

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

This month Kivuli turned 2 years old! Happy birthday!! It's hard to believe how much has happened over the past 2 years. It's certainly been a wonderful ride and we can attribute it all to our loving and most generous God.

The beginning of the month was extremely busy as we ensured all of our Form 1 students were admitted to high

school and settled in. Things have calmed down now during the week with no children around. It has now freed up some time to concentrate on other things including developing the shamba (farm).

We hope you are just as excited and encouraged as we are with the progress that Kivuli is making. Happy reading!

Dan and Dee Rutherford



birthday

On February the 22nd we celebrated Kivuli's 2nd birthday. The children were extremely excited when they returned home from school as they knew there would be celebrations. We decorated the dining hall, played music, had a special menu for dinner, sang happy birthday (and ate cake of course!) and then finished the night off with the all-time favourite 'chocolate game'. The children (and staff) were given glow sticks to play with that our visitors Andy and Alex had brought with them. It was a great day!

management in kenya

Mid-way through February we (Dan and Dee) received news from Australia that a family member has been diagnosed with cancer. This news was a shock and consequently we, in consultation with the Australian Board, have decided to return to Australia to support our family through this time. Unsurprisingly God has provided more people at the perfect time to support Anne in managing the Project for the short-term. You will have read in last month's news that Holly and Leigh Shera-Jones were volunteering at the project for a month. This wonderful couple felt like God had placed them here for a reason and offered to return after travelling through Africa to help out. After much prayer and consideration the directors in both Kenya and Australia agreed that Holly and Leigh should return to support

Anne in running the project. So, Dan and Dee will leave on the 18th of March and Holly and Leigh will return on the 31st on March and stay until at least the end of August. Holly's nursing profession and Leigh's background in dairy farming and his engineering profession are all perfectly suited for the Project's needs, especially at this time of developing the shamba. God is so good!

The recent news has encouraged the project to assess the current personnel structure. Upon reflection, we feel the project is now well placed to seek a Kenyan national to manage Kivuli full-time, moving a majority of the responsibility away from international staff. When this role is filled, Anne will perform the 2IC role with a focus on the 'Home'. The



international staff will focus on assisting the two Kenyan managers in their duties, ensure accountability and remain a link between the Kenyan Board and Australian Board among other things. This will be a big step in transitioning to a future where Kenyans run the project with the international 'arm' operating closely with GDG to monitor, fundraise and support.



sewing sewing sewing

The new sewing machine has had a great workout this month and Dee is no longer the only one behind the pedal! Lucy, one of our Form 1 girls, had one week at Kivuli earlier this month as her school opened later than the rest. She had expressed an interest in learning how to sew and so Dee spent some time teaching her. After a few days of watching and learning, Lucy then had a turn at sewing her very own petticoat to take with her when she started high school. After seeing the result, several of the other children are now keen to learn and two of our staff members are also lining up. These are great practical skills for the kids to have for the future!



welcome dennis!

This month we welcomed Dennis, a new staff member to the Kivuli team. Dennis is working as a part-time night tutor to help the children with homework in the evenings. He finished high school several years ago with great marks and has been saving ever since to go to university to study to become a vet. Sadly, the unemployment rate in Kenya is extremely high and it is very hard for people to get jobs, even more so in rural areas. We are very pleased to have Dennis on the team until he begins University, he is getting along well with the children and they are appreciating the help he is providing them.

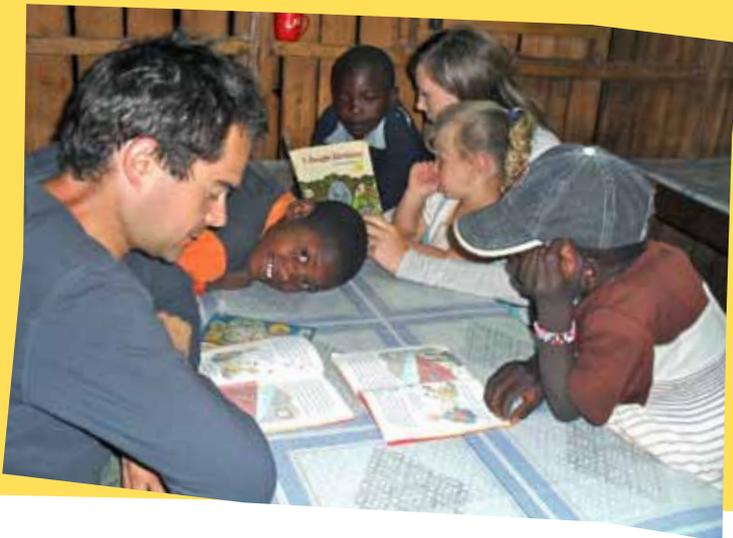
shamba update

Work at the shamba has been slow going, we have been trying to hire a tractor but with rain on the way it seems that they are very busy at this time of year! The department of Agriculture and Fisheries (who we heard are very active in assisting farmers) have come to the land to give their advice on zero-grazing and whether fish ponds are feasible.

The plans for the buildings are continuing to be refined and a site plan being drawn, while this has been happening we have been meeting with various builders to discuss building options.

visitors

We said goodbye to Holly and Leigh (until they return in April) and welcomed Andy and Alex Gargett for six days. Andy and Alex (Alexandra) attended high-school with Dan and both have a background and professional interest in aid and development. Andy's background is with Indigenous Australians and Alex in disability. They visited Kivuli after travelling to Sierra Leone and Ghana and after leaving us, were spending a couple of days on Safari at Ol Pejeta Bush Camp. While they were here Andy and Alex enjoyed spending time with the children, discussing community development and sleeping in!



funny of the month

This month we conducted interviews for a new tutor to teach the children in the evenings (the position filled by Dennis). We interviewed a number of candidates and as part of the interview we asked them to teach us something. We had a range of maths, english, science and social studies books as a resource. We asked them to choose a topic and take a few minutes to prepare something.

One of the applicants decided to teach us science and opened to the first topic – the reproductive system. Thankfully he started to teach us about the internal male organs first and after he had drawn a diagram of sperm on the blackboard we decided to stop him before he went any further!

for those that pray

Praise God for

- Holly and Leigh and their willingness to step out in faith and serve God in Kenya
- 2 wonderfully challenging and rewarding years at Kivuli!
- The relationship that is continuing to grow with the local church

Please pray for

- Healing for Dan and Dee's sick family member
- The provision of a Kenyan Manager for Kivuli
- Holly and Leigh as they return to Kenya and settle in



Happy 3rd birthday Marley!!

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