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welcome to august news!

This is yet another time that we need to thank God for what He has done and is doing for Kivuli. Our Children's Home works with the Children's Department to rescue innocent children from horrible situations in our country. Recently we had children join us from another village, where they were forced to work in the farms and not go to school. We have also been assisting the local labourers by hiring up to 20 each week to assist with the various jobs that come up on the farm and assisting with construction

work. This is so encouraging to them as they often struggle to find casual work each day. I just thank God for creating Kivuli Project, for not only does it touch the hearts of young children but also the community around.

Please enjoy reading this newsletter and I hope you will be encouraged at all that has been happening. You can also follow us during the month on our Facebook page.

Isaac Wairangu
Project Manager



high schoolers home for holidays

We have had some time with the high school students during this month as they were on school holidays. One of our directors, Mr Papiyas (a local Public Health Officer), had a good time with them in a counselling session, where the abuse of drugs was discussed at length. There are very few sex and drug education programs in Kenya and so it is important that these young adults become aware of drugs and the devastating long term effects they can have on their life.

We have also used this time with the high school students to teach them practical life skills for Kenya. They have enjoyed being out on the farm, planting, digging, helping with the animals and doing general farm work, plus assisting with food preparation in the kitchen.





COWS

This has been a month of blessings. We mentioned last month that we had some visitors from Australia, Lyn and Pam McDonald, who left us with some funds to purchase a new dairy cow and some dairy goats. Well, with the assistance of the local livestock officer, we sourced a lovely heifer that was four months pregnant. She joined us later this month and sadly, soon after arriving, she miscarried. The vet explained that the miscarriage was most likely due to the transportation and that no disease was evident.

Lyn, Pam and their friends who contributed to the purchase of our new cow, all agreed that her name would be BLESSING, since she is a blessing to Kivuli. This new addition will see us produce even more milk and enable us to approach our objective of sustainability of the project in future. The other cows are doing well and since March of this year we have never bought milk; rather we have been selling it instead and still have plenty for children in our care.



building progress

Work is still continuing on with the house cottages. All of the finishing touches have been completed on the first cottage and it looks beautiful. The framework on the second one is completely done and the third has had its foundations dug – which was a challenge as it was very rocky ground. What may have been hard has actually turned out to be a blessing, as the rock that had to be dug was mature enough to break into ballast (smaller sized rocks) for cementing the floor. This will save us half the cost of what we would pay if we had bought it from quarry.

We are in the processing of applying for a small grant to have the solar lighting and hot water to the three cottages catered for. Please join us in praying that we will get it! We plan to have all three cottages completed by the end of the year.



garlic attracts farmers

We have garlic onion in our greenhouse, which has attracted many local farmers. These farmers have learnt that they can also grow it in their greenhouses and look forward to giving it a go. Our greenhouse has been one of the local resource centers, particularly for this type of onion. This has been very encouraging, as we hope to assist many in our community with different and affordable farming ideas, and in turn, help to alleviate poverty in the area.

remembering zipporah

Earlier this year, we had the opportunity to meet Zipporah and her family after the Children's Department asked us to accompany them on a home visit. When we met Zipporah, she was very weak and unwell, suffering from HIV and TB. Living with her were her four youngest children, all girls, aged 2 (also suffering with HIV/AIDS), 4, 7 and 13. This family was desperate, living off whatever the neighbours could provide, as Zipporah was unwell enough to even stand. This left the 13-year-old daughter in charge of the family. The Children's Officer asked us to take the three oldest children to our home, however we decided to take them all, as we could not leave the youngest alone with her dying mother unable to care for her.

In Zipporah's last months, staff took care of her in their own time, they prayed for her, showed her love, and her hope of living again was revived. It was one afternoon that she sent

a message to the staff who were present and said she was to say goodbye to the world. She prepared them well and also left greetings for Kivuli children who used to pray with her.

It was amazing to see that on the funeral day there was a heavy down pour. Perhaps God wanted her to be buried in the water as a sign of baptism, since efforts of men to drain out the water from the grave were in vain – she had to be buried in the water!

Her youngest daughter was left with her uncle to look after her when none of her elder sisters were ready to help. Surprisingly, some relatives wanted to take the older girl since she could help them at home as they engage in farm work. This would not have been acceptable, as she needs to have an education. The older girls remain in the care of Kivuli, and the youngest will hopefully join another local Children's Home for children living with HIV.

We will remember Zipporah fondly and we thank God for the opportunity He gave us to love her and care for her before she left this world. Please join us in praying for the many children she leaves behind, who are grieving the loss of their mother.



unemployed youth sell eggs

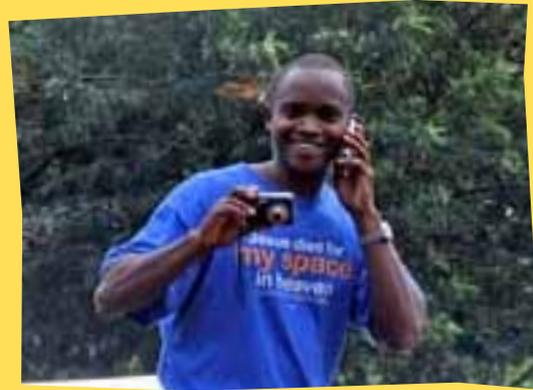
It is amazing that some unemployed youth have started small business of selling boiled eggs near the local bars and in the Ndaragwa shopping center after identifying that we sell eggs at a very affordable price. Most of our eggs are bought at the local market and this is very encouraging to the community. We are looking forward to enlarging the chicken project later this year since it has attracted buyers from the local community. It is a great source of income for Kivuli!

dan and dee's return and isaac's time off

Dan and Dee Rutherford will be finally returning to Kenya in September. There have been continual delays with their work permits and they have not come through yet. We are, however extremely pleased with the work Isaac and Anne have been doing in their absence, and are amazed at the progress that has been made in the few months Dan and Dee have been in Australia. God is most certainly in control and we are blessed to have such a wonderful team of strong Kenyans on board!!

It is uncertain how long Dan and Dee will be back in Kenya for, it is all dependent on work permits. However they will be there to cover some leave Isaac is taking, as he heads off for two months to attend the Iris Harvest School of Missions* in Pemba, Mozambique.

Did you know that one of the Kivuli goals is to have the project nationalized? This means that one day we want Kenyan nationals to be running the project with out the physical presence of foreigners.



This doesn't mean that foreigners won't be involved in governance, monitoring visits, support, fundraising etc., but the general running of the project on the ground will be done by Kenyans. It is almost happening now! This is very

encouraging to see as the goal could be realised sooner than we had thought.

**Please note that Isaac's training in Mozambique was not funded through GDG Project J606N Kivuli Project, as it is an evangelical activity.*



high achievers

At the end of each term, the primary school has a closing day ceremony, where high performers are commended and sometimes awarded with a prize. Many of our children did extremely well in their exams and two were awarded with prizes.

Benson was given a silver medal, a 'best in CRE' (Christian Religious Education) badge and an umbrella. Cynthia improved her overall score by 51 marks and will be among those enjoying a free tour from the school.



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