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jambo friends,

Hamjambo members of the Kivuli family, friends and partners,

Here comes the February edition of the Kivuli Newsletter. In this edition you will read about ongoing construction work, form one admissions, biogas plant, chickens and cows amongst other things.

May the good Lord shower Kivuli with His grace as we inch towards the goal of self-sufficiency. It is a long and arduous journey, but we all appreciate the fact that good things don't come easily or quickly. We know that concerted effort, commitment and prayer almost invariably spews forth the desired success. Our prayer is that we all walk together.

Blessings,
Anyembe



happy 3rd birthday kivuli

On the 22nd of February we celebrated our 3rd birthday. It is hard to believe how much God had blessed us with over the past 3 years, and how far Kivuli has come in this time. We remember back to our beginnings, and how we didn't know whether Kivuli would be a long-term project. I think it's safe to say that God has big plans in store for us!



school news

Let's depart from routine this month and start with school news. In last month's news, we had shared that our four candidates had performed impressively in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Examinations (KCPE). They have since been admitted into various high schools. This means that our school budget this month has really been steep. We thank God that all four candidates were accepted into schools in which we have confidence.

As we talk about schools, it is important to mention here that

all schools are closing during the election period. As I write this, our children are at home and are expected to go back on the 7th of March, after the official announcement of election results.

Allow me to reiterate what was pointed out in last month's news, we anticipate very peaceful elections, so we are not worried about anyone's safety. Schools had to close however, as many will be used as polling centers, and the school staff need to participate in the elections as well.

construction

We had previously indicated that we moved into very quickly constructed structures. We are now working on improving them to make them very warm and comfortable. There is also a new staff house under construction in order to free up the initial house to serve strictly as an office block and store.

Dan has sourced some insulating material and plasterboard sheets in the town of Nakuru, and has started teaching our "fundi's" (builders)

how to use and install them. He has also introduced them to the 'power drill', which they've been very excited about using. These materials will enable us to convert what we thought were 'temporary' buildings to permanent ones. They will be just as warm and comfortable as stone buildings, and at a very large cost saving too. The skills these local fundi's are learning will enable them build more permanent structures onsite at a fraction of the quotes we had received from large contractors.



Two more projects are underway; a large tank to serve as our main water reservoir, especially for use in irrigating our crops, and we also commissioned the construction of a biogas plant. Look, we have two large cows producing

a lot of dung. Kivuli is supposed to be a centre of appropriate technology and use green energy. We shall use this dung to produce biogas for cooking, and in due course, for lighting as well (to supplement solar energy which we are currently using).



livestock

You remember that we have two excellent cows and a calf, don't you? You also remember that we have chickens, don't you? Now let me share with you the latest developments. We have opened an account with Nyala Dairy as milk suppliers. Nyala is where we used to buy milk, now we are milk suppliers! Of course it isn't much yet, but it guarantees Kivuli a little income each month and it saves us some money, as we no longer buy milk.

Our second cow, Milly, is set to calf any time from the 8th of March. You know, soon we shall have lots of milk. Now that the dry season is upon us, we have made contingency

measures to ensure that we don't run out of pasture. We have a large stock of dry maize stalks and napier grass.

As you would agree, it would be grossly unfair to close this chapter on livestock without talking about the chickens. I personally consider it as our flagship project. I had set March the 10th as the latest date for them to start laying eggs. Being the hugely successful project that it is, we received our first egg on Tuesday the 26th February. Two more arrived on Wednesday and have been slowly increasing since then. From here we can only move upwards. By the 10th of March we shall hopefully be

recording 185 eggs per day! Wonderful isn't it? It's got me a wee bit 'eggscited', and I pray that this is the beginning of great things to come.



catchup with GDG in Nairobi

This month Dan and Dee had the opportunity to catch up with some of our GDG partners in Nairobi, Martha Waithaka and Carey Westwood. Carey has actually relocated to Kenya so it will be good to be able to meet more frequently with both her and Martha, who works out of Nairobi also. It was a great opportunity to share in more detail about what Kivuli has been doing, and to also hear about some of the other GDG projects that are happening around East Africa.

goodbye jess and erin

Earlier this month we all said goodbye to Jess and Erin from Melbourne. The girls had spent the past 2 months with us, helping out where needed and just spending time with the children and loving them. Erin actually left us on the day of her 18th Birthday (3rd Feb).

Thanks so much for sacrificing your time and money to visit us girls, you are welcome back anytime and we miss you already!



the end of a chapter – farewell anyembe

We know you have all enjoyed reading Anyembe's updates each month, however sadly this is the last one he will write for Kivuli. Anyembe has been our Project Manager since May 2012, and has done a wonderful job helping us establish the farm and assisting us to build and move. Anyembe has accepted another job offer in Busia, in the far western part of Kenya, which is much closer to his hometown (and family) in Kisumu, where he will be educating the public there on health issues. We will sincerely miss him here at Kivuli, and will be hard to replace.

Anyembe, thank you so much for everything you have given to Kivuli, we wish you all of God's blessings as you embark on this new chapter in your life!

for those that pray

Praise God for

- The blessing Anyembe has been to Kivuli over the past 10 months
- So much development over the past month
- Eggs!

Please pray for

- Peace in Kenya during the election period
- A replacement for Anyembe
- The impending arrival of our second calf expected in March



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