

# kivuli NEWS

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## welcome to this month's newsletter

We had a very busy time. The project has been toiling hard to chase its goals, as we start laying down strategies for the New Year. We are determined to impact the community in a powerful and positive way, all through the love of Christ.

We have been working on several projects and we are thanking God that we have completed most of them, with the rest well underway. November was a month where children were preparing to close the school and eager to join their families. We had six of them completing class eight, which is a very important milestone, as it will allow them to join high schools next year

if they obtain high enough grades. Three of our youth completed high school form four and are waiting for their results to see whether they will join government colleges, universities or other institutions where they can obtain employable skills.

Our farm has been quiet, with some vegetables growing as we wait to start to fix drip lines next month for better irrigation. Several community members have been visiting the project to learn and also enjoy seeing all that the project is doing. I would like to thank all the sponsors who have committed their resources to our project without growing weary. My



thanks also go to all Kivuli staff in Australia and in Kenya.

*'Hard work and commitment is the hub to a great wheel'*

Isaac Wairangu

## shamba

Our farm has been of great help. We have been continuing to grow most of the vegetables in it. Cabbages, kales, spinach, tomatoes, onions and fodder crops have all been doing well in the shamba. We have minimised the cost of buying such from the local markets. Our children are also very happy to have fresh food from the farm. We have also planted more fodder maize and garlic, and we are set to increase the fodder Napier grass too in the area where it has dried.





## mission travel group grant update

### Greenhouse

We completed the greenhouse several months ago that was funded by this happy group. We are now growing tomatoes in it and the community members were very happy to have a simple greenhouse to learn from which they can afford to build themselves. We partnered

with the local Agricultural Office and this month trained community members on how to construct this simple greenhouse using the locally available materials. It was very encouraging to members that the variety of tomatoes grown in the open field, which is cheaper to buy, can do

well in a greenhouse. We are looking forward to seeing some community members who were impacted to start their own greenhouses!

### Pigs

The pigpen is complete and our first four residents have arrived. They look very happy in new

houses and children are very happy to have some pigs on the farm. Some of the community members have been popping in to see the simple piggery and we have scheduled a community demonstration and training day on pig farming next month.



## community service – clean up ndaragwa

Our children joined the community in cleaning the neighbouring town in general cleaning. The town was full of rubbish, as there is no waste collection service. Most people just throw rubbish onto the streets to sit there, or place onto rubbish piles in the villages, which are burned and let off

a lot of pollution. The Kivuli children and staff were happy to spend the day cleaning up and participating in this activity. The organising groups were very happy to see the project joining in and supporting. We hope this will be an on-going trend for the community.

## baby ram

Our mother goat gave us a new baby ram this month. This was to wipe the tears after losing our father sheep who got quite sick. We are looking forward to have more in future; a thousand miles journey starts with one step.



## tomatoes for sale

We are happy to report that we are harvesting tomatoes from our 'Tandum' greenhouse and are selling tomatoes in the residential areas within Ndaragwa town. It is very encouraging to see the community happy buying these products from our project.



# kivuli christmas 2014

Each year the Kivuli family gets together at the end of November to celebrate Christmas one month early before most of them go to visit family over the December holidays (the school year finishes at the end of November). As usual, the children had a wonderful day. It is one of only two times a year (Easter and Christmas) when all the children are together, those from the home-based care program and those studying at boarding schools also join us. The children get so excited to all be together during this time. We shared a special meal together – our children were given a fat ram to enjoy for Christmas lunch. We are very thankful to the Maasai family of Mr. Matunge who were happy

to give this gift. We also had homemade cake and opened Christmas presents. These are the only presents the children will receive at Christmas, and it was wonderful to see the joy on their faces as they opened them. A real celebration before the children went home for holidays. They will join us again in the first week of January when school re-opens. Only a few children will stay at Kivuli over December, as they have no family members they are able to stay with. We are praying that in future these obstacles that prevent them from being with their families will be overcome.



## back on the road

After more than six months without a vehicle, the Kivuli 4WD is back on the road. We had some severe engine problems, which have now been fixed, due to the generosity of a couple of sponsors. The timing couldn't be more perfect with the rain arriving, we are still able to get in and out of our rough road using our vehicle. We were having to rely on public transport – the "piki piki" (motorbike) and "matatu" (14 seater van) – to get around, which was especially hard on our Children's Home Manager and Social Worker Anne, when conducting home visits for the

children in our Home-based Care program.

The project was happy to donate the old engine and the gear system to the Nairuita Youth Polytechnic, where three of our youth are studying (hairdressing, tailoring and mechanics). The management of the institution were very happy to receive this donation, as they will be able to train the mechanic students more effectively.

We are very grateful to the sponsors who helped us get through this huge challenge – you know who you are! May God bless you for your extravagant generosity.

# home visits

Anne spent a considerable amount of time doing home visits at the end of the month. It was a good time to check in with the children living with family members whilst walking daily to school, along with the top-performing high school students who attend boarding school, as they return to their families for the holidays. It is encouraging to see that the home-based care program is proving successful, and we are hoping to transition more children from living onsite at Kivuli, to living back with their families, in the years to come.



## kivuli gift catalogue

The Kivuli Project Gift Catalogue offers you the choice of 12 different meaningful gift ideas to purchase for your friend, family member, work colleague etc. this Christmas. When you purchase something from our gift catalogue you are supporting the work of Kivuli Project as we support and empower children, families and communities in central Kenya. Visit our website to view the gifts for sale [www.kivuliproject.org](http://www.kivuliproject.org).

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Anne also visited our three young men who completed their high school exams earlier in the month, all of whom are being transitioned back into their local communities as they await their results later in 2015. We are working with the neighbours and local chiefs to ensure these young men transition well, and become responsible community members. All three of them have been successful in getting some casual work in people's farms, enabling them to start learning how to live independently.

## for those that pray

### Praise God for

- A successful and safe 2014 school year
- Providing sponsors to enable us to repair the 4WD vehicle
- So many fruitful projects at Kivuli.

### Please pray for

- Peace in Kenya and protection from terrorist attacks
- The children staying at Kivuli over the December holidays
- A good response to the gift catalogue this Christmas.

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