

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

We give thanks to God for everything He's been doing at Kivuli over the past month! We were very privileged to have a visit from Tim and Emma from Purple Soup at the beginning of the month – they ran various games and activities for the kids at Kivuli. Our new Project Manager, Patrick Anyembe started this month and has been busy developing the shamba and building relationships with people in our local community. Anne has been preparing for her first visit to Australia (in fact her first time outside Kenya!) and to top it all off, Loise, our Social Worker gave birth to her first child!

Back in Australia we have been busy preparing for two upcoming events, the Supporters Dinner in June and the



Trivia Night in July. Dan had the privilege of talking about Kivuli at the Deep Creek Anglican Church Men's Breakfast and Dee spoke at a Mother's of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) group at a church in Burwood East.

We are truly blessed indeed. We hope you enjoy reading everything that has been happening and hope to see you at the Supporters Dinner and/or Trivia Night in the coming months.

God bless,  
Dan and Dee Rutherford



## anne is coming down under

We are very excited to announce that our Kenyan Director, Anne, is coming to Australia for the month of July. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Anne to meet the Australian Kivuli team, our supporters and sponsors and learn a little about our culture and see some of our sights. Anne would love to have the opportunity to talk and meet many people, so if you have any speaking opportunities for her in July, then please contact Dee on 0409 080 599 or email [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org) to discuss further.

# purple soup

We were fortunate enough to have 'Purple Soup' with us for a weekend on the 5th of May. Purple Soup is an Australian organization that runs therapy based games for children that are sick or underprivileged (they also run team building games and activities for many Corporate Organisations). The children loved participating, it was great to see them working in a team to problem-solve and communicating with each other.

We would like to thank Tim and Emma from Purple Soup for generously coming to Kivuli to invest in the lives of our kids. Thank you for all the games and activities you left behind, you are welcome back anytime!

For more information on Purple Soup see their website, <http://www.purplesoup.org/>



"The games were very exciting. We enjoyed eating sweets. The time was too short. We played as a team the boys in one group and the girls in the other. We played many different games such as parachute game, tennis ball games, acting and popping balloons. Everyone's favorite was throwing the tennis balls when they are in stockings. We would love purple soup to come again."

– Jane and Purity (class 7)



## want to get involved in the work of Kivuli?

**saturday 30th june, 7.00pm**  
**deep creek anglican church**  
**460 blackburn road**  
**east doncaster**

RSVP 23rd June to  
[dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org) or  
**0409 080 599**

There is no cost for this event, as you are our guests. However there will be a donation box if you feel led to contribute towards the expenses of the night.

Anne



If you are excited about what we do (and live in Melbourne) then we'd love you to join us at our non-fundraising supporter's dinner on the 30th of June. There are two aims of the night; the first is to say thank you to all Kivuli supporters, the second is to share our exciting vision and ways that you have a stake in it, by being actively involved.

It will be a time for you to meet Anne, the rest of the Australian team and other supports. You can also ask questions about the project, have some fun and of course try a traditional Kenyan meal.

# shamba update

from the desk of our new Project Manager, Patrick Anyembe

You know how they welcomed me at Kivuli? Njoki (our cook) quickly fixed me some lunch before I was sent off to the shamba – it was time to roll my sleeves up and get my hands dirty! Leigh and the Form 1 boys were breaking the ground on a rather marshy part of the farm and I promptly joined them. Now let me assure you from the outset that I love farm work, having been brought up on the farm, but tilling waterlogged soil is not one of my strongest points! We did this for two more days.

We have had quite a few activities on the shamba this month. We planted more maize and beans, napier grass for our future dairy cows and the all too popular sukuma wiki (similar to spinach). We have since had the crops weeded. We have had so much rain

that we decided to disconnect the town water for the time being to save some money, as it is not expensive to reconnect. We have had gutters made for the roof catchment so we shall collect rainwater for the farmhouse as well.

As we look forward to establishing our home on the shamba, the kids will play a much bigger role in farm work. Apart from reducing the food costs, the kids will also acquire essential farming skills that will come in handy in their adult lives. Consider dairy farming, poultry keeping, rabbit keeping, possibly a fishpond, a few fruit trees, cereals, root crops, the dream goes on...

In an effort to have the farmhouse connected with electricity, we have been



in discussions with the neighbouring villagers about filling in an application as a group. Of course we shall bear the bulk of the cost, but it will still be much lower than if we did it alone, plus it will benefit many people in the village. Our neighbours will be happy that we came and will work with us on future programs. The local Chief has given us names of a few interested neighbours, and will coordinate them plus others in the village to work on this project together.



## it's a boy

Congratulations to Loise our Social Worker, and her husband Stephen on the birth of their first baby, a beautiful boy! Praise God for Alain Levi Njugunah, who entered the world on the 25th of May weighing a tiny 2.6kg. Both Mum and bub are doing well. The children have visited Levi (in groups of 5 at a time) and said they are looking forward to him joining their counseling sessions when Loise returns to work in September!!!

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us again this year for the Kivuli Trivia Night. We are extremely fortunate to have the leaders from Purple Soup running the night. We had such a great time last year; you don't want to miss this! All proceeds will go towards the work of Kivuli.

**Date:** Saturday 21st July

**Place:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall  
14 Bedford Road, Ringwood  
Melways ref 49 H9

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Cost:** \$20 per head, tables of approximately 10  
(please note, tickets are not tax deductible)

BYO nibbles and soft drink.

Beer and wine can be purchased at discounted prices.

Contact Dee to book your table on 0409 080 599  
or email [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org)

**Be quick because places are limited!**



## 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!

## association for charitable children's institutions in kenya (accik)

On Wednesday the 23rd of May, Anyembe attended as sensitization seminar about the formation of the ACCIK hosted by the Provincial Director of Children's Services (PDCS). The aim of the session was to inform everyone about the formation of an umbrella association for all CCI's, a body that will represent the interests of all CCI's in the nation. It will ensure that CCI's make a solid contribution to policies made by the National Council of Children's Services (NCCS).

In his speech, the PDCS reiterated the need for CCI's to explore other options instead of institutionalisation of kids. He emphasised the need to promote home-based care noting that the best environment for a child's growth is in the home environment. He concluded by making the point that the children need to learn skills that will enable them to easily integrate into the community.

It is exciting to see that the methods Kivuli are adopting are in line with those of the NCCS, as we introduced our home-based care program earlier this year. As we look forward to our new home, we should eventually be able to establish typical home environments for kids still under our care, with a mother, brothers and sisters, and possibly training on the roles of each of the kids as a member of the specific family.

## to donate

Donations to this Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993) approved aid and development project J606N Kivuli Project are tax deductible.

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## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- The safe arrival of baby Levi
- The formation of the ACCIK
- Purple Soup!

### Please pray for

- Anne as she prepares to travel to Australia next month and for the quick provision of her visa
- Continual strengthening of relationships within the community
- Revival in Ndaragwa!



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