

# kivuli NEWS

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## welcome to the december newsletter!

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to stop and reflect on how far God has taken us this year. I joined the Kivuli team in March, and in this time have seen the provision and work of God so strongly.

In January Kivuli relocated to our own shamba (farm) in temporary accommodation.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It was not easy to shift, but the children were resettled successfully in a very short space of time. Since then we have built three permanent cottages where the children will

be living happily in 2014 with their housemothers in African style. We have renovated three of the existing temporary buildings, making them permanent ones, for staff and visitors. We had a greenhouse built by Tandum on the site where trialed and succeeded in planting a garlic crop. We added another dairy cow and additional solar lighting thanks to the generosity of Lyn and Pam McDonald and their friends. We thank them so much for this great love. We were able to work with the community in sponsoring five needy youths to undertake a driving course and obtain

drivers licenses, and another one to be trained in computer skills; they are all looking for an opportunity with their new qualifications to obtain jobs and lead a new life. We were able to reclaim much of the land for farming from the flood-prone areas. We are now consuming most of our food from our own shamba. And importantly, we are loving and supporting 54 children and teenagers, all of whom are attending school and being supported in a safe and happy environment.

It has been a very busy year but with all of the support we receive from our sponsors,

we were able to jump many hurdles. We are teaming up with Dan and Dee Rutherford, the founders of this project, along with the Australian Board, GDG, and the local community, to see that the project's mission, vision and goals will all be finally realised. We are happy to have achieved most of our goals up to the end of 2013, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2014.

I hope you all had a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year. Bring on 2014!

With love,

Isaac Wairangu



## holidays

The majority of the children spent the month with relatives in their homes. This is something we encourage where possible so the children can stay connected with their families and the traditional Kenyan way of life. There are a few children who usually stay at Kivuli during holidays, as they have no other place to go, however this year some of them went 'home' with some of their Kivuli brothers and sisters, which meant a great deal to them. The children will return to Kivuli on the 5th of January as they prepare to go back to school in the following days.

# kivuli christmas

We once again celebrated the birth of Jesus in an early Christmas Day together as a Kivuli family, with all of the children and staff, on the 17th December before the Rutherford's departure. It was a wonderful day of celebration and thanksgiving, and Pastor Mwaura from our local church also joined us. One of our Kenyan sponsors (who lives in Belgium), Betty Guchu, had visited the day before and left personalised gifts of Belgian chocolates for every child – quite the treat! The children also received a small Christmas gift thanks to the generosity of their sponsors – the joy that such a small gift brought to these young ones is beyond words...



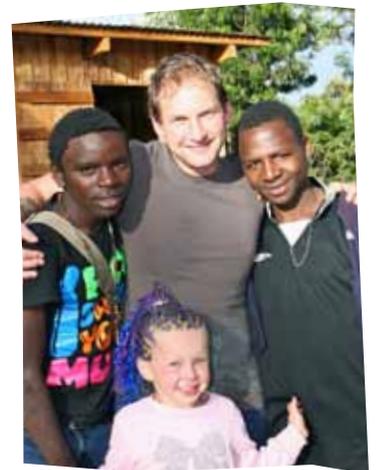
## mission travel group grant

We won a \$5000 grant this month in Mission Travel Group's \$100,000 Giving Back Campaign!! This money will be used to construct a locally built greenhouse and small pig farm. These projects will be built using local materials and made in such a way that they will be affordable for locals to construct themselves. These two projects will be used as demonstration models for the local community to see how they too can embark on income generating projects. Two of our Australian Board members, Corinna Millar and Karen Thompson, accepted the award on the 2nd of December. Thank you Mission Travel Group for your generosity!

## dan and dee's departure

After an emotional farewell with the staff and children, Dan, Dee, Marley and Zoe left Kivuli on the 18th December to return back to Australia. Despite the emotional difficulty in leaving, this was a great step forward for Kivuli as the project is Nationalised and left under the leadership of Isaac and Anne. We would like to thank God for His favour upon the project in helping us realise another one of our strategic goals earlier than expected.

The Rutherford family is settling back into Australia well. Dee will continue to work for Kivuli in Australia in the New Year, overseeing all the finances and communication between Kenya and Australia. Dan is looking forward to starting a new business as a Handyman and Marley is excited about starting school in January!



## isaac's return

The Kivuli Management Team was reunited once again this month when Isaac returned from his time at the Iris Harvest School of Missions in Mozambique. The children were excited to see their Uncle Isaac again as he had been missed greatly. Isaac had a wonderful couple of months and there

were many encouraging stories and testimonies to share. The children especially enjoyed hearing about how children live in another African nation. We would again like to thank the members of Deep Creek Anglican Church and the few individuals who funded Isaac's time in Mozambique.



## kivuli gift catalogue

Thanks to everyone who supported us through purchasing Christmas gifts from the Kivuli Gift Catalogue. We raised over \$6000 over the December period, which will go a long way in assisting the various projects Kivuli undertakes. We look forward to welcoming some more livestock to the farm in the New Year! The Gift Catalogue will be running all year, so please remember us when purchasing gifts for birthdays and other occasions throughout 2014.



## congratulations tim and emma!

Long term supporters of Kivuli, Tim and Emma, tied the knot on New Year's Eve. Tim and Emma belong to an organisation called Purple Soup, and they visited Kivuli in 2012 to run some adventure and team building games with the children. Since then they have held a special place in the kid's hearts, and the kids in their hearts – so much so that in lieu of a traditional bonboniere, they made donations on behalf of all their guests to Kivuli. We want to thank Tim and Emma in their ongoing support and generosity to Kivuli, and wish them a long and happy marriage together. Congratulations guys!

## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- Providing us with a \$5000 from MTG!
- A wonderful Christmas celebration as a Kivuli family
- The safe arrival of the Rutherfords back in Australia.

### Please pray for

- Isaac and Anne as they lead the project in Kenya
- Tim and Emma, that they would have a long and happy marriage together
- The children's safety at home over the holidays and their safe return to Kivuli in early January.

## to donate

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