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jambo friends,

It's time again for the newsletter, isn't it? Every time I sit down to share what the Almighty God has been doing at Kivuli, Kenya, I am overwhelmed by the enormity of this task. The main challenge is that of gleaning from the myriad items on the table to pick which to comment about. A friend of mine viewed the Kivuli website sometime last month and sent me a face book message saying, "You guys are doing an excellent job. Those lovely kids must be so blessed to be at Kivuli. I feel like being part of Kivuli." Well, that's a story for another day.

I have to admit that my teacher was not very effective in teaching me summary writing. You see I have already digressed even before



I begin. In this edition of the Kivuli newsletter you will, inter alia, read about the shamba and crops, poultry and other livestock, building plans, Kivuli Christmas and our Gift Catalogue.

On behalf of Dan, Dee, and everyone here at Kivuli, I would like

to thank you all for your ongoing support of Kivuli Project this year. We are so grateful and we hope you and your families have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

God bless,
Patrick Anyembe



Purchase something from our gift catalogue, to give to your family member, work colleague or friend this Christmas and support the work of the Kivuli Project. See last page for details.



building plans

As we indicated in the last newsletter, we have finally received the NEMA (National Environment Management Authority) licence. We got it on Friday the 23rd of November. You know what that means? It means we are ready to go. Consequently, we have engaged a contractor to make a Bill of Quantities for the first phase of the construction: two double cottages, toilets and washrooms, and the septic pit. The document will be ready by the end of the month all going well. We are also in the process of getting an earthmover from the County Council of Nyandarua to start the earth works on our building site. Soon the construction will be underway, Praise be to the Almighty God!

farm crops

We have had a good maize harvest, and are in the process of shelling and preparing it for storage. In its place on the farm are vegetables such as kales, spinach, coriander, a little beetroot, cucumber, parsley (what does it taste like?) plus a variety of spicy herbs. I have intimated before that we intend to have continuous supply of vegetables and leafy greens, remember? We are almost there, thanks to the commitment of our Groundskeeper, Joseph Opala. We are planting crops that can grow with the little rain we have this season and a little irrigation. And while we are at it, we are also working on a crop rotation plan. We don't want to have the same crop on the same plot all the time. In addition, we are weeding our napier grass to be ready for our



first cow. New additions to the farm are five orange seedlings that we planted last week, and hope to start harvesting in 2015. Too ambitious? Maybe, but that's what we want.

livestock

Look, this is all I need to say: we have seen God's grace. All the chicks are in excellent shape and we have not lost one. Did I tell you that we were advised

to buy month-old chicks at 400 shillings each (and we did not take the advice)? Let me tell you how much we would have lost. By the end of one month, the actual cost of one chick was 190 shillings. This includes the cost of acquiring them, plus all consumables (feed, water, charcoal for warming, drugs, lighting etc). By going for day-old chicks we saved 84,000 shillings. Not that we have not had challenges. Of course we

have. For instance last week we had to get them medication for coccidiosis, outside the routine immunization programme. That was an invaluable learning experience for us, and everything is excellent.

Our shed for storing the maize stalks, which we intend to use as cow feed, is almost ready. The construction of the dairy unit is in its formative stages. You know what, we really want to have the first dairy cow before Christmas this year. Fantastic, isn't it? Talking about Christmas, are you guys sure what Christmas we are talking about?

the children

The class 8 candidates are doing their national exam (KCPE), and 4 very hardworking children represent Kivuli: Jimmy, Kevin, Pauline and Charles. We wish them nothing less than excellent grades. Having watched them prepare, we are quite optimistic. The rest of the children closed school on Thursday and Friday last week (22nd and 23rd). As is the best practice for Children's Home, we dispatched our children to their biological families; so all that have responsible and loving relatives that they can stay with are not at Kivuli at the moment. However, there are some that are not blessed with such relatives. For those, Kivuli remains their home throughout, and we endeavour to keep them in the most homely environment that we can.



