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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Three years ago today I went far into the forest to pick a small baby and her sister who had lost their mother 5 and half months earlier just after childbirth. No one expected the baby to live as she was so small and malnourished, yet today she is the brightest and healthiest, loving 3½ year old you could wish for. She speaks 3 languages and is learning a 4th and can name all the animals in the Masai Mara Park! Her big sister is doing well now in school and is always there to be a help in the home.



Naileku has grown to be so confident and fearless, except for bugs.

Lucy is the biggest (although not the oldest) of my little girls who go to school from home. She has grown to be much more confident and is very happy to be with a family with lots of brothers and sisters who love her.

KINI has been very busy co-ordinating children back to school for Term 2 and now for their mid term break of one week, as well as talking in schools with girls.

We will share in this newsletter exciting things that have been happening and plans for building works to begin.

PARTNERSHIPS

KINI partnered with Enlightened Generation, a Community Based Organisation who speaks in schools concerning FGM, Health, Sex Education and other issues affecting the young people. Kelly is very passionate and the children love interacting with her and listening to her "story" and advice.

In 5 days we spoke with over 1,000 girls and all schools have asked her to come back to speak with them again and also boys.

A day was spent in the Park showing her the wonders of the Masai Mara (she really needed a break after speaking sometimes 8 hours a day!).



Barbara's assistant Anna was also present to translate when necessary and to share her experiences as a Maasai woman who does not choose the harmful practices of the culture



Kelly loved the Maasai culture and looked beautiful dressed in traditional costume

OLKIRRERUKI SCHOOL

This school has no office for any teacher or the Principal of the school, which makes it difficult to store files and meet visitors and marking work.

KINI is in the process of building an office and storeroom to help make teachers more comfortable and to store all food stuff for the feeding program KINI is running.

Because there is no road to the school (only the semblance of a track) and wet weather with copious amounts of mud, it is taking a little longer to complete but should be completed within the next 2 weeks.



Teachers often work under very trying conditions but do their best and even with few resources the children are improving every term.



The slab is now poured and frames up

URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

With the number of children now sponsored by KINI at **142, (we have placed 2 more into tertiary education)** this has put a huge strain on the finances and with monthly costs, mostly payment of teachers and staff, it is urgent we partner with individuals, companies, schools and other organisations to ensure these ongoing commitments are met.

There are **17 children** who are in urgent need of **sponsorship** for school fees as well as **34 day school students** who need help with fees being only **\$25 or \$50 per year**. A separate document has been attached to this newsletter showing these needs.

Payment of Staff (including Teachers)

4 teachers each month @\$130 each	
Cost Per Month	\$520
Security Staff and other workers x 5 @\$130 each	
Cost Per Month	650
Daily upkeep of the home and children per month	
	\$200

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (ECD)

Funds have been received by KINI to begin the construction of the ECD and with promised funds yet to hand, we are planning to finish the buildings by the end of the year ready for the new school year in 2020.

Presently we are building culverts to the land as the road has not been upgraded and thus we don't have access with a vehicle which will be needed for the building process.

It is exciting to finally see the beginning of KINI's dream taking shape and we will have a first class facility for our small children to start their education.

The **Rescue Centre** is also **urgently** needed as two more girls will be coming into the KINI Home of Hope (Barbara's private 2 bedroom home) which means we will be very much bulging at the seams.



Sophia is a total orphan who has been living with a relative as her aunt wants to circumcise her and marry her off. The relative is now unable to care for her and will send her back to her aunt

therefore KINI is working with the school to keep her safe and will bring her to our home during holidays.



Diana is also an orphan who stays with her grandmother during holidays. However, her grandmother is very sick and has no way to care for her and often she is left alone at the house which is very unsafe.

These situations are very disturbing for these girls and inhibits their study because they become stressed, therefore it is best for their future safety and well-being to be brought to the KINI Home and eventually be placed in the Rescue Centre.

With the end of the financial year fast approaching, now is a great time to consider partnering with KINI by helping towards this much needed Rescue Centre complex. Please go to www.kinikenya.com and click on the Donate via RAWCS button to receive a tax receipt immediately.

This is also a time when businesses and companies are interested in making donations to projects where they are guaranteed the funds are used for the purpose for which they are given.

Please inbox KINI at kisarentitoproject@gmail.com if your school, church, workplace, company or an individual would be willing to join hands with us.

SELF SUSTAINABILITY – BEE HIVES AND HONEY PRODUCTION

With the help of KINI's partner *Education Care Projects – Kenya*, KINI has been able to purchase and install 25 beehives ready for honey production. Mara honey is very much sought after and KINI already has a number of outlets for the sale of the produce once the honey is harvested.

This will go towards the running of the school and Rescue Centre and other costs of educating children who are fully in KINI's care.

Should you wish to donate a beehive they are A\$70 to build and place on the land.



We are trying two different beehives to monitor the honey production

SCHOOL RELATIONS

All Kenyan Government Schools have Boards of Management (BOM) appointed by the Education Department. These BOM's are responsible for the running of the schools, especially finances, visions, building works and student welfare.

Because of the work of KINI and Barbara's reputation within the local and wider communities, she has been selected to be part of the BOM for the largest Girls Secondary School in the Trans Mara region. This is a great privilege and challenge and one Barbara is looking forward to. Currently KINI has two girls studying in this school.



The new BOM for Kilgoris Girls Secondary School

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

With the ECD Centre being built, KINI will be looking at making this centre an example of a modern learning centre within the Trans Mara region.

To this end, we will be looking for volunteer teachers to join us at the beginning of January 2020 to train our teachers in a more modern approach to teaching, and also give advice and share methods and classroom setups, with KINI as we make this a centre of excellence.

KINI Mara Academy (as it will be called) will be using the Kenyan curriculum but we would like resources for teaching in a more child-friendly way, as well as many story books to read to the children and other "hands on" resources for the children to use.

If you are interested in joining us please email Barbara for more information.

All volunteers also will be treated to the wonders and sights of the 8th Wonder of the World, the Masai Mara.



These are some of the animals you can encounter as you drive through the park or even roads to town.

Amazing sights every day in and around the Mara.



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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.
The sign of the saved is our love of the least – Max Lucado*

