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welcome to the January 2014 news!

We have had such a busy month. With the return of the children from Christmas holidays and new school enrolments, the year has started with a lot of energy and excitement. We thank God for this New Year and for keeping everyone safe during the busy holiday period.

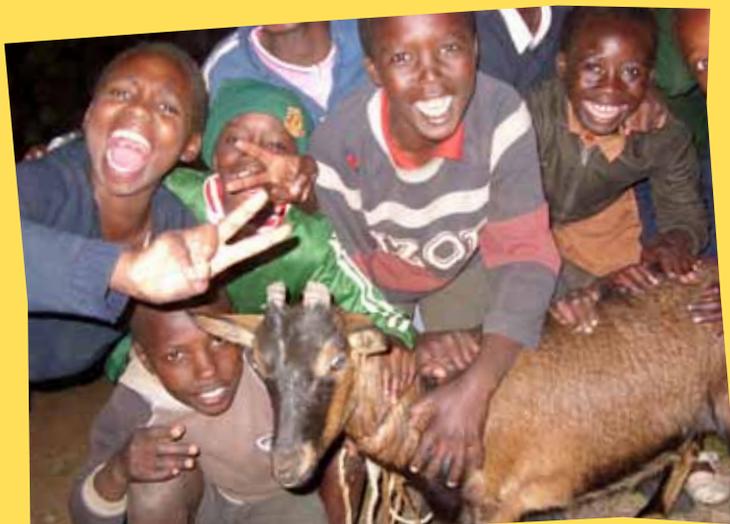
As the New Year begins, we look forward to working closely with the community to empower families with long term solutions. There are so many living amongst us who are living in poverty, crippled by the belief that there is no hope. We believe that winning starts with beginning - begin and act as if it is impossible to fail. We

trust that God will enable us to fulfil His plans through using us here at Kivuli.

We are so thankful to all of our sponsors. We have special love for them. Thanks to all our friends who have subscribed our monthly newsletter, we have had positive reports. Every one is welcome to our newsletter and we shall be happy to send to your friends.

"Never worry about how much money, ability or equipment you are starting with, just begin with million dollars worth of determination."

Thanks very much,
Isaac Wairangu



dairy goat and sheep

Thanks to those who purchased from the Kivuli Gift Catalogue, we have now been able to purchase our very first goats and sheep for the farm. We have two goats, one a dairy goat, which we looking forward to breeding so we can have more. We expect to supplement our diet with goat's milk and the entire amount we receive from the cows can be sold to the local dairy. We also have two sheep (male and female) from the 'dopa' breed, which gains weight very fast and does well in a variety of climates. In time, we intend to help the community to crossbreed and improve their traditional breed by secure hybrid ones. The new additions to the Kivuli farm are enjoying their home, and the children are all excited to have more animals to look after.

shamba (farm)

We harvested our first crop of garlic that was built in our greenhouse and sold it this month. We have now planted a second crop hoping to produce more than we had for the first time.

We have been getting much of our green vegetables like kales, spinach, onions and zucchini from our shamba. This has been such a blessing, as we have not had to buy much at all from the local market. Even during these drier months, we have been able to eat food from our land. We have a lot of water sources on the farm, and even though it may require more manpower

to ensure the crops are watered during this season, at least we have the water to use! Right now, we are using very simple machine to irrigate our fodder maize. We're also trying to train our children in some farming basics, so they're helping us with watering.

The dry weather has also affected the fodder crops for our cows, although we had prepared in advance. To supplement what we have fresh in the shamba, we have been using the stored silage. All of our cows are expectant; they will be calving sometime from July this year.



joining polytechnic

We have three teenagers this year who completed primary school last year who won't go on to high school this year, instead they will all join a local polytechnic. For those of you who aren't familiar, polytechnic colleges are trade schools that offer courses to those who have completed their primary education. After much assessment and discussion with these three students, we identified their talents and interests and they all felt that joining a polytechnic was the best option for them. One will join hair and beauty, another tailoring and the third will be trained as an electrician. We hope after two years of training they will be able to secure some job opportunities or start their own businesses with a little assistance.



back to school

The children had a lovely time during the holidays visiting relatives. Most of our children were able to spend several weeks over December/January with their extended family members. This is always a special time for them, and something they look forward to. We know the importance of family, especially in the life of a child. We were especially excited these holidays as even the children who don't have families to go 'home' to were able to go and stay with a Kenyan family for a period of time. This is something we trialed and it worked very well; we look forward to doing it again next holidays.

The school year commenced in the second week of January, and this year brought with it many changes, especially for our older children. Due to increasing high school boarding fees, and the number of Kivuli children transitioning into high school, we relocated most of our students to a nearby high school, and enrolled them as day scholars. This means we now have most of the teenagers living at Kivuli, and they walk to school together in the morning and return together of an evening. Those students who were performing extremely well have remained in their boarding schools, as they will likely get a place in

a public university in the years to come. The primary children are all back to school in their new class levels.

With the completion of the first two house cottages, we have been able to convert one of

the existing 'dorms' into a high school study room. This means the high school students can study at night separate to the primary school students, who study in the dining hall with Joel our tutor.



kivuli staff

We have some new staff that joined the Kivuli team this month. Our faithful night watchman, affectionately known as Mzee (respectfully meaning "old man") has retired, and one of our casual labourers, Stephen, was delighted to take his position. Jacob (in the red hat), our new groundsman, has also been a committed casual worker before he got an opportunity to work full time in Kivuli. He says he will build his mother a house once he saves some money, since she lives in a very worn out house. Finally, we welcomed Margaret, our second House Mother (alongside Njoki), who has been a cook in another children's home before she left to work in the market selling fresh produce. She is happy to be with the Kivuli children. Margaret is a mother of one, and now she has a big family!



for those that pray

Praise God for

- More animals at Kivuli
- Safety of all our children over the holidays
- Our great staff team.

Please pray for

- Nicodemus, Bernard, Muriyuki, Peter, Samuel, Jane, Purity, Sue and Margaret as they all settle into high school or polytechnic
- Peace between all of the children living at Kivuli, as the primary students get used to having more of the high school students living onsite
- Our crops, that we will be able to manage them during these hot and dry months.

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