

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

July has been both a busy and immensely enjoyable month in Kenya and in Australia. Anne Kinuthia, Kenyan director of Kivuli and co-manager of the children's home has been in Australia for the month meeting sponsors and sharing her journey to churches, workplaces, groups and schools. She has also done lots of sightseeing. You can read her thoughts in this issue. In addition, we have written about our annual major fundraiser, the Kivuli Trivia night, which was held this month.

In Kenya, Holly and Leigh Shera-Jones are continuing their great work with Anyembe, who

attended a GDG Conference in Nairobi earlier in the month. The three of them are patiently persisting to get the Shamba (new block) rezoned, to allow us to build our accommodation alongside the crops we are growing. Read Anyembe's full update in this edition of Kivuli News.

Holly and Leigh are also preparing to leave Kivuli in mid August, as they head off to continue their travels in South America before returning home to Melbourne. It's hard to believe their 6 months in Kivuli is almost over! Anyembe and Anne will manage the project together in the absence of the



'wazungu' (white people) before we return to assist in early October.

Thank you again for your passionate support of the work of Kivuli Project.

God Bless  
Dan and Dee Rutherford



## shamba update

Back at the farm, there has been a lot of activity. We have continued enjoying the fruits of farming. We have harvested beans, sukuma wiki, spinach and carrots. The maize is also doing really well. As we harvest, we are breaking up new ground to expand our vegetables and potato gardens. We intend to eventually establish a steady supply of these for us to use. Throughout the year, another major development on the farm is that we are seriously planting Napier grass. (Great food for

cows) The Napier cuttings we planted earlier didn't do so well due to a few factors. This time we are planting uprooted splits, which establish a lot faster than the cuttings. It is our intention to have sufficient supply of Napier to feed a cow or two by November 2012. We don't want to keep buying milk when we can keep our own cows. We also want Kivuli kids to learn farming skills that will help them become independent productive members of society.



# anne's experience of australia

It was exciting my first time to be out of my country and to travel in an aeroplane; I could hardly believe my eyes. I was a bit nervous on how to change flights and about using the aeroplane toilet but all was good. At the airport I was surprised to meet a lot of people waiting for my arrival Dan "A" (Rutherford), "B" (Hickingbotham) and "C" (Gibbs), Kate, Dee, Sarah and Karen. It was awesome! I have been having a great time, we visited Sydney with Dee, Dan and Kate. While we were there we walked with a local guide to explore the city, its stories, secrets and history. The tour covered the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, the Rocks and Sydney tower. The people are always busy and so many storey houses. It was

my first time to be on a train and a tram it was exciting. I also went to Victoria market good to see all different meat cuts, seafood, fruits, other food stuff and clothes, it is a very big and busy market. I visited Sovereign Hill, which represents the conditions of Ballarat's early Gold fields. We went on an underground adventure, it was a deep ground experience of gold mining tour it was awesome. We also visited the gold smelting works and saw pure gold being poured, it was fantastic! Other things we did there were look at life as it was for Chinese miners, horse-rides and cattle works. We visited the Healesville sanctuary and saw Australian animals – kangaroos, pelicans, emus, Tasmanian devils, wombats, echindnas, dingos, parrots,



bats, owls and koalas. We saw the Bird Show and it was great! I enjoyed shopping because the shops were fantastic. We visited Apollo Bay, saw a whale, the beach was terrific and the weather was nice and warm. I went to Karen's workplace and learned a lot from the staff about how the young carers have been working with children and people who care for someone with mental illness. They also give support to the old people at home.



I loved the food it was good, various tastes, fragrance and texture, my favourite food was roast chicken and roast lamb and apple crumble. I will struggle with food when I go back to Kivuli!



## trivia night

On Saturday the 21st of July Kivuli held its third annual fundraiser. The team from Purple Soup ([www.purplesoup.org](http://www.purplesoup.org)) donated their time and skills to run the night. Their theme was Rock Trivia and it included games, challenges and questions to test our guests, putting them outside their comfort zones and having a lot of laughs in the meantime. The Oreo challenge was a favourite of many; contestants had to move an Oreo biscuit from their forehead to their mouth using just their muscles and gravity. It was achieved by a couple of people, as was 'the pirate' (where the biscuit was stuck in the eye socket until it eventually moved on!).

On the financial note, the event raised close to \$9,500 that will go towards our building project. Praise God!

We would like to again thank all of the guests for coming (of which there were many new faces to Kivuli), all the sponsors and people who sought items for the silent auction, Purple Soup, Andrew O'Brien for supplying all of wine, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall for giving us a great rate for a great venue.



We would like to thank the following sponsors for generously supporting The Kivuli Project Fundraising Trivia Night 2012

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## kivuli olympics

The Kivuli Olympics have started! We have 3 teams, Blue (The Warriors), Red (The Red Champions Club) and Yellow (Metkey the Winners).

The girls have made flags for each team and the children are having a great time cheering their team members on. So far they have played tunnel ball, limbo, the egg and spoon race, relays, memory game and many more. Yellow team are winning by 1 at this stage, we have 5 more challenges to go before the closing ceremony. The children have loved learning about the olympics and seeing updates and races on the news. We'll share the final results next month!



## fundraising idea

Kivuli would like to recognise and say thank you to one of our supporters, Eva Youssef, who is combining something she enjoys with her passion for the work of Kivuli Project. She has booked in for skydiving in a month to celebrate her 50th birthday and has asked her friends and colleagues to donate in-lieu of a present and sponsor her to do the dive. Eva wants to jump out of the plane whilst making a larger scale impact at the same time. Eva, we wish you all the best with your leap of faith! If you have any fundraising ideas of your own, please contact us.

## sponsors needed

We are looking for people who would like to sponsor the work of Anyembe, our newly appointed Project Manager. Whilst we have little trouble getting sponsors for children, we do find it hard to find people committed to supporting our staff. One of our goals, in time, is to have the project run completely by Kenyan nationals. This is to assist in long-term sustainability of the project – having foreign workers is expensive! Hiring Anyembe as our Project Manager was a key step in the

nationalisation process. We want to train him, (and all of our staff for that matter), so they have the necessary skills required in order to successfully run Kivuli Project Kenya long into the future. Without our dedicated staff, Kivuli Project could not operate.

Sponsorship is \$40 per month and is tax deductible in Australia and the US. If you are interested in supporting the wonderful work Anyembe does, please email [corinna@kivuliproject.org](mailto:corinna@kivuliproject.org)

## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- Anne's trip to Australia and the blessing she has been to the many people she has met
- A very successful trivia night, and for Purple Soup
- Food grown on our own land!

### Please pray for

- Sponsor's for Anyembe
- Two Kivuli children who are struggling with different issues
- Holly and Leigh as they prepare to leave Kivuli next month

## to donate

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## GDG Kenyan Partners Capacity Building Conference

This month I (Anyembe) got the opportunity to attend this year's Global Development Group conference held at Bethlehem Community Centre in Nairobi. I opted for the pre-primary/primary education stream. It was quite inspiring. We were taken through exciting methods of getting kids to learn new things, with special reference to English and Maths. We shared

experiences and brainstormed on various teaching methods. As we came to the end of the three-day conference, just like any good event, things seemed to get more exciting. We were left yearning for more. For my stream, we had to just rush through the last topic: creative writing. Such a fantastic partnership it was between the GDG and Hope Global.

On the sidelines of the conference, I had the chance to witness how a drip irrigation system works. Lots of vegetables in a greenhouse, using very little water for irrigation. Now, don't ask me whether I look forward to attending another such conference next year, because I do!



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