

# kivuli NEWS

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## hamjambo nyote?

I am happy to have this opportunity to thank you for taking your precious time to read through our newsletters. Much thanks to all who have subscribed to our monthly newsletters, you really keep us going. We also thank all who visit our Facebook page and for their comments too – we love this.

We have a duty to fulfill; God gave us this opportunity to serve Him by serving others. I really think that God will not ask me the number of children I fathered but He would rather ask me the number of children I cared for and loved! I therefore take my duties with a lot of concern since God has a reason and purpose for me to be working with many people in Kivuli. All people are born with

differences such as abilities, appearance, size, colour etc. but you can make yourself special when you decide to touch the heart of God through touching the hearts of others. Dan and Dee Rutherford have taken after the heart of God and all of our sponsors have followed. For God's purpose to happen there must be someone willing to carry out His tasks and He directs them. Kivuli Project Kenya has big doors of opportunity for everyone to enter.

Last month we had so much to do despite challenges with construction funds. All in all we had achievements and God was able to stretch His hand and bless people through you and others.

Isaac Wairangu



## the children

Last month three new children came to Kivuli. The three girls were abandoned by their father and living with their very sick mother who was physically unable to care for them. They are now safe and attending the school. The eldest is in class five and the other two are in the baby class. They have a younger sister, a two year old, who is HIV positive just like their mother. We are also nursing them both here in Kivuli so the family can remain together – our God is so BIG and loving. Thanks and may God put you up where peace and joy spring out.

## computer courses

Kivuli offered a sponsorship for computer courses. Peter Kihumba Gathama benefited and he completed successfully; he is awaiting his examination results and certificate. Kihumba came to Nyandarua County following the election violence in 2007-08 that resulted in the death of many people and left thousands homeless. His grandmother died during the violence but his father managed to escape with Kihumba and the rest of the nuclear family to a safe place. Kihumba is 21 years old and he is happy for Kivuli's sponsorship, he is ready to go out and look for a job opportunity. He has thanked the sponsors and his prayer is that Kivuli lives for long and the peace of God spreads throughout Australia.



## bridge completed!

Local members of the community are very happy because Kivuli worked with them to fix an area of need; Kivuli initiated the repair of a bridge that helps people access the main shopping Centre. Some neighbours and Kivuli contributed materials and labour to ensure its repair. It was great to see the community working together!



## greenhouse

God really provides. We have a greenhouse where we can now plant some crops for sale; this includes spinach for both sale and for our domestic use. We also hope we shall plant tomatoes if our agronomist advises so this can really bring cash inflow. The green house project was carried out by TANDUM, (another partnering project with Global Development Group), and we are very grateful altogether, may God bless TANDUM and reward their members greatly.

## bees

We have constructed two beehives for piloting the project of honey production. Our area has many flowering plants and it is our hope that this can be a good project to carry out. We are calling bees from all direction to come to our two hives, join us and send them here!!



## children's cottages

We have started building our first permanent cottage and aim to have it completed by the end of June. We are now fixing the outer wall despite of the scarcity of timber but we have hope that the remaining pieces will be ready any time from now. Each cottage will accommodate one housemother and eight children. We do require funds to enable us to build these, so if you feel led to donate we would be very appreciative. One cottage costs approximately \$15,000AUD to build and we aim to build at least five on the farm.



## fish

Three weeks after the arrival of our 1250 tilapia we started feeding them; we feed the tilapia twice per day, at 10am and 3pm. That is only done on a sunny day, free from wind. Tilapia feed on things that are on the surface of the water, on cloudy days all tilapia stay near the bottom of the water hence can't feed on what floats on the top. On a windy day the wind pushes the feed away from where they can feed. They are all growing well.



## anne hits the books!

Anne is undertaking a one year Certificate in Social Work and Welfare with the Kenyan Institute of Social Work and Community Development. This will be Anne's first formal training in a long time and she is very excited. She will complete the certificate via distance learning, as the institute operates out of Nairobi. A huge thanks to the HEALTH SELECT GROUP for sponsoring Anne to further her education and give her a greater insight into issues that our children face.

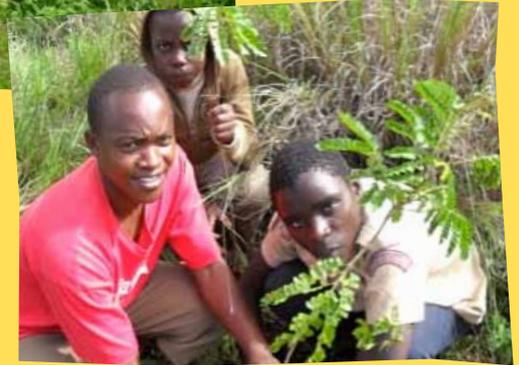
# shamba

Our crops are doing well but the rain has been less than usual for this time of year. We are hoping to receive more as we come to the end of the 'long rains' season. Our crops take a long time grow, maize takes 12 months, beans take 4-5 months, other horticulture crops like cabbages, tomatoes spinach etc take three months when irrigated. We have started harvesting our Lucerne grass, a good protein supplement for the cows. We are expecting to harvest more in the near future.

We have reclaimed much of our land where flooding was making it impossible to cultivate. Some of the community members came to see the way we were doing it, digging the trenches deep enough to lower the water level and leave the soil free from water. We are irrigating the crops in the shamba due to shortage of rain by pumping water from the trenches we have dug.

# livestock

Our cows have improved their milk production as we have improved their diets with more quality feed; we are getting some regular income from the sale of milk. Sadly our bull calf fell ill, and despite several visits from the local vet, did not make it. The rest of the cows are doing well and have shown no signs of sickness.



# labor day trees

On the 1st of May we celebrated Labor Day in Kenya. The High School students had not yet returned to school from holidays and so we spent the morning planting trees, and applying more manure to the lucerne and sunflowers. It was great to work together with all our wonderful young adults and see further development on our farm. It is looking more beautiful every day that passes.

# trivia night... with trivia!

The annual Kivuli Trivia night is on yet again so put the date in your calendars and start getting your tables together.

**Saturday 22nd June**

7.30pm start

\$20 per head, tables of approx. 10

Venue TBC (eastern suburbs)

BYO drinks and food for your table

To book your place email [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org) or call 0409 080 599

## TRIVIA DONATIONS

We are seeking donations of goods, services and vouchers to give away and add to our silent auction for the trivia night. If you are a business owner and would like to contribute something, or if you have connections that might assist us, please contact Dee – [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org) or 0409 080 599.



# for those that pray

## Praise God for

- Tandum and our new greenhouse
- Three beautiful new girls to Kivuli Children's Home
- The ever-growing positive relationship with our local community

## Please pray for

- Anne as she commences her certificate in Social Work and Welfare
- Dan and Dee's work permits to be approved in June so they can return to Kenya in early July as planned
- God's financial provision for our building project

# to donate

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