

kivuli NEWS

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jambo friends,

Well we are back in Kenya after 9 months in Australia. It's nice to be back and see the kids again, we were all very excited. It has also been great to see how the project has been running in our absence; Dan and Kate Hickingbotham have done a wonderful job alongside our Kenyan Manager, Anne Kinuthia. The kids have been well cared for and the place is running smoothly. There are even a few extra additions to the place that were a nice surprise to come back to; concreted tap areas, an extra light in the dining hall, a gate and area for the new car...

We are excited to be back to Kivuli, and not just because of the children. We have a clear direction of what we are here to do, and are excited to get stuck into doing it. We are finalising our new direction with our partners, Global Development Group, and will share more about it with you in the coming months. In short, Kivuli Project Kenya will have 4 main areas of operation over the coming years:

1. Kivuli Children's Home
2. Supporting Families
3. Community Development
4. Business Development



It is a huge task ahead of us. We have spent the past 9 months with the Australian and Kenyan Boards seeking God's direction for the project and know that Kivuli is in His hands.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13

Thank you for reading another edition of Kivuli News.

Dan and Dee Rutherford

new car

We mentioned last month that we were trying to raise funds to purchase a Nissan 4WD for Kivuli. Praise be to God we bought it! It has already made life so much easier as we have been able to travel safely to places like the older boy's High School and to the market to pick up food supplies without a tyre blowing or getting bogged. In fact, just the day before we picked up the car we went to visit the

older boys at High School and sure enough, we got bogged! Thank you so much to the individuals who contributed specifically towards this purchase, you know who you are.



meet uncle charles

Tell us about yourself

I was born in Nyeri and grew up in this area. I studied 'Career Guidance in Counselling', learning the basics of psycho-analytics and working with children. I also have a diploma in 'Commerce & Industry'.

What is your role at Kivuli?

I work as a tutor, assisting children in their work, coaching in academics. I also assist the kids in sports on the weekends, coaching the boys football team, and help them reach for their goals in both sports and education.

What do you like about working with these kids?

These kids are always ambitious to learn, you can help them develop new and different skills, and they are great learners, not just academically, but in their extra curricular activities too.

How does what you do help these kids?

It helps to motivate them, nurturing and helping release their talents and skills.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Watching sports. I support Barcelona in football. I am also a keen gardener, at the moment I have a small plot growing a few carrots, onions, spinach and a few other small items.

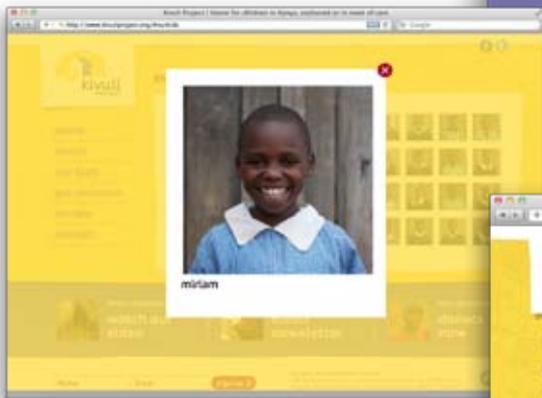
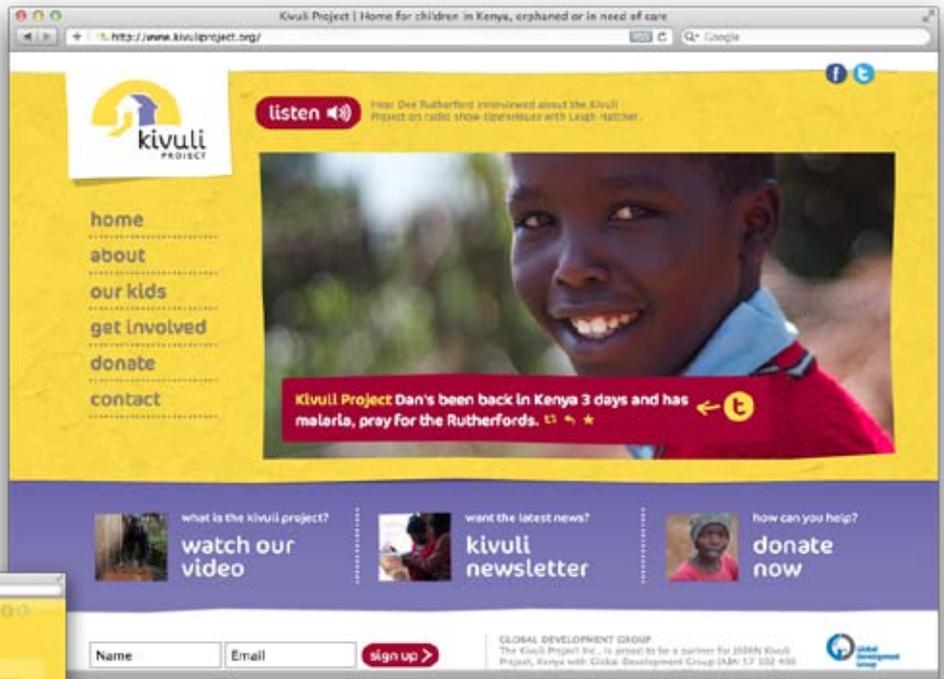


