

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

Welcome to this month's newsletter! Thanks for taking time out from your busy lives to read our newsletter – your support is very encouraging.

My calling is to lead a team that prepares the children in our care to grow and go into the world; we do not own them and one day each of them will move on to the next stage of their life, away from Kivuli Project. When that time comes we hope that they will have gained the necessary skills and education to equip them to face the challenges of life and enable them to live peacefully with all

other people, and in doing so they will honour God.

In addition to working with the children, we are seeing great opportunities being presented to work with adults in our community that will empower them.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters who are doing this great service and giving their time and resources to help our most needy children here in the central highlands of Kenya.

God bless you,  
Isaac Wairangu



## holidays

School holidays began during the second week of April and it was wonderful to see that most of the Kivuli children had a family member or relative to go and visit. Most of the High School students also went 'home' for 3 weeks, and returned to Kivuli during the last weekend of April to spend a week with us before returning to school.

Those that have remained home during the holidays have been busy making cubby houses out of old building materials, playing badminton, soccer and volleyball, and helping out in the shamba. The children will start reporting back to school on Monday the 6th of May and they are all very excited, as there has been a recent presidential declaration of free laptops and milk by next year!



## building a bridge

This month we mobilized the community to repair a very important bridge for many just next to our shamba. Kivuli does not use it, but many of our neighbours do as they make their way to town. Whenever the rain is heavy the bridge and road flood making it very difficult for people and vehicles to pass. This was a very encouraging small project as our neighbours contributed to the repair, this work will be very helpful to many people.



## building our first cottage

We have finally finished the renovations of the existing three staff buildings, converting the once "temporary" buildings to permanent ones. Each timber house has tiled floors, fully insulated plasterboard walls and ceilings, skirting boards, solar lighting and iron sheet roofing. The staff are very excited to be living in such beautiful houses!

The completion of the renovations has enabled us to commence work on the first children's cottage. These will be built in the same fashion,

although will come complete with a flushing "squat" (also used in many parts of Asia) toilet and hot water taps to be able to bathe inside. Along with a bathroom, the cottage will have two bedrooms – one to accommodate a maximum of eight children and one for the "house mother." There will also be a large sitting room where each "family" can eat together, study and relax. In time, and as God provides the financial resources required, we will build five of these cottages.



## shamba

We are yet to harvest our crops. Maize, our staple food, takes between 6-12 months to grow, and beans take about 3-4 months.

Our fodder crops (food for the cows) are doing well and we hope to harvest our lucerne grass next month. The napier grass will be ready in 2 months, the sunflowers in 5 months, rhodes grass in 3 months, and the turnips and beetroot also in 3 months. We have also intercropped the desmodium grass with the napier.

Right now we are purchasing more cow feed but what we have planted will reduce this cost by far, but until they grow we have no other option. We have a plan to grow more fodder and store them in silos where we can teach the community on how to grow and store either for sale or for their use. We are just praying to God that all that we are doing here comes out strongly.



## we have fish!

Last month you will have seen a photo of our newly extended dam; well this month it has residents – 1250 tilapia fingerlings to be precise. Once the dam had been fully fenced and covered with mesh wire, we were able to bring home the new residents with the help of the Department of Fisheries. We even brought with us a few bigger fish to taste for supper – the children who remained at Kivuli over the holidays enjoyed the treat! We anticipate our first harvest of fully-grown tilapia will be in February 2014. This is yet another income generating project as we will sell the produce locally.

# MARAFIKI BREAKFAST

Sat 11th May, 8.30am

Come along to share ideas, learn about what's happening over in Kenya, and how you can help with the upcoming trivia night.

Breakfast provided, if you wish to bring a gold coin or two along on the day that is welcome.

North Ringwood Uniting Church  
14 Dickson Cres, North Ringwood

RSVP Fri 10th May  
danh@kivuliproject.org  
or 0438 180 982

**MARAFIKI**  
(ma-ra-fee-kee) • friends



## welcome miriam

Praise God! We have appointed our new Social Worker this month. Her name is Miriam Wanjiru and she has spent the past year volunteering with the Children's Office in the town of Naivasha. Miriam has settled into Kivuli extremely well already and is enjoying getting to know the children. She is happy to be able to spend some time in group counseling sessions with the high school students during the week they're home.

We are looking for a couple of sponsors for Miriam, if you or someone you know is interested please email [corinna@kivuliproject.org](mailto:corinna@kivuliproject.org).



## ben gives up his 21st for kivuli!

A big thank you to Ben Norton for giving up presents for his 21st and collecting donations for Kivuli. He raised over \$1000! Thanks Ben, great idea!

## GDG visit

At the beginning of the month, Martha Waithaka and Carey Westwood from Global Development Group came to do a monitoring visit of the project. We spent two days showing them around and assessing the progress that has been made against our goals, they were very impressed! We also took them to visit Ndaragwa Primary School, where all our primary aged children attend, and had a morning with our District Children's Officers in Nyahururu. This meeting was a great opportunity for both Martha and Carey to understand the relationship between Kivuli and Department of Children's Services, and to ask various questions about the great need for Charitable Children's Institutions like Kivuli in Kenya.



Photo L-R: Martha Waithaka (GDG), Anne Kinuthia, Dee Rutherford, Gladys Lang'at (DCO), Albert Wanjohi (DCO)

## trivia night... with trivia!

The annual Kivuli Trivia night is on yet again so put the date in your calendars and start getting your tables together.

**Saturday 22nd June**

7.30pm start

\$20 per head, tables of approx. 10

Venue TBC (eastern suburbs)

BYO drinks and food for your table

To book your place email  
dee@kivuliproject.org or call 0409 080 599

### SILENT AUCTION – GAMES – PRIZES

We are looking for donations, prizes, gift vouchers etc. to give away and auction off on the night. If you have something you are able to contribute, please contact us!

## the Rutherfords are in oz

Dan, Dee and their two girls arrived safely back in Melbourne, Australia early in the month. They will continue to work for Kivuli in Australia whilst they wait for their two-year work permits to be processed. If you would like to have them come and speak at your group/club/church/school whilst they're in town, please do not hesitate to contact them – dee@kivuliproject.org.

## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- Continued blessing and favour upon Kivuli
- Our new business venture – fish!
- The relationships most of our children have with family and extended family

### Please pray for

- Quick processing of work permits for Dan and Dee
- The provision of funds to build the children's cottages
- Our Social Worker Miriam, as she develops relationships with the Kivuli children

## to donate

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BSB: 013 403

Account Number: 3692 81295

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