

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

Well it has been another busy month; we have had our first ever Annual General Meeting in Kenya and welcomed two new members to the Kenya Board, we employed a new staff member and we welcomed Dan and Kate Hickingbotham back to Australia after their 6-month stint at Kivuli. They will be here for another 4 weeks before returning back to Kivuli for 5 weeks before we return. Check out their blog <http://www.6monthsinkenya.com/>, which has some great reflections of their time spent there. Anne is doing a superb job looking after the children at Kivuli with Auntie Loise, Auntie Njoki, the Mzee (old man

watchman) and the newest edition to our Kenyan staff, Uncle Charles.

We have been busy working on a strategic plan for Kivuli over the next 3-5 years with the Australian Board; please pray for wisdom for us all as we continue to seek God's will for the project. We're excited about where we're heading and look forward to sharing these plans with you in detail when they're finalised.

A new look website is not far away thanks to Uncle Dan 'B', stay tuned...

God bless,
Dan and Dee Rutherford

kenya AGM

During this month the team in Kenya, along with Dee and Dan (via a very jumpy skype connection) held our first Annual General Meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the progress of Kivuli over the past year, ensuring that we are providing adequate care for the 40 children under Kivuli's roof. Anne, our Kenyan director chaired the meeting and did a fantastic job. Along with the normal Kivuli staff members in attendance; Loise, Njoki, Mzee, Dan and Kate, we also had two members of the community attend, Mr Kibe and Mr Papiyas. It was exciting to have everyone together and to listen to insights into the project and hear about



how Kivuli has grown in such a short period of time. During the meeting we presented and discussed Dan Rutherford's annual chairman's report which is a reflection on what Kivuli has done in order to provide for the needs of the Kivuli children. We also voted on two new official board members, and therefore welcomed Loise and Mr Papiyas, who will join the Kivuli Kenya board and be part of strategic decision making for Kivuli in Kenya. The new board members will assist Dee and Dan as they continue to run Kivuli in the coming years and also make Kivuli's name known in the wider community.

girls join the soccer field

Update by Auntie Anne

The Kivuli girls played football against Baldo Children's Home on Sunday the 17th of July. Our girls were confident of winning even though they had not been practicing. With their matching



tops and pyjama pants they were able to identify each other in the field. The young girls were moving faster than a motorbike and passing the ball to the older girls within a twinkling of the eye. Baldo had a coach but that was not a big deal, Auntie Loise was the referee – well done Auntie! Not forgetting our tough goalkeeper Virginia. Most of the other girls who did not participate wanted to join next time. Our boys were also excited to see their sister's efforts. They ended with a draw but have the potential of winning next time.

uncle charles

This month Kivuli welcomed a new staff member through the gates. Charles joins Kivuli as a tutor for the afternoons and evenings and to assist Anne and the other staff during the absence of helpers from Australia. Charles has previously worked at another children's home in Kenya so has a passion for children, particularly children in need of care and protection. Charles' main role will be helping the children with their homework as well as providing extra

classes in order to supplement the education the children are getting at school. The kids were excited to welcome Charles to Kivuli, especially the boys who were extra excited to have a new male staff member. A great addition to Charles' list of expertise is an interest and love for football, so he will therefore assist us by coaching the Kivuli Stars football team, who play casual games most Sunday afternoons. Welcome Charles to the Kivuli team!

car appeal

Whilst our existing vehicle, the Nissan van we affectionately names Earl, gets us from A to B, that is, anywhere on the main tarmac road, we often need to venture into territory C (off the tarmac). Most of our children's families and extended families live in the 'interior' as commonly referred to in Kenya. The roads to their houses are not sealed and are often quite lengthy drives. It is a requirement that we conduct regular home visits during the holidays to ensure the children under our care and being well looked after. Unfortunately, unless the weather is dry, Earl struggles to venture into the 'interior' and this has resulted in several frustrating 'bogging' experiences.

It is for this reason that we feel it necessary to purchase a 4WD vehicle and are seeking your assistance to make this possible. We already have \$6000 from the Trivia Night to put towards the vehicle and are appealing for another \$14,000 towards the purchase of a newer second hand double cabin 4WD with a tray (Toyota Hilux or similar). This will ensure we can conduct home visits, and the tray



on the back will assist us greatly when we commence our building project, as we'll be able to transport building materials easily ourselves.

If you are interested in contributing to the car appeal, you can donate via our website or direct bank deposit. ANZ Bank

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GDG HOPE education program

Earlier this month our Kenyan Director Anne attended a three-day training seminar organised by Global Development Group (GDG), in conjunction with one of their Australian Partners, Hope Education. The Australian High Commissioner, Mr Geoff Tooth, officially opened the seminar and several other Kenyan Government Officials were in attendance.

Anne found the training extremely beneficial and chose to attend workshops in both ICT and Management. She learnt how to navigate shortcuts on a computer and how to create documents and spreadsheets Microsoft Word and Excel. The Management training had a focus on the characteristics of a strong leader and gave Anne some practical advice on how to better utilise her skills as a leader.

We would like to thank GDG and HOPE Education for organising and facilitating the training!

correction

Last monthly we incorrectly published that the Girls in Wangaratta raised over \$200 for Kivuli. In fact, it was over \$2000!! To be exact it was \$2069.45. Apologies to Georgia, Natalie, Jo, Grace, Amy and Sophie from Wangaratta High School for the error. And once again, thank you girls for your massive effort!!!



gospel resource ltd

We would like to thank Gospel Resource Ltd for their most generous donation of \$20,000! Once we find land, this money will go a long way in helping us build our new permanent Kivuli facility. Asante sana (thank you very much)!!

for those that pray

Praise Points

- For the provision of 2 new members to the Kenyan Board
- For Uncle Charles!
- For the safe return of Kate and Dan

Prayer Points

- For the Board in Australia as they plan for the future of Kivuli Project
- For Anne and the staff at Kivuli over the next 4 weeks as they run the project without the assistance of Kate and Dan
- For the provision of funds for a 4WD vehicle



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