Uncle Charles and the boys who he coaches in the local football.

website launch

We are excited to announce that we have a new website that was launched this month. Uncle Dan (Hickingbotham) has done a great job designing and building it for us. We think you'll agree it has some great features on it and looks fantastic.

Check it out www.kivuliproject.org and see photos of the Kivuli kids. A HUGE thanks to Uncle Dan for doing this for Kivuli!



Check out the 'our kids' page to meet all the kids at Kivuli.



New home page has large photos of our kids, latest from twitter, video and more.

Our new 'donate' page makes it easier to contribute and also see where your money goes.

Meeting with other children's homes.

This month Kivuli was privileged to host the bi-monthly meeting for the Charitable Children's Institutions (CCIs) in our district. Staff from CCIs meet to support each other and discuss how to better meet the needs of the children under their care. The meeting was attended by 14 others representing different homes as well as members of the District Children's Department who oversee and govern what goes on in the homes.

The group discussed and made plans to have exchange visits for staff to different homes in order to share ideas about day-to-day tasks and methods of practice. In the future exchange visits will also occur with children, so the children can meet and interact with other children who are also living in similar circumstances.



After the formalities had occurred we took the group members on a tour of the Kivuli grounds. Members were very encouraging of what Kivuli had been able to set up in a short time, even though we are on a rental property. They also gave lots of helpful ideas about buying land and setting up our home in the future.

Staff from other children's homes enjoy lunch at Kivuli

knitting

A knitting craze has just hit Kivuli, thanks to one of your our kind sponsors. Kivuli was sent a number of sets of knitting needles and some wool. The Kivuli girls are very much enjoying spending their free time sitting together knitting scarfs, pouches and whatever else their knitting turns out to be! Auntie Njoki (our kitchen staff member) who is also an avid knitter has been teaching the girls what to do and different styles of stitches. Njoki was taught knitting in 'home science' class at school, a subject which is no longer being taught. She is now using these skills to knit school sweaters



and sells them to locals from the community. Therefore the value of such a skill is high for the Kivuli girls as maybe one day they can be doing the same.

open house / light fm radio interview

This month Aunty Dee went to Sydney to be interviewed on Open House, a three-hour talk show airing across Australia on Sunday nights, exploring life, faith and culture. She had the opportunity to share how God had called her and Dan to Kenya early last year to start Kivuli. It was a great interview so if you missed it and wanted to hear it, you can find it on our website or by searching for "Rutherford" in the podcast section of the Open House website www.openhousecommunity.com.au.



for those that pray

Praise Points

- For working in the life of the boy we requested prayer for last month!
- For the safe arrival of the Rutherford family
- For the provision of a new car!

Prayer Points

- For Uncle Dan H and Aunty Kate as they prepare to leave Kivuli
- For several cases of malaria at the project (including Uncle Dan Rutherford)
- For the Rutherford family, and especially their children, as the readjust to life in Kenya

to donate

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