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jambo friends,

We hope you enjoy reading the latest news from Kivuli Project. Our Project Manager, Anyembe, has given us another great report of the progress in Kenya; he will continue to do this each month. Since joining Kivuli in May, we have heard great reports about his communication and relationship building with the community of Ndaragwa. We have also really enjoyed reading his reports and think you'll agree that he has lovely expression in his writing.

In Australia, we were working busily to organise Anne's visit to Australia, her visa was approved a week before her flight (after

a long delay). The authorities were concerned she would run away! After confirming the support she would receive during her stay, (and a call from our local MP) the Australian embassy in Nairobi granted her visa.

A very excited Anne arrived late on the 28th of June describing a harrowing first experience with the aeroplane toilet, and in particular the 'flush'. She made it through immigration and customs without delay (even carrying several packets of maize flour).

God bless,
Dan and Dee Rutherford



day of the african child

On Saturday the 16th of June Kivuli Children's Home celebrated the 'Day of the African Child' together with children from other neighbouring homes. Each year a theme is chosen, this year's being 'support and advocacy for children with disabilities'. The children participated in a parade in nearby Nyahururu town and performed a song and poem afterwards at the festivities.

The children heard from a blind young adult who completed secondary education and has commenced learning at teaching college. The kids were all very encouraged and touched by her story.

It was a wonderful day for everyone who attended and the children enjoyed socialising with other children living in children's homes. Around 500 people attended the day.



shamba update

We have had a massive green wooden gate made for the Shamba. We have not painted it green; green is the colour of the wood preservative that we used. I can assure you it looks fantastic, with its custom-made heavy duty hinges and an inbuilt smaller pedestrian gate. We also have, as indicated in last month's newsletter, had a concrete platform built for the water tank. We want to catch some water from the ongoing short rains.

The sukuma wiki and spinach on the shamba are ready for harvesting. Winnie (the wonderful lady who relieved Loise when she took her maternity leave) visited the shamba and couldn't resist picking a few succulent leaves

for our lunch. We shall be harvesting the potatoes before mid July and the green peas in a fortnight. See, we shall soon start savouring food grown on Kivuli's shamba. The maize is also doing well, though it will take a couple more months to be ripe.

We've been talking a lot about livestock production lately. We managed to get the government livestock production officer to the farm and together, brainstormed on a few possibilities. They gave their suggestion on the location of the dairy units and establishment of Napier grass. Among their suggestions was the need to plant sesbania shrubs which were rich in protein for the cows (16%).



These can be planted as strips across the shamba, on the fence or intercrop with maize or Napier grass. We also discussed the possibility of inviting the whole gamut of agricultural personnel: agricultural planning, crop husbandry, fisheries, livestock, and drainage experts.

Our joint electricity project with the community has moved one

more step. We got the cadastral map from the lands office and had community member's mark out their plots. We've also drawn a sketch of the area as required by KPLC. We are going to the KPLC offices for more advice in a day or two.

Great stuff happening, isn't it? Anyembe



supporter's dinner

On Saturday the 30th of June, we hosted a special dinner for all of our supporters, sponsors and for anyone who was interested in learning more about the work of Kivuli. Anne cooked a traditional Kenyan meal for the 85 people who attended, which was completely vegetarian – in keeping with the usual diet at Kivuli.

We had 85 people attend and it was a great opportunity for our supporters to meet and hear from Anne, who shared some of ways in which Kivuli is impacting the lives of the children we work with. We shared our vision for the future of Kivuli and invited attendees to ask questions.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended on the night!



anne down under

Anne has arrived in Australia! We are so excited to have her in Melbourne and introduce her to our culture, sponsors and board members. Anne has an extremely busy schedule planned and will be speaking about Kivuli to various groups and churches during her time here. Amongst the 'work', she will also have an opportunity to be a tourist and see much of our beautiful city.

The children at Kivuli already miss her but are excited about the stories she will have to share with them when she returns at the beginning of August. Anne spoke to her son Linton and the other Kivuli children on Skype yesterday. They have been asking a lot about the aeroplane trip and Australian food!

If you would like to meet Anne, we encourage you to come to the Trivia Night on the 21st of July!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us again this year for the Kivuli Trivia Night. We are extremely fortunate to have the leaders from Purple Soup running the night. We had such a great time last year; you don't want to miss this! All proceeds will go towards the work of Kivuli.

Date: Saturday 21st July

Place: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall
14 Bedford Road, Ringwood
Melways ref 49 H9

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$20 per head, tables of approximately 10
(please note, tickets are not tax deductible)

BYO nibbles and soft drink.

Beer and wine can be purchased at discounted prices.

Contact Dee to book your table on 0409 080 599
or email dee@kivuliproject.org

Be quick because places are limited!



SILENT AUCTION – GAMES – PRIZES

We are looking for donations, prizes, gift vouchers etc. to give away and auction off on the night. If you have something you are able to contribute, please contact us!

marafiki

(ma-ra-fee-kee) – friends

In Australia, various members of the Kivuli team have been approached by people who 'want to do more' but don't think they necessarily have the ability to make a difference. This got us thinking, as one by one, we can actually impact the world and make lasting change for good. So we have decided to launch Marafiki.

Marafiki is a group of people who want to see real change in the world. We are passionate about Kivuli, it's work, and want to see the project's goals realised. We will get together every few months and talk about Kivuli, whilst learning about effective ways in which to help the poor and oppressed. We will invite speakers to come and share to encourage us that we can make a positive impact in the lives of many, and practical ways in which to do that. We will have fun by creating challenges, activities and will encourage and celebrate each other's efforts to practically help the work of Kivuli.

Marafiki is for anyone who is passionate about the work of the Kivuli Project. If you want to join, then sign up online kivuliproject.org. There are no membership fees to join.

for those that pray

Praise God for

- For Anne's safe arrival in Australia
- Growing connections with the local Anglican Church in Ndaragwa
- For the recent rain and subsequent growth of crops in the shamba

Please pray for

- For the staff at Kivuli as they work without Anne for the month of July
- For a great time at the Trivia Night in Melbourne on the 21st
- For the developing plans to implement our first official income generating project

home based care

On Tuesday of 26th June, Leigh and Anyembe took dairy consultants to three home based children's families. They assessed their situation to see what they had and what they needed to do in order to be ready to take care of a dairy cow. The objective of this is to eventually provide each one of their families with a high yielding cow, in order to minimize their direct dependence on Kivuli. The cow will help them generate some income, which they will use to pay their children's school fees, shopping, and even food. Its worth noting that each of the three kids currently in our home-based care program keep some rabbits at home as well. Kivuli does not want to keep giving handouts to these families. Kivuli wants to empower them to become independent, to help them to earn a decent living.

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