

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

Each month as we prepare the Kivuli News we are amazed at just how much God is doing through the project. There is never a lack of news to share and the project just keeps moving forward as we seek to empower communities through the love of Christ. What a wonderful and exciting time we are in, and what a privilege it is to be able to be involved in such great work!

As we move on through the months to come, and as we head towards our long-term goal of nationalisation, (that is, having the project run and managed by Kenyans), Anyembe, our Project Manager in Kenya will be the one delivering the Kivuli News to you. In fact, he authored most of this edition. We trust you'll be encouraged as you read his updates from Kenya.

God bless,
Dan and Dee



farewell leigh and holly

Let me use this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Holly and Leigh Shera-Jones for their invaluable contribution to Kivuli. The kids particularly miss Aunt Holly's treats (simsim balls, lollies) and Uncle Leigh's passionate arguments and companionable banter, plus shamba work together.

Then there's the Kivuli Olympics. I have to admit that sports have never been my strongest point, and Holly and Leigh actually did all this. You should have seen the last day; it was an electrifying moment when the ultimate winner was announced: the yellow team. Then there was the presentation of awards, followed by Holly and Leigh's official farewell party complete

with presentations by the kids (I don't know when they did the preparations).

Holly and Leigh, you were an invaluable blessing to Kivuli. Thanks to your efforts, Kivuli kids start next term in new uniform. We all wish you divine blessings and look forward to seeing you again soon. You are welcome back anytime.



shamba update

We have been working the shamba (farm) with accelerated zeal since we started reaping some fruits from it. As previously mentioned, we have harvested beans, potatoes, peas and onions to date. We have also stopped buying sukuma wiki and spinach from the market, as we get these from the shamba as well. We are set to plant a fresh crop of potatoes, peas and beans during the 1st week of September. The land is already prepared for this.

A new item on the shamba this month is bananas. We have planted 20 stems so far, and are set to bring this to 40 in the course of September. Our quest to start dairy farming will soon yield fruits, as our napier grass has sprouted quite aggressively. In addition to this, we shall also make silage from the maize stalks after harvesting. This

should be enough to support two cows throughout the year. We intend to be ready to bring in the first dairy cow this November, and we want to prepare adequately.

Another item we are working on is the poultry house and construction is planned for the first week of September. We intend to raise some 200 birds.



school holidays

Schools closed for August holidays on Thursday 9th for kindergarten to grade 6. Grades 7 and 8 closed one week later, on Friday 17th. The high schools closed sometime between Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th. As is the best practice for Charitable Children's Institutions (and Kivuli is an acknowledged beacon of best practices in CCI management), we let the kids go to be with their relatives. This, however, is only for those who have reliable guardians, who are sure to have a secure and loving environment at home. So we only have 5 kids remaining under our care, until Sunday 2nd September when the others come back.

In case you didn't know, we have had a few rabbits for some time now. You should visit us in October when 3 of them have given birth. Let me reiterate what I have written here before: our aim in doing this, apart from gradually building self-sufficiency for Kivuli, is to equip our kids with farming skills. They will need these skills post Kivuli, won't they?

anne returns home

Anne's return after her sojourn 'Down Under' brought accelerated excitement. We had all missed her motherly care, her infectious jovial mood and her yummy cooking. We are grateful to all who facilitated her break, and did whatever you did for her. She came back rejuvenated with a new breath of life. We have watched the brief video made of her visit several times with the children, and are extremely grateful to all Kivuli members, donors, friends and partners that supported her.



welcome to the team rob



This month we welcomed another member to the Kivuli Australia Board, Rob Bradford. Rob is a lawyer and practices in the areas of commercial and government law. He currently works with the Victorian Government Solicitors Office. He has been a Board Member of other not for profit organisations such as Prison Fellowship (Victoria Council).

Rob is a member of Deep Creek Anglican Church in East Doncaster and has lived in the Doncaster Templestowe area for over 30 years. He is married to Judy and they have two adult sons and two grandsons.

Rob looks forward to assisting the Kivuli Board with governance and related issues. We are extremely blessed to have him join the Board, praise God!

marafiki

On Thursday 30th August we had our first Marafiki night. This is a new group for people who are interested in learning more about the Kivuli project, our future, ways to help, and to discuss ideas for raising money and awareness of the project. Marafiki means 'friends' in Swahili.

We met at Balsamic restaurant in Ringwood, over coffee and cake, and spent time discussing our response to poverty, both through relief and development. We looked more specifically at Kivuli and the plans for community development, engaging with the local community, and how we (marafiki members) can support them ourselves from abroad.

We also spent a lot of time discussing ways to spread the word of Kivuli, and ideas for raising funds, through our connections. One thing to keep an eye out for soon is this years Kivuli Project Christmas gift catalogue. We'll have more on that soon.

It's never too late to join Marafiki, we'd love to have you join the group! Stayed tuned for details of our next event in a few month's time!

MARAFIKI

(ma-ra-fee-kee) • friends



it's another boy!

Now, here comes more good news. On Tuesday 14th, we were blessed with another bouncing bundle of energy. My wife Evelin got baby Mbeja at 15:15 Kenyan time. Anybody ready for some exercise? Find out what the name means in Kiswahili. I thank God for this great blessing, as we pray for his continued excellent health. As of now, both baby and mother are in perfect shape. Don't you agree that I have reason to celebrate? And baby Levi, remember Loise's? He is growing really big and strong... and noisy.



sponsor's still needed

We are still short of a few sponsors for our Project Manager Anyembe. As you can see, he is doing wonderful work at Kivuli and until we can generate enough income in Kenya to cover his salary, we require additional sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to invest in the work of Kivuli by way of sponsoring Anyembe, please email corinna@kivuliproject.org. Sponsorship is \$40 per month and is tax deductible in Australia and the US.



for those that pray

Praise God for

- The safe arrival of Anyembe's baby boy, Mbeja
- School holidays and the opportunity for the kids to spend time with family
- Leigh and Holly

Please pray for

- The children at Kivuli who don't have the opportunity to go 'home' during the holidays
- For the quick processing of our building plans which are in the final stages of council approval
- Dan and Dee (and Marley and Zoe) as they prepare to return to Kivuli in the first week of October

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