

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

Thank you for reading the April newsletter.

This is the month the children break for their school holidays; during this time they join their relatives and members of their community. Before they leave, Kivuli provides guidance and counselling to them. Holidays are like a double-edged sword, they are a good time for those with relatives but for those without family it can amplify a sense of aloneness. For some time now Kivuli has been working with members of the community to house the children without family during holidays. This has many benefits, one being to see how a 'healthy' family works and lives together. During holidays

Kivuli also has children from our home-based care programme who come whilst the others leave. They join us at Kivuli, so we can have time with them far away from their homes, discuss issues affecting them either positively or negatively from the school to their home and the community. The community will be helped as we seek to empower their children and train them in some skills that will help them utilise their locally available resources.

In April we had visitors from Kivuli Australia (Dee Rutherford and Karen Thompson) who came to monitor and carry out some evaluation of the project. This will ensure the project

'Fear can keep you from going where you could have won'
'You cannot change your history but you can always shape your destiny'



does not waver from its focus. It also helps in making crucial decisions, improvements and offers technical advice that will see the project grow and achieve its goals.

It is our hope that some day the project will flourish and touch hearts of many more through

the help of God via His own people. Thanks to all sponsors, board members, all who have subscribed for this newsletter. We really feel supported and loved. Your responses are highly welcome.

Keep in touch,
Wairangu Isaac

april holidays

We had a good time with all children, this time we stayed with all children in the home for a few extra days. This ensured that they all had time to meet with children from the home-based care program as well as our visitors. The children had good time to socialise, share ideas and they also helped in the shamba work. This helps them to develop important skills such as husbandry, learning to use available resources, and

how to interact well with other people. Our boys had time to dig in the shamba and attend to the cows as well as assist in building. The girls were well engaged in the farming, planting and cooking.

The younger children participated in delivering milk to the dairy, cleaning the compound and spreading manure in the shamba. All children had good time to play, study and make friends.



solar pump

A new solar pump has helped us to irrigate our crops. This has been a challenge when the rainfall is low. The pump is able to use solar power to pump at least 600 litres per hour. This ensures the growth of planted crops.



shamba

We have planted some food crops expecting the rains. We have some Irish potatoes, maize, cabbages, carrots, kales among others. We expected rains but the weather has drastically changed. The garlic is doing well in the green house and outside of the house.

We are looking forward to commercialising our shamba as a part of sustainability of the project. We therefore cannot wait to hear about any ideas that can help us come out strongly in this agricultural world.



chickens

We have finally sold all our layers. This is after keeping them until their laying period was over. We have embarked to rearing 'kienyenji' chickens. This is the local breed. There are some advantages and disadvantages with the local breed. They give fewer eggs but feed less and can reproduce. They can be more prone to diseases. Once you notice the outbreak of any incurable diseases you need to sell all of them, once the epidemic is over you can always rear all over again. However, this situation

is not common. Some great advantages are that this breed is highly desired for both meat and eggs and the market is locally available.

We already have ten hens to start with. We are looking forward to producing more.

From these chickens, we make money through selling eggs and supplement our diet at the same time.

If this picks up as expected, it will encourage the community to rear for it is easy to maintain and requires little knowledge.



monitoring visit

"Aunty" Dee Rutherford and "Aunty" Karen Thompson visited the project this month and this was very timely. They came to do some monitoring and evaluation on behalf of the Australian Board. Their contribution was vital and left us all focused and with new determination to implement new ideas. They had good time with children and the community too. They offered technical advice and showed high level of commitment to the project. This will ensure healthy communication between the Kenya staff and the Australian Board. Communication, monitoring and evaluation are the main key factors that favour production of any project.



bernard meets his sponsor

One of our boys, Bernard, has the opportunity to meet his sponsor this month. Betty is a Kenyan who has lived in Belgium for many years, and plans to move back to Kenya in a few years. Her family are from our locality of Ndaragwa and so when she does move back she'll be our neighbour! You may remember Betty from our December News, as she also visited then and left Christmas goodies for all the children. We are so excited to have a Kenyan sponsor and Bernard was thrilled to have been able to meet her in person!

kids for kivuli

This month, we say a HUGE thank you to young Charlotte, who developed the idea of having a used toy sale to sell some of her and other families' old toys to raise money for the children at Kivuli. Charlotte, who along with her family, sponsor one of the Kivuli children, came up with the idea and organised the stall at her church on a Sunday morning. Charlotte's toy sale raised a massive \$291.45 for Kivuli! Part of this money went towards a very special Easter meal for the Kivuli family and the remaining will be spent on livestock to continue developing the Kivuli farm. Thank you Charlotte for making this happen! The kids at Kivuli are very thankful!



easter holiday

Wow! This was fantastic! We celebrated the holiday together with the staff, children and Karen and Dee. They had brought with them Greek Easter biscuits (thanks to Con Arsenis) and chocolate eggs (thanks to Andy and Cathy U'ren) from Australia to share. Anne's (CCI Manager) husband Gideon

donated a sheep so we made 'nyama mbufi' (sheep meat) and enjoyed sodas. One evening Dee taught the children how to make 'Aussie Damper' over the hot coals using our small 'jiko' stoves. We visited many places and met many people over this time as we celebrated together. It was a wonderful holiday and one that will be remembered for a long time!

trivia night... with trivia!

The annual Kivuli Trivia night is on yet again so start getting your tables together.

Saturday 14th June

Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
\$20 per head, tables of approx. 10

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall
14 Bedford Road, Ringwood

(Real) Coffee and cakes available for
purchase, BYO nibbles and cold drinks

To book your table contact
dee@kivuliproject.org or call 0409 080 599

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CAKE STALL

Help us raise money to properly irrigate the
entire Kivuli shamba!

TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS & PRIZES

If you are able to assist with quality items or
vouchers for our silent auction or to give away
as prizes, please contact dee@kivuliproject.org

gifts from australia

We got some play materials from our friends in Australia. The children were happy to be supplied with equipment such as a new badminton net, rackets and shuttles, drafts/checkers, and chess games. A special thank you to Sue Thompson, the children are enjoying them all!



for those that pray

Praise God for

- A wonderful Easter shared together celebrating the death and resurrection of Christ
- A successful monitoring visit by Karen and Dee
- The quick and easy sale of our chickens (layers)

Please pray for

- Rain!
- Trivia night preparations, provision of donations and ticket sales
- A solution for the Kivuli 4WD vehicle (our only vehicle) – it appears we may need a new engine



to donate

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