

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

With Isaac away at Iris Harvest School of Missions in Mozambique until mid-December, it is left up to Dee and I to once again bring you the newsletter. It has been an amazing month back at Kivuli Project. We have once again gone through the effects of 'culture shock', from Holiday mode, to feeling homesick to finally assimilating into the Kenyan culture. Just a week after arriving we quickly hired some help around the house after finding our two-year-old daughter Zoe, making her way up the road after wandering out of the gate. Apparently she was going to meet the Kivuli

children halfway on their walk home from school!

We have also been able to reflect and be thankful to God for the peace that exists between the Kivuli children. When we began four years ago it was often difficult, regularly solving 'cases' of stealing and lying. However after much love, patience and role modeling, the atmosphere here is one of joy and harmony. We eagerly look forward to watching them grow into great young men and women; young adults who will bring positive change to their nation.

God Bless,  
Daniel (and Dee) Rutherford



## building progress

The first cottage is being occupied! Well, it's just the Rutherfords at the moment, living there whilst in Kenya, but it is inhabited. The second cottage is well underway with the interior work being done – plastering, tiling and painting. Cottage number three now has a frame and the walls and roofing will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The children are very excited and are all talking about moving in at the beginning of the 2014 school year. We hope to have all three cottages in a liveable condition by the end of the year!

# income generating projects

Over the past month we have spent a lot of time reviewing the income generating projects we've trialed at Kivuli. Did you know that one of our goals in the future is to be completely self sustainable? Well, we may not be there yet, but we have certainly made a good start to achieving this goal. Kivuli is earning funds locally through selling milk to the dairy and by selling eggs from our 200 chickens. In addition, we have a fish pond with over 1200 tilapia fish growing, which we anticipate will be ready for harvest in February 2014, and the garlic growing in our greenhouse will be ready for harvest by the beginning of December. Some of the projects are doing better than others, however they are all

profitable, and we're learning a lot. One thing we have learnt is that drip line irrigation is excellent for growing crops! It uses water efficiently and ensures all crops on the drip line are watered very simply and with very little effort. We will be looking at implementing more drip line in our shamba (farm) in 2014 to ensure good crops throughout the year. This will

help reduce our food costs and hopefully eliminate the need to purchase any fruit or vegetables in the future.

We have also been looking into various other farming projects and will be starting a small pig farm in 2014, along with adding goats and sheep to the shamba, all with the purpose of breeding and selling for meat.

It is our desire that Kivuli will be used as a resource centre for the local community to give them ideas of the different projects they can embark on. We will have tried and tested a range of income generating projects for the community to learn from and hopefully try out for themselves.



## more girls at kivuli

This month two new girls, Anne and Naomi joined the Kivuli family. These sisters lived with their elder brother who was struggling to support his wife and four children on a wage of approximately \$1.70 a day, let alone his two youngest sisters. His wife has recently given birth

to twins and she has also had some health problems. Sadly, both parents have died a while back now, leaving the siblings to look after each other. Our long-term plan of course, is to keep the connection between the girls and their brother, and perhaps even one-day assist them with an income generating project. The aim of this would be so they are in a position to live together again as a family, no longer needing financial assistance.

We already have a sponsor for Anne but are looking for another for Naomi. Sponsorship is \$40 per month and is tax deductible in Australia and

the USA. Sponsorship through Kivuli does not mean all funds go directly to that child. All funds received through Kivuli are pooled together to make sure all necessary project costs are met and that each child receives what they need; education, a clean safe place to live, adequate food, health care, etc. What sponsorship through Kivuli does give you is a connection with a child and an avenue in which to communicate with them. If you or know of someone who would be interested in sponsoring, please email Corinna our sponsorship coordinator, [corinna@kivuliproject.org](mailto:corinna@kivuliproject.org)



## kivuli gift catalogue

Looking for a unique and meaningful gift this Christmas? Well perhaps you might like to consider the Kivuli Gift Catalogue\*. We have added a few new items this year such as pigs, goats and sheep, amongst other items you can choose from. Whilst we try as much as possible to only sell the quantity of items we need, if the amount purchased exceeds the number required, we'll direct the funds to another much needed project. All funds raised through the Gift Catalogue greatly assist the work of Kivuli and are tax deductible. Please visit the website to view the catalogue. If you would like a Gift Catalogue Brochure, or would like to organise a stall at your group, church or event, please email us – [info@kivuliproject.org](mailto:info@kivuliproject.org)

\* Please note: gifts are indicative only



## baby news

We are thrilled to announce that Dan and Kate Hickingbotham are expecting their first child! For those who don't know, Dan and Kate spent 9 months in Kenya managing the project in 2011, and who are now both a part of the Australian and Kenyan boards for Kivuli. Dan also does most of our design work, including our website and gift catalogue. They have both been a HUGE blessing for Kivuli and we're all very excited for them. We can't wait to meet the little Hickingbotham in 2014!



## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- Continued growth at our local church, both in number and relationship
- Peace amongst the children (and staff) at Kivuli
- Blessing our income generating projects.

### Please pray for

- Kate Hickingbotham and her growing baby
- Isaac in Mozambique and his wife and children back in Kenya
- For the class 8 students who are preparing to sit their final Primary School exams

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