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welcome to this monthly news and a new year at kivuli!

January has always been a very busy month for us. The children report from their relatives and guardians after school holidays, the school year begins, and the children are always very eager to join the next level in education. We have also welcomed three new staff members to the Kivuli team.

After a long holiday the children came back with excitement about the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) results – these were announced late December. Most of our candidates did very well. Unfortunately the children were met at school with a nationwide teacher's strike, which lasted for two weeks. This meant no school for them. We

organised for their personal studies in the children's home and our tutors always assisted them during the evenings.

The weather has been very challenging from the beginning of this year. Everywhere looks very dry and badly wanting rain. Most of the farms are very empty and look sad as farmers depend on their farms for most of their food.

The project has also been working closely with the community who have been keen on all that we have been doing. They have really appreciated the growing of local tomatoes where they are able to buy from our farm at a wholesale rate when very fresh.

'There is nothing impossible with a willing heart'



We are thanking God for how far we have come and for all that is happening and will happen at Kivuli, as we care for vulnerable children and empower the local community.

Isaac Wairangu



home visits

Anne, our CCI Manager and Social Worker, undertook home visits together with Mary, our new social worker (who will replace Anne whilst she's on maternity leave). These home visits were very successful and it was good to meet with the guardians and children in our home-based care program, or those who were still at home for holidays. Having our 4WD vehicle back on the road made this much easier!

children

All of the children had a great Christmas break and are now with us and back to school. Despite the nation-wide teacher's strike, our pupils were with books for the two weeks that strike lasted. Evening tuition went on as usual (our tutors were not on strike!) and they did their parts very well.

We had six children who were waiting for their KCPE resets. They scored very well and most received scores that will enable them to join high school. Four of them will be joining high school in early February, whilst two of

them will be joining technical school (polytechnic) to learn dressmaking/ tailoring and beauty/hairdressing. They are all happy with their results and are ready to join the next level.

We look forward to receiving the results for the three KCSE (Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education) candidates who finished high school last year. We are hoping results will be out by the end of February.



farm

Our farm has been improving over time. We have been selling lots of tomatoes from both of our green houses – they look excellent. We're now thinking about what we might plant next in the Tandum greenhouse as the first harvest nears to an end. We are seriously considering trying to grow watermelon next.

We are continuing to source most of the fodder needed for

our four cows and three calves, from the farm, and we still have some fodder we are irrigating. We have been able to acquire most of the required vegetables for the staff and children from our farm – even though the weather has been a great challenge to most farmers. This month we planted some peas and have cabbages, kales and spinach to plant in early February.

Our animals are doing so well. The pigs are happy and growing stronger every day. We are still using hydroponic farming to supplement their feed, which is proving beneficial. Soon we will be selling our first pigs. The calves are also doing well and we are looking forward to having more cows and more milk in future.

community

The project has been very beneficial to the community. Members from the community have been purchasing tomatoes from the project. They have also benefitted by cross breeding their goats and sheep using a better breed that is available in the project. We hope that in years to come the community

will have a better breed of both dairy goats and sheep.

We had a visitor who came to bring a 50kg bag of maize to offer to our children. This was very encouraging to see that the community members value all that the project is doing, and want to help support the children.



new staff

We have engaged three new staff members. Anne our CCI Manger will be on maternity leave from February and we have Mary Mugure to take over her duties. We also have Julius Munene and James Kihuria, two local men, working on the farm. We really needed the extra assistance on the farm to ensure the crops were well catered for, as we aim to commercialise the drip-irrigated portions of our land.

boys dorm underway

Now that the three house cottages are completed to a liveable standard (we still have some internal bathroom work to do), we have started to renovate the old dormitories where the boys have been staying. These buildings were initially built as 'temporary' ones when we first moved to our site, but will be renovated to the same standard as our

new cottages. The boys are very excited to see this work underway and are looking forward to living in their new accommodation with their 'House Father,' Joseph.

We would like to thank the members of North Ringwood Uniting Church for sponsoring this project and making the renovations possible.



for those that pray

Praise God for

- Safety of all children and staff over the Christmas break
- The provision of 3 new staff at Kivuli
- The beginning of a new year.

Please pray for

- The students who are beginning high school and polytechnic
- Anne as she prepares to give birth in February
- Mary, our new social worker, as she gets to know the children at Kivuli.

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