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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

2022 has started at a full run with the children going back to school in January for the 3rd and final term of primary school for some and high school for others. Children are now home on a long holiday of 8 weeks so is full on ensuring they are studying and doing assignments as they will be cramming 3 terms into 6 months of school when they go back in April.

Life here is always busy and no time for sitting around, although occasionally (very) I take a few hours off and go to a local Camp where they will give me lunch and let me sit by their pool and relax before coming back to the craziness that is 25 children.

This time of school year is always rushed trying to find good secondary schools for the ones finishing primary school. Not looking forward to January when I will have 35 finishing primary!!

With the last 2 years of world craziness, we have many children who need sponsors and not enough sponsors to ensure they stay in school. This newsletter will list those we need URGENT sponsorship for to remain in Secondary School. Please consider these children as you contemplate how you can be a part of KINI. If you do not get funds here, your children stay home, sadly that is the reality. There is no Government funds which can help and all the resources are stretched in the country where they may find scholarships.

We have some fun when the children are home as I always try to take them for a day on safari to see the animals – it never gets boring or "we've done this before". And new children just relish seeing the animals for the first time.

Sometimes it gets a little more exciting than others, when you are standing by the river having breakfast and 4 HUGE male lions come wandering towards you – I couldn't believe my eyes at first. The children had gone walking so called them back very quickly while we watched the lions go into the bushes beside us to sleep for the day. Standing outside eating knowing these huge male lions are lying somewhere beside you is an experience you can't explain.



Looking towards her homeland of Tanzania where she cannot return for fear of being circumcised and being forced to marry

MARA KINI ACADEMY (KMA)

KINI Mara Academy is excelling beyond our dreams, with the current 2 classes having 82 students and already 49 are registered for the new term for our PP1 class! But where to put them all when you only need 30 to a classroom.

Teachers' houses have been built so we have our office space now available and until we can building more classrooms we have moved the library into the office.

We need to ensure we have classrooms built by the end of Term 1 to place the incoming class into 2 streams.

We have funds to start the construction but need another \$12,000 to finish the 2 classrooms. We need to build a further 4 classrooms as soon as possible to accommodate the growing number of students who are looking to enjoying the teaching at KMA.

\$40,000 will build the extra classrooms needed and provide the type of education parents are wishing for their children.



Teacher's houses are now finished – and being put to good use by the girls while they are home from school as is a little cramped in my house and the tents.



Our addition to the school – the children love them

When children finish PP2 (Kindergarten) they graduate to Grade 1 and like to have a very big ceremony. KINI Mara put on a great event for the graduation of our 32 students. The First Lady of Narok County attended and other local dignitaries who were all very impressed with the children and the school. It was a great day where each student was given a gift (most had never received wrapped gifts before) for their special talents.



And of course before graduation you MUST take a trip into the Mara. The children always love their day with the animals



Breakfast in the park – lucky no lions came that day



When at Tanzania border you must sing their national anthem for tourists who are there



A wonderful and colourful day



Friends of our School and helpers on the day



First Lady Mama Sarah So proud of my baby girl
Always a great supporter and how she has grown



PP1 singing and reciting poems



Our graduation class and teacher Sheila



SPONSORSHIP OF CHILDREN

KINI now has 169 children we are doing our best to keep in school from Primary through to university. However, many do not have sponsors and so we owe school fees from last year and do not have fees for this coming term.

Because of COVID our school terms are a little messed up so we will be beginning Term 1 on 20 April 2022 and finishing the year in December so in 2023 we will start in January and have the full year for the three terms as in the past.

*These are **some** of the children who **URGENTLY** need sponsors to stay in school. Without your help they will not be able to continue in school.*

Please email KINI should you wish to help and you will be sent a photo and full information for the

child. I am only included those in secondary at this time as they are the most urgent to be sponsored.

Wanjiku Anne



Anne came to school with nothing but a very good mark from Primary School and a strong desire to go to school. When KINI was taking other girls to the school they requested us to help the girl as they had provided a basic uniform and books. Anne is

doing well and we are happy to help as she has no one at home able to pay any fees for her and her only alternative would be to be married.

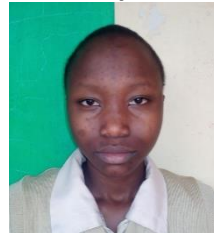
FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)



Sarah is the last born of a family of 6. Sadly her father does not support the family and the mother struggles to provide basics. She is now in Form 2 and has help with school fees but needs her living expenses covered as well as other school expenses. To ensure her safety she is now living in the KINI Home of Hope with Barbara. Without KINI's help her father will take the opportunity to marry her off.

