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jambo friends,

This is another time for us living at Kivuli Kenya to share all that has taken place for the month. We highly appreciate the time you spend reading our newsletters and your views are highly welcome. February has been a month where we starved problems and fed heavily on any opportunities that we came across. We feel delighted and thank God for making us jump every hurdle that was in the way.

Let me remind you that we care for children who really need care and protection. I feel that children belong to the community and they form a good percentage of the nation's future strength. We help them to achieve some of their life

goals, access basic education and empower their families too. We also work closely with the community; we aim to open their eyes to the value of our children and to their own potential.

I feel humbled to commit myself to this project and see it achieve its objectives and the plans it has for Kenya and Africa at large. I believe hard work and commitment is the hub to a great wheel.

"A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcome. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results"

Thanks very much,
Isaac Wairangu



children

We have now taken all of our children back to school for the year. This month, six joined high school, and three joined polytechnic, as we mentioned last month.

The three in polytechnic are boarding onsite, another student is boarding in high school, two are in day school and living onsite at Kivuli and three are day scholars in the home based care program. It is our sincere prayer that God will make something beautiful out of them all.

This term we had a games competition, where a number of children participated in their respective schools. We like them participating in these extra-curricular activities for they help them build confidence and develop their career. All children in the new schools are happy and settled.

shamba (farm)

This is the high time to prepare the land for planting. We are expecting long rains in mid-March all the way to mid-May if the usual weather pattern will not change. We planted more garlic to target more harvest this time around, after having the first harvest.

We have a small solar pump, which we are using to irrigate the shamba during this dry time, as we keep attending to the existing crops that are growing.

We are planning to plant more cabbages and more garlic

outside in the open land to supplement the production of the green house; we have also potatoes and beans to plant. In the next months we aim to plant more fodder maize, and have also planted sorghum fodder.

Our shamba has been giving us most of the fodder to feed our cows, to supplement our stored silage. These include; desmodium grass, sweet potato fines, lucerne, Napier grass and Rhodes grass amongst others. These ensure that our animals get all the necessary nutrients.



fish

We harvested the first bunch of fish this month, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We celebrated a special supper and everyone enjoyed eating fresh fish – something quite rare in our area. We have tilapia, very many fingerlings; we can now have a meal of fish at will. Our boys are good fishermen, they are happy to walk through the dam to catch them – we therefore do not need to hire a fisherman!

COWS

We have just started noticing a real drop in milk production as all of our cows are expecting to calf, as we approach June to October 2014. Over the coming months we shall be drying them up to help them prepare for the arrival of their babies.

goats

Our goats are happy and healthy on the farm. We are hoping that our female goat goes on heat for she is due to mate with the male. In time, we hope she will give us fresh goat's milk to supplement the children's diet.

mid-term break

All of our high school students are on this break – a five days break. They are all back with their families for this recess and a refreshing break. We wish them well.

home based care visits

We started some more children in our home-based care programme a couple of months ago. Our Social Worker/Children's Home Manager (Anne) conducted a home visit to see them. During these visits she guides them and counsels them accordingly, assesses the home situation, any present needs of the child and the child's environment. The family where the child is leaving is also visited and the necessary discussion and encouragement is done. Anne also visits the child's school, speaks to their teachers and ensures everything is progressing smoothly.



visitor from the USA

We had a visitor from USA, Julie, come and visit us this month. Julie met Isaac when he was at the Iris Harvest School of Missions in Mozambique at the end of last year. Having spent much time in Mozambique, Julie came to see what we do at Kivuli and how we do it. It was a great time of encouragement to have Julie visit as she got alongside the children, staff and people in the community, sharing with them and loving them.

Our home here at Kivuli has good sites for resting, good social activities and friendly duties – one dose to keep busy and another to help our children. Some of these duties include playing with the children, doing light farm work, assisting them with their studies and telling stories.

We offer accommodation and the best Kenyan meals!



visiting day

Last month relatives had a day to visit their children and had a good time with them at our home, they were very happy for all that is happening here. They thanked the management and the sponsors; In fact, they lacked strong words to express their joy.



for those that pray

Praise God for

- Julie's visit to Kivuli and the encouragement her visit brought to those at Kivuli and those she encountered in the community.
- Our first harvest of fish!
- We have found a new tutor to assist our students with their schoolwork in the evenings. Finding someone was proving to be quite a challenge, but God has provided.

Please pray for

- Isaac, that God will give him wisdom and guidance as he leads the project in achieving its goals.
- For our three young men completing their final year of high school (a big deal in Kenya) and for our three students in polytechnic school.
- For the safety and health of our three expectant cows.

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