

Newsletter September 2016

Two weeks ago the third and last term of the school year started with the opener exams. It will be an exceptionally short term and end on October 28th. More than two months of holiday will cause some trouble for our kids. Many of them will stay at home or on the streets unsupervised, with nobody to cook and care for them.

Already in the past years we had great numbers of children coming back to school in a deplorable state. Many were malnourished and had skin diseases. Last year we had real problems with feet and hands badly affected by jiggers.

A nurse began to work at the school at the beginning of September and she will care for children and staff. At the beginning of next year she will be able to move into the school clinic, which will be constructed in the coming month. At the moment she uses a classroom for treating the sick.

The school farm project is growing. Our two cows gave birth, the goats got twins each, the pigs are multiplying and the chicken provide us with plenty of eggs. The morning milk goes into the porridge, the evening milk is for drinking or making yoghurt. Eggs are much loved especially by the boarders, the toddlers enjoy pancakes with their maize-bean stew on Mondays.

Building work is going on at an amazing speed. Toilets and washrooms have already been built, the new dorms for our High School boys are taking shape. A carpentry workshop and the clinic will follow. When finances permit, a big classroom and a computer lab will be next. Building permissions arrived at the end of June and the builders have been busy since.

At the beginning of December we are planning to stop building for a month, to give Principal Stan the much needed rest. With the running the whole school, teaching, doing the accounts, supervising the building and being responsible for the purchase of materials etc, he has too much on his hands.

At the end of January we will start a new class of High School. Our Form 4 will do the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) in October 2017. Just a short while ago we received the permanent registration of our High School.

One of the old buildings on the new land was completely renovated between April and July and now houses a big library and a sewing workshop. All the books were moved and computed by our volunteers at the beginning of August. We are currently looking for a third tailor/seamstress as we would like to offer the possibility of an apprenticeship to some young girls.

The water of the borehole and the well on the new ground was tested in June and sadly some impurities were found. Generally the well water is the better one and so we now have pipes running to our drinking water tanks and also a filtration system has been installed.

Later this year we are planning to send a container to Kenya, carrying medical supplies, woodworking tools, toys and of course a lot of educational material.



The Nursery dining hall has been renovated



Building site - dorms



Toilets and dorms in the making



The new library – High School students queue to get brand new books

Our volunteer Johannes is a trained gardener and he is looking into growing a variety of vegetables and fruit on site. Sadly the soil and water are salty, so we are limited to salt-tolerant plants.

4 more volunteers are helping with Nursery kids, supporting the slow learners, teaching German, sports and arts.

For the year of 2017 there are still some volunteer places available. School language is English.

A big number of our pupils and students are still looking for sponsors. Please help to find people willing to support a child or teenager.

100% of the donations go directly to the school and give our children the chance of a good education, books and, which is very important, 2 warm meals a day.

There are no administration or travelling costs.

145 of our older students live in boarding, soon we will begin to offer apprenticeships in tailoring, woodworking and agriculture.

We have come very far and I am sure the future of hundreds of Kenyan children will continue to be impacted through our work and your help.

Thank you for your love, support and concern!

With kind regards

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