

# kivuli NEWS

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'If you want to walk fast go alone, if you want to walk far go with others'

## welcome to this month's news!

We have had a challenging month, as there were no rains as expected. We usually get long rains beginning in April through to May but this year the rain never came. When there is no rain we struggle to grow crops, and the local farmers really struggle, especially as the cost of food increases.

All of our high school and primary children reported back to school for Term 2. We have been attending several school meeting to discuss the welfare of our children.

Once again, I would like to remind all that get these newsletters that our project is determined to provide for children who need care, protection and basic education. The project is also works closely with the community

to empower them through the love of Christ. Our vision is to see the oppressed and the marginalised have access to safe housing, food and education. With the help of friends, organisations, and other sources we trust we shall achieve all we have set out to. A thousand mile journey starts with just a single step.

We are initiating some income-generating projects for the sustainability of the organisation in order to supplement the donations we receive. The project is at a point where it needs expertise in developing these long-term income-generating projects, and we are achieving this through utilising the available resources.

Much thanks goes to the Australian High Commission,



who sponsored us with a solar water heating system and lighting as well. Then thanks to Tandum, who gave us a green house, which has been of great help to the community and to us. We thank all of the sponsors who have tirelessly donated from their pockets in order to sustain the project, the boards

both in Kenya and Australia for the support and time they have given to the project, and finally, the Rutherford's, who have been the flag bearers in being focused on the goals and objectives for the project.

God bless you all,  
Isaac Wairangu



# shamba (farm) update – we need rain!

This month we really struggled with the shortage of rain. Despite this, we have irrigated part of the shamba. We have managed to grow some vegetables, which have been used by the kitchen staff in preparing meals for the children. This has reduced expenses, which at the long run go elsewhere. We have some kales and spinach and are also growing cabbages and carrots.

The garlic is again ready for harvesting; we grew it

both inside and outside the greenhouse. We are looking for the best possible market to make a profit.

With the help of a solar pump, we have managed to irrigate some fodder crops, which are doing well. This area is well irrigated and looks healthy, whilst the rest of the farm is dry and in trouble. We really have trouble with the irrigation system. Water is available but getting it to the farm is a challenge.

We are looking forward in the future to having drip irrigation covering most of the space in the farming area. When this happens, then we shall be a step ahead in growing some of the horticulture crops for our nearby markets and for our kitchen use. At a time such as this, when we have been without rain for months, the drip line system will be so beneficial as it reduces our feeding costs, for both the staff and children, and our animals. We are calling everyone to



come on board with a pool of ideas that can see us grow and win this battle.

Cabbages grow well here and other varieties of vegetables as well. If drip line can happen, we would find our project producing enough for the children in the home and the surplus would go to the market to be sold for profit.

*All proceeds raised at this year's Trivia Night will go towards the installation of drip irrigation across the Kivuli farm.*



## livestock

We had students studying livestock from Ahiti and Kabete training institutions come to visit this month. They came to learn more about the ways of animal keeping. During this time, they dehorned our fat ram since one of its horns was growing in a way that would eventually pierce its skull. They reduced the risk of us losing this beloved ram. They also had a good chance to learn about the solar water pump and how to grow variety of animal feeds.

This is part of our project – to empower the community and offer such opportunities to Kenyans.

In other news, our first kienyenji (local breed) hen brought forth six baby chicks. Sadly one died but the other five are doing well.



# kivuli on kenyan tv

Our farm has become a resource centre! This month we received visitors from local television station K24, which airs a programme on kilimo biashara - farming, it is a real business. They were attracted by our way of doing this, especially our farming of

garlic both inside and outside the green house. After airing the interview with Isaac, many Kenyans responded saying they were encouraged to utilise their farms and make money. Some even called here (Kivuli) for more information.



## rescheduled – kivuli trivia night

Due to a few unforeseen circumstances, we have had to reschedule the Kivuli Trivia Night until later in the year. So, put down Saturday October 4th in your diaries (yes, the AFL finals will be over!) and start getting your tables together. If you would like to help out on the night, or are able to assist in donating goods or vouchers to add to our silent auction, please contact [dee@kivuliproject.org](mailto:dee@kivuliproject.org)

## welcome baby Hickingbotham!

A HUGE congratulations to Dan and Kate, whose beautiful baby boy safely joined the world on the 29th April 2014. We welcome Jude Jack Hickingbotham to the Kivuli family and praise God for such a wonderful gift. For those who don't know, Kate and Dan are both board members of Kivuli Australia and Dan also stands as the Chairman of the Kenyan Board.



## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- For the safe arrival of Jude Jack Hickingbotham
- For the children, that they arrived back safely from holidays and have commenced term 2
- For Isaac's interview with Kenyan television station K24

### Please pray for

- For Rain! And for the local farmers who are very much dependant on the rain
- That Kivuli will continue to be used as a resource centre for locals to learn from
- The high school students, that they will continue to work hard at school and use this opportunity they have been given as best they can

## to donate

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