local town and it is essential that we work with the community in order to achieve the goals we have set.

## shamba update

We were very busy at the shamba (farm) in March. We have planted maize, beans, potatoes, peas, onions, coriander, spinach and sukuma wiki (kales) in the area that the Form 1 students prepared earlier this year. We are coming out of the dry season and expect rain to fall in April so pray that it will come so the crops can grow.

We finally had some success in finding a tractor and as a result 1 acre (of our 5) of land has been prepared for planting crops to feed our future dairy cows. These will be planted in April.



## plans plans plans

Our building plans have been finalised and we are now going through the lengthy process of getting them approved by all the relevant authorities. A big thanks to Leigh Shera-Jones for all the time he spent reviewing every small detail on the drawings last month to ensure they were right!

We plan to build seven house cottages that accommodate six children each plus a house mother, a large dining hall and kitchen, a pit toilet block,

wash room block, staff house, manager house and four visitor's huts (where you can stay if you come and visit!).

We are looking for people with experience in sustainable living to offer advice and their expertise in the building project. If you or someone you know would like to share ideas on how we can make Kivuli efficient in areas from agriculture, energy use, water conservation, biogas, etc please contact Kivuli.



## new girls

The Children's Department quickly discovered that we had 12 spare beds at Kivuli since our Form 1 students left for boarding school and have not wasted time in trying to fill them. This month we welcomed sisters Leah and Jennifer to Kivuli, both from Nairobi. In fact, the girl's older siblings Aziza and Jimmy are also at Kivuli, so we now have the whole family! Praise God the girls already have sponsors (thanks to Bec Lynch and the O'Brien family) and are settling in very well. Big brother Jimmy is being very protective and making sure they feel at home, very sweet.





## visitor update

The steady stream of visitors this month did not stop with the arrival of Rebecca Lynch from Australia. Bec spend just under 2 weeks at the project and being a Social Worker herself, spent a great deal of time with Loise, the Kivuli Social Worker. Loise really appreciated all the knowledge and assistance Bec provided her as in Kenya there is no ongoing training, supervision or support for Social Workers once you leave college or university. By the end of the visit, Bec had assisted Loise to set up new counseling files and records for the children. Thanks for coming Bec, we hope you visit us again!

We also had some local visitors this month, the management team at the Barclays Bank in Nyahururu. They came to see the project for themselves, encourage us in our work and even bought gifts with them – cooking fat, ugali flour and lots and lots of bread for the kids. Thanks Barclays!



## nationalisation

You may be familiar with our goal to have Kivuli Project nationalised, or more specifically, to have the project managed under the leadership of committed Kenyan Christians. Well we are pleased to announce that this month we have appointed a Kenyan Manager, Patrick Anyembe, to start running the project (alongside Dan and Dee and Anne) and he will commence on the 1st of May. We will share more with you about Patrick and his background in the April Kivuli News.

Thanks to all of you who prayed that God would provide a Kenyan Manager last month - God has answered!

## promote kivuli

Whilst in Australia, Dan and Dee Rutherford would love as many opportunities as possible to be able to share the work of Kivuli with people. So, if you have any groups, clubs, schools, churches etc. that you think they could speak at, please contact them on 0409 080 599 or email [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org)

## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- Great local community support for our work and strategic plan
- Providing a Kenyan Manager, Patrick Anyembe
- His constant provision for Kivuli

### Please pray for

- Holly and Leigh as they settle into their new home at Kivuli
- For God's favour as we got through the process of getting the building plans approved
- Rain!



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