

kivuli NEWS

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welcome to this month's newsletter

We thank everyone who has helped Kivuli Project operate through the year 2014. We had a very testing year where we lacked adequate rainfall and this resulted in hard times ahead for many Kenyan people in terms of food and animal feed. Thanks to our on-going support, we are somewhat shielded from the worst impacts of the weather.

The last couple of months have been festive and most of the children were with their relatives, just a few remaining with us at the project due to various reasons. During this time our main work has been to fix the drip lines in order to irrigate another portion of the farm.

Looking back over the past year the project has been able to complete some important objectives; we had several children joining technical schools, some children were able to reunite back with their relatives, community members were trained on simple green house structure and farming as well as rearing pigs, and of course we had three of our children complete their high school education, which is perceived as a very important milestone.

In the past year we were able to source an ever-increasing amount of cow feed and vegetables from the farm. It was also nice to meet and see several international visitors again.



We look forward to all God has in store for Kivuli this new year and wish you all a wonderful and blessed 2015!

Isaac Wairangu



community

The members of the community benefitted from the project when they were trained on how to manage a simple greenhouse constructed using local material. They were also trained on how to rear pigs using a very simple structure as part of empowerment. The members who attend were very happy and appreciated the training. Most of them said that they feared starting greenhouses because it was meant for rich people due to the perceived high cost. We are looking forward to seeing some of them construct such greenhouses and start growing some food for the family or sale.



children

These holidays we did not have most of the children. Our social worker had time to visit some of the children in their homes and there were good times for sharing. The few who were left at Kivuli had a good time as well. Children helped around the farm; during Christmas they all joined other children from

a neighbouring county where they celebrated and enjoyed together. They had chances to dance and play some of the local games to mark the day. They also had good time learning about baby Jesus together

The children also had an invitation from one of our

Kenyan sponsors (who has been living in Belgium) to celebrate Christmas Eve with her Belgium style. There was a lot of food to eat, drinks to drink and the climax was receiving pretty gifts from Belgium. They also received some good clothes from this sponsor for them and other children as well.



farm

From the farm we have been getting tomatoes for use and sale. We have sold some of the produce from the greenhouse and we still have some to use once the children are back. We also have some of the vegetables to use as we prepare to plant some more.

The farm produce has been of great importance to our animals and children. Our cows have been getting most of the food from this farm.

drip lines

We have at last fixed the drip-line on a good portion of the farm. This is such an opportunity because in the near future we shall be growing more food in and out of season. We have cabbages in the nursery, kales and spinach to start with as we scout out more crops to grow. These will be used in the kitchen and we will sell the surplus.

The drip lines were sourced through the trivia night last October in Melbourne and we cannot forget all the friends who turned up from their tight schedule and kindly contributed the money we needed. Thanks.



visitors

We had some visitors from the Assistant County Commissioner visiting our project this month to see all that we do. Later we had a quick surprise visit by the Millars, an Australian family related to one of our Australian Board Members, who passed by. They were encouraged by all that we do.



babies, babies, babies

The Kivuli Team is expanding. Firstly we congratulate our Groundskeeper and Driver, Joseph and his wife Rose on the birth of their son (5th child) who arrived on New Year's Eve. We also have some exciting news – Anne, our Children's Home Manager is expecting her 3rd child, due early February. Anne will take maternity leave for 3 months, and we are praying that we will find a replacement for her soon through her college, the Kenyan Institute of Social Work and Community Development. Lastly, Dee and Dan Rutherford are also expecting their 3rd child, due mid March.



gift catalogue

Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas presents this year from our Kivuli Gift Catalogue. We raised almost \$6000 which will go a long way helping us achieve our objectives. Just a reminder that the Gift Catalogue is not just for Christmas, and is available to purchase from all year round via our website.

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This is a tense time for the primary school graduates as they received their results of the Kenya Certificate Primary Education. The scores received (out of 500 marks) determine whether the children will be accepted into high schools. The results were announced this month and most of the children who were in class eight had done well - they will be joining the high school early February this year. The few who will not make to high school will be joining technical school to learn a trade skill.

animals

Our cows have been producing milk which we have been selling both to a dairy and some to local people who seem to buy better than the dairy. We have also sold some of the eggs from the chickens and we had 1.5 litres of honey from our bees for the first time.

for those that pray

Praise God for

- The safe arrival of Joseph's son
- Seeing Kivuli through another year
- Keeping all the children and staff safe during the December holidays.

Please pray for

- A productive 2015 for Kivuli
- Anne and Dee as they enter the final stages of their pregnancies
- The local farmers who want to start their own greenhouse projects.

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