visitors

We had Dee's brother and his family visit this month – Christian, Rachel, Sam and Benji. Sam and Benji had a great time learning about how other children live and the Kivuli children loved playing with them both. Christian spent a lot of time getting alongside the boys and encouraging them, and Rachel could not escape the Kivuli 'salon' – the girls here are fascinated by "wazungu" (white people) hair, and spent hours brushing, plaiting, brushing, plaiting...

kivuli christmas

We held our traditional early Christmas at Kivuli last Saturday 24th November. You should see the photos to get a glimpse of how it was. All I can say is that it was exhilarating, with plenty of food (Joseph did the chicken roasting on charcoal at the farm with lime and salt water for flavour), gifts galore and lots of fun and excitement.. It was a really special day for the whole Kivuli family. What I will not say is that some folks even made a mild suggestion (a loud wish, really) for us to have a few Kivuli Christmas(es?) each year!!

It was the first time that all Kivuli children were all together this year. All High schoolers. Primary schoolers, and even our three in the home-based care program were here to celebrate. It really was wonderful to all be at the shamba together, sitting on the grass enjoying a fabulous Christmas meal!!



craft activity of the month

Hello my name is Evans Kariuki. I live in Kivuli with other kids. Here in Kivuli we do a lot of activities such as ball games and many others. One day me and my friend Ismael we made toys. We used an empty bottle and then took a nail and made four holes in it. We got two sticks and kept them inside the holes that we had made in the bottle. We took lid of an old container and made holes in each to make wheels. We kept the lids and placed them on the two sticks and it started moving. We took a pair of scissors and cut the top and kept some stones in. I tied the string at the front of the container. We started pulling it and we were enjoyed playing with it. Now I have made two them. We would like someone of Australia to try and make one.

Email a photo of your attempt to daniel@kivuliproject.org and we'll present a few in December's newsletter.



thank you mullum primary

On Wednesday the 28th of November Mullum Primary School held a busking day to raise money for Kivuli. The children were asked to bring loose change to put in the hats of their peers who were busking. There was so much enthusiasm, the children had a ball and the teachers were very supportive – overall a great day. Have a guess how much they raised? They were aiming for \$400 but ended up with a grand total of \$876.50!! Fantastic effort – thank you Mullum Primary!! The teachers are now planning to purchase their Kris Kringle gifts for each other from our gift catalogue.

kivuli gift catalogue

The Kivuli Gift Catalogue offers you a choice of 10 different meaningful gift ideas to give to your family member, work colleague or friend this Christmas. When you purchase something from our gift catalogue, not only will you be supporting the work of the Kivuli Project, as we empower children, families and communities in central Kenya, but you will also receive a gift card to give to your recipient which explains how the gift helps others.

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goodbye earl

This month we said goodbye to Earl, our Nissan Van. Earl was the first vehicle we purchased, and since purchasing the new 4WD vehicle and our farm ("shamba"), we have not had a need for it. We had it converted into a public transport vehicle "matatu" to see whether it would be a viable income-generating business however it did not prove fruitful. Once we made the decision to sell, word spread and it did not take long to find a buyer. We are so thankful to God that we were able to sell it for a very reasonable price. The money will come in extremely useful with construction of our new home likely to start next month.



ritchies – where kivuli benefits!

Thanks to the efforts of a member of the new group Marafiki, the Kivuli Project is now connected with Ritchies Community IGA stores. By doing your regular grocery shopping at a Ritchies IGA store and presenting your card at the checkout, a percentage of your total purchase will go towards Kivuli. If you have a Ritchies IGA store near you and you would like a card please email kate@kivuliproject.org

for those that pray

Praise God for

- All building approvals obtained
- For Christian, Rachel, Sam and Benji's visit, they were a blessing to many!!
- Kivuli Christmas, and a great time of celebration with the FULL Kivuli family

Please pray for

- Work permit fee exemptions to come through for Dan and Dee (we are still waiting)
- Jimmy, Charles, Pauline and Kevo as they sit their final primary exams
- Safety of the children at "home" over the holiday period

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