

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

Thank you for reading the newsletter detailing the events of March 2014. We again come to feel little more relaxed when our children are about to close the school. This month we had a good time preparing the shamba for planting, conducted home visits and had school meetings.

Throughout the season we have come across challenges and we have seen the help of God in all that we have been doing.

All our children have been to school for the first good part of the term and are eager to break for the April holidays. Every one had a good experience of the new school year levels they joined at the beginning of the year.

As we always say, we have great concern of the children God has put under our care as we guide and counsel them on all aspects of life. We know that all people were born originals but have you thought about the truth that most die as copies? Children are exposed to so many dangers that easily influence their life either positively or negatively. We try to bring out of them the best they have. We realise that all of them have different abilities and gifts. These can be easily observed by what they say and do during their free time and interaction. Our programmes try to cater for a holistic development of the child.



We thank all who diligently support our children by funding the project despite many economic challenges. We cannot forget to thank the Australian government for their support and the opportunity it has created in order to see Kenya and Africa at large fight

the monster of poverty and exploitation of children living in poor conditions.

“Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting”

Thanks,
Isaac Wairangu

second-hand camera wanted!

As you may be able to tell, the photos this month are not very good quality, our digital camera broke and unfortunately cannot be repaired. If you have an digital camera and charger that you are no longer wanting and would like to donate it to Kivuli please email info@kivuliproject.org or call the office on 03 8692 9931. If one is donated before the 15th of April, it can be packed and brought with the visiting Australian Board members. Thank you!



hot water

Finally, we now enjoy the hot water from the solar heating system. Our children are getting bathing water heated by the sun. This has seen us save time to warm it up, reduced fuel costs (burning wood) and has created a lot of convenience; we get this water during the hot sunny days. The water gets heated such that we have to cool it during sunny days. During cloudy days, the water is luke warm and good for use. We highly appreciate the Australian High Commission who sponsored the three systems through their Direct Aid Program. Each house has its own heating system, which has a capacity of 300 litres.

shamba

We planted more food crops such as cabbages, garlic, carrots, sukuma wiki (green leafy vegetable), maize and potatoes. We harvested sunflower, which we used to prepare the dairy and fish meal. We have maize fodder, which our cows are enjoying in the daily ration.

This month, we received a 7-minute hail rainfall, which left our field flooded with ice seeds! Our children were most excited to pick up the ice, taste and play about with it. This is not usual in our area!

msamaria visit

Our friends from Msamaria Supermarket (the small supermarket in our town of Ndaragwa) came to visit again, and again donated many foodstuffs. Our children were very excited to have a good time with the visitors and sharing a cake to mark the visit. We do receive visitors and well-wishers from time to time. These visits are a lovely gesture from the community as they give back to those in-need. We also learn a good lesson (and our children too) on the importance of our collective responsibility.



dairy meal

Once again, we were able to harvest bitter rupean, sunflower, sweet potato vines, and lucerne grass from our shamba. After drying the fodder crops, we grind it all and then it's mixed with the hands. This gave us a good amount, which we then mixed with wheat bran to make a lot of dairy meal. Our cows could not wait to taste it and wanted more. This is encouraging us to grow more and see to it that we can avoid the shop feed and source from the shamba in the near future.

We encourage anyone with more knowledge of growing fodder that can be used in food formulation to help us learn more.

fish meal

To make fish meal, we mixed some of the dairy meal with our dried chicken poo. Our fish in the pond are currently supplementing the diet in our kitchen. We are looking forward to improving the fish farming and are currently exploring the best fish types to grow or improve the present tilapia.



home visit

Ann had a good time with one family in a Nairobi slum area called 'Kibera' where one of our children is living happily. The home-based care program is proving to be successful. Akinyi is happy to be with her mother and confessed that the school she attends is 'the best'. This confidence makes her perform well and she helps her mother after school. She is among other children living with their families at home and attending the schools nearby. We know the best place for a child to be is at home when family interaction is healthy and happy. We are trying to reconnect some of the children with their families for better future.



church kesha

All our children choose to attend the local church. This time they participated in 'kesha' – a prayer night, youth rally and seminar that left them happy and blessed. It is our prayer that they desire to grow strong spiritually and lead a Christian way of life. During the kesha, they were encouraged to face their life challenges trusting in God - for all problems become smaller if you do not dodge them but rather confront the

problem. This encouraged them to continually accept themselves and develop self-esteem. They all thoroughly enjoyed the event.



save the date

The annual Kivuli trivia night is shortly upon us. This year it will be held on June 14th again at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall in Ringwood, Melbourne. So, put the date in your diaries and start organising your tables! If you are interested in helping, either with organising the event or by donating of good/services for the silent auction, please email dee@kivuliproject.org.

monitoring visit

In April, two members of the Australian Board will be visiting Kivuli Project for about two weeks. This is a way of supporting the staff and Board in Kenya and continuing the relationships that have been built up for over four years. Australian Board members will visit a few times each year so if you are interested in seeing the project first hand, the visiting members are happy to be accompanied by small groups. Please contact info@kivuliproject.org for further information. Also, if you sponsor a child and would

like to send them a letter/card and a photo (which they LOVE), then please address to Kivuli Project, PO Box 147, Mount Evelyn 3796 and send prior to the 15th April and we will be sure to deliver it.



for those that pray

Praise God for

- Our home based care program
- The generosity of people in our local community, especially Msamaria
- Solar hot water!

Please pray for

- Our children during the April school holidays
- The families and guardians of our children
- The Kivuli staff and board members, both in Kenya and Australia

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