LIVING AND SCHOOL EXPENSES PER YEAR: \$350

Moraa Nyamamba

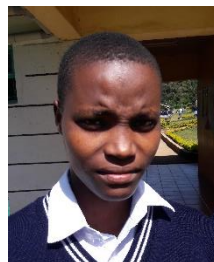


Moraa is 16 years old and will now continue to Form 3. Her parents separated when she was young and she was left with her grandfather to care for her schooling expenses and personal care. However he has now retired

and cannot continue to pay for her to attend secondary school.

FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)

Elizabeth Naisiano



Elizabeth's father does not support her mother or her children in any way and therefore it is very difficult for her to send Elizabeth to school. Her father will take her and force her to be married if she is not in school. She finished Form 3 very well

and is progressing well in Form 4.

FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)

Peter Sankei



Peter is from a very poor family who are not able to have him continue in school. He is a very bright young man and does very well in school.

He is in a National School which are schools which only take the top students to study. He is in his final year of school

FEES PER YEAR: \$700 (3 terms per year)

David Oloserian



David is in a very good Secondary School, however his father struggles to pay his fees as he has 4 other children in schools, one in university. He

supports all his other expenses and requires help to ensure he is able to stay in school and finish with good marks. He is now in Form 3 so will finish at the end of 2023.

FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)

Sharley Koitat Kiserian



Sharley's father does not care for her schooling as he wants her to stay at home. She is now in Form2. She is afraid if she stays at home the father will force her to marry. She ran

away to stay with the Pastor of her church who has been helping her stay in school. However, he is not able to pay school fees.

FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)

Rebecca Naimute



Rebecca is going back to Class 8 as she wasn't well during the last term and did not do well in her exams. She is the youngest daughter from a large family and her father is not able to provide

for her schooling and her brothers are struggling to ensure others in the family are in school.

FEES PER YEAR: \$300 (3 terms per year)

There are a number of girls and boys in **Form 4** who will finish at the end of this year. All fees for them are **\$650 for the full year.**

Regina Nenkokwai

Regina has no father and the uncles do not want to help with any schooling so were preparing to marry her off.

Santivian Naserian

Santivian has only a mother who has a disability, and she struggles to keep the children in school and feed the family.

Magdaline Cheptoo

Magdaline is from a poor family who have not been able to keep her in school until KINI provided school fees.

Euginear Cheyech

Euginear is doing well in school but has to rely on her brother to provide for her and other siblings.

Bridget Soyian Narasha

Bridget walked quite some distance to KINI to ask for her as she has no parents and her aunt had her own children to take to school so refused to help her. She is doing well in her last year.

Students in Form 2

Diana Kakenya

Diana is from a very poor family who cannot pay her school fees. The local Children's Officer asked KINI to take her into the program so the uncles would not interfere with her education. Diana is now in Form 2

Margaret Noolamal

Margaret lives with a relative to be safe and did not go to school for the first month because of school fees. She is now in Form 2

Maureen Chebet Cheptoo

Maureen has a single mother who struggles to provide food for the family. She went to school with nothing at all, and the school bought her a uniform and some pens and pencils. KINI met her and has been providing all shopping and school supplies as well as fees.

Elizabeth Saitoti Musuka

Elizabeth comes from a very poor family as the husband does not take care of the wife and children and her mother walks very far each day to sell milk.

Kakenya Dorkas Musuka

Kakenya had a sponsor who was not able to continue to sponsor her into secondary. She is from a very large family and the father is unable to take all the children to school.

Sylvia Tompoi

Sylvia's father refuses to help Sylvia's mother and her children with their schooling so Sylvia was not able to go to secondary until she came to KINI.

Dorine Nyatero

Dorine has a single mother who struggles to pay full school fees for Dorine. KINI pays half the fees - **\$325 per year.**

These are some of the many children who are currently needing sponsorship and should funds not become available may need to drop from school. KINI needs **\$5000** to ensure all outstanding fees are paid for this year and sponsors are needed to ensure they can continue into the school year starting April 2022.

Please also remember the teacher/staff costs each month which are **\$1,500 per month. Please consider helping us help these people feed their families and educate their children each month.**

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If you would like to be part of this exciting work please set up a regular donation directly into the KINI bank account (details below) or through RAWCS (www.kinikenya.com) if you would like a tax deductible receipt.

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Thank you for sharing in our dream.

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world:"

