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welcome to this month's news!

Our project is sailing on well. The challenges along the way keep us on our toes and keep our brains awake. We have been jumping each hurdle one at a time and are looking forward to achieving our goals.

The project is determined to empower vulnerable children in Kenya through the care and protection we provide. As a result of poverty, the effects of HIV, and many other factors, many children are left in need of great care. Our project helps such children in getting basic education, clothing, food and equipping them with employable skills for their futures. All our children attend regular government schools and other educational institutions.

We are aiming to improve our 5-acre piece of land to increase food production. Currently we spend a lot of time and money in the feeding program for the children (and animals) we have.

It is our hope that the project establishes further as resource centre where the local community can be empowered through important training to help them better utilise available resources. We are working closely with the community and other arms of the government (such as the Ministry of Agriculture) to achieve these goals.

I would like to thank all the sponsors, directors, and the founders of this project for their continued support. Secondly,



my thanks go to all visitors who come to Kivuli. Their stay is of great benefit as we share and learn from each other. Thirdly, I would like to thank the local community members who from time to time come to visit our children and encourage them. Finally, my thanks go

to all our friends nationally and internationally who have subscribed to our monthly newsletter. Feel loved, valued and important.

'Never let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do'

Isaac Wairangu

the african child day

Our children attended this important annual event, which reminds most Africans how children were killed in Soweto when they wailed in the streets demanding their rights to fair education. The guest child chosen was our very own Miriam, who graced the event of the day. She read the international speech of

the day and it was amazing to see her confidence. This was a great honour to Kivuli as many children attended.

The children had prepared a drama for the day, encouraging guardians to give all children maximum and fair protection and care. The crowd was moved and touched by the drama.



shamba update

We are harvesting most of the vegetables needed in the kitchen from our shamba. Cabbages are doing very well and so are the kales. This is very encouraging for our kitchen budget. It is awesome to see that with all heads put together we can utilise farming as one of our sustainability projects where food production is catered for. If we are able to drip irrigate the better part of our shamba, our future food production needs should be met without any huge challenges. At the moment we are keeping our vegetables growing by irrigating with the

assistance of a solar water pump and moneymaker foot pump. This foot pump requires one person to manually pump water, using a stepping motion, through a hose, which a second person uses to water the crops. It is a labour intensive and slow process. The season is dry; we are still buying much of the food required, especially maize and beans, from the market. We need rain!

We have seen great saving from the silage we had stored; it has taken us through a significant period where we did not have

to buy other fodder from the community. This has also given us a chance to grow much of the fodder in the shamba.

We have harvested the second crop of garlic, which we are drying before selling it and have sowed some tomatoes in the greenhouse for the first time. Tomatoes do well in greenhouses and give good returns.

Most of the farm is dry. This time around, we have had a prolonged dry season. This had made the cost of every thing go up.



visitors

We had familiar visitors come for a second time to Kivuli – Lyn and Pam McDonald together with their friend Judy. They had great time enjoying African dishes prepared by our kitchen staff. They had a visit to Murichu High School where most of our secondary school students attend. The school administration was encouraged to see international visitors who really care. They also had good time visiting Ndaragwa Primary School where most of our primary children attend. Whilst there, they had a chance to visit the children within their special needs unit. It was amazing to see most of the

children doing beadwork and making necklaces among many other items. These special needs children are taught how to make various jewellery pieces with beads and sell them in an effort of further empowering the unit.

Njoki (one of our house mothers) was happy to train Pam how to decorate small bags using beads.

The visitors brought us LED lights: a very long strip of 5 metres and 4 circuit breakers. These are very important because in case of misconnection, our wiring will be safe and fire could be avoided.

We would like to say thank you to Lyn, Pam and Judy for their visit and for their generosity and love towards Kivuli.



KIVULI PROJECT TRIVIA NIGHT

The annual Kivuli Trivia night is on for 2014 to really get the mind going, so put the new date in your calendars and start getting your tables together. Help us raise money to properly irrigate the entire Kivuli shamba!

Date: Saturday 4th October

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

Time: Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

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

(Real) coffee and cakes available for purchase,
BYO nibbles and cold drinks (no bar available)



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To book your table contact Dee at
dee@kivuliproject.org or call 0409 080 599

Be quick because places are limited!

TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS & PRIZES

If you are able to assist with quality items or vouchers for our silent auction or to give away as prizes, please contact dee@kivuliproject.org

mission travel group greenhouse

You may remember that we were the successful recipients of a \$5000 grant from Mission Travel Group to build a simple greenhouse and pig house using local materials. Well this month we have started the greenhouse project. The 150 rafts have arrived and we look forward to starting construction in the next few weeks. We will keep you up to date with the progress of these projects, which we are so excited about. The aim is to build them using

affordable local materials and methods as another resource for the community. We want to give them ideas and ways to start projects of their own!



mid term

Children have broken for the mid term school recess. Most of them joined their families. This gives them a break and time to relax. After this break, our form four students will be preparing for their mock exams, ahead of Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) finals exams. We are praying that God sees them through.



sharing our knowledge

Kivuli really has become a resource centre for the local community. The Murichu Primary children from class 8 came to Kivuli to learn more about solar energy and biogas. The children were excited when they discovered that biogas could be used to cook and save a lot of wood use. This preserves the environment and has no negative effects on humans. They were happy to see solar energy being used to light our buildings, heat water, and be converted to electric

power to charge the electronic equipment we have such as the laptop computer and camera. This avoids a large electricity bill at the end of the month!

Another upcoming television station in Kenya called Utugi Television visited Kivuli this month. They interviewed us on the farming strategies we have implemented in order to educate Kenyans on how to utilise all they have to earn living and improve on the already available resources.



for those that pray

Praise God for

- Pam, Lyn and Judy's visit
- His provision for all of our needs despite the challenging climate
- Our involvement in the Day of African Child
- That we are able to share our knowledge with the community

Please pray for

- Rain! Please pray for our local community who are being greatly affected by the prolonged dry season
- The health of our cows as they are due to give birth soon
- A quick solution for our only vehicle which is at the mechanic with severe engine problems.

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