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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The last 2 months have been ones of change world-wide as each country is fighting for the lives of it's people, and here in Kenya we too are feeling the effects of this pandemic.

Schools were closed immediately precautions were put in place so the children have been home from school for over 6 weeks now and will not be returning until 2 June at the earliest.

The two older boys stayed in the cities where they are studying so at present have 13 children in the home. Is a very busy time trying to supervise class-work, and keep them motivated, whilst baking bread each day and the everyday care that is required. Sometimes it is difficult to get fresh fruit and vegetables but we are surviving.

I have been busy planting the garden with greens and other vegetables so we can be more self-sufficient in the future, as funds are very slow coming.



Having Church at home as all churches closed



Our last trip to church, not much social distancing in our vehicle

SAD TIMES

It has been a very trying time for me personally these last 2 months, as late February I lost both my mother and my brother within 6 days of each other, from cancer. I was not able to return home but am happy for technology where I could video chat with my mum before she was taken to hospital. It has been a sad and lonely experience but have kept busy with the children which has helped.

We decided to have a memorial service here overlooking the Mara, as I shared with the ladies and men their lives and who they were. It was an emotional but beautiful time with them. Afterwards of

course, was the traditional feast of roasted and stewed sheep. Was a comfort to having their support. I have attached a tribute to my mother.



The men came to kill the sheep and cook for us and to pay their respects. They were very sad and shocked to know I had lost both my mother and brother at the same time.

MARA KINI ACADEMY

When school begins again in a month's time, it will be important to have everything ready including toilets for the children, as soon as these are built the registration process of the school can begin.

Three toilets will cost A\$6,000 or US\$4,500 (as the A\$ is dropping to 65 cents).

We are praying by January next year when school begins, travel will be back to normal and we can continue to move forward with our plans.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS are needed to continue to train the teachers, so if you would love the experience of a lifetime as well as helping teachers give the children a better school experience, please email Barbara. As this is a Rotary Project it can be done through Rotary who provide travel insurance.

Furniture is still needed for the children and teachers:

6 Chairs and one table @ A\$700 set – 3 more needed

Teachers Desk x 3 @ 250 each

Teachers' Chairs x 3 @ \$100 each

URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

With the situation with the world economy it has been very difficult for a number of KINI supporters to continue their support, and with the children home for another 4 weeks at least, we are struggling to ensure the home is able to continue to care for the children in our care.

Teachers' wages are not being met also at this time which is making it very difficult for them as they have families to care for.

Any help however small, is always greatly appreciated and helps KINI to continue to have positive impacts in the community.

Education

When school returns there will be fees to be paid which are still outstanding, the lack of because of the lack of sponsors and a large donor who was not able to help this year.

Schools are usually a little lenient with KINI but am sure they will be needing all fees cleared very quickly.

These are costs which KINI still needs to honour each month:

Payment of Staff (including Teachers)

6 teachers each month @\$130 each

Cost Per Month \$780

Security Staff and other workers x 5 @\$130 each

Cost Per Month \$650

Daily upkeep of the home and children per month

\$200

Rescue Centre, Teachers' Housing and Guest House

KINI Home of Hope is well and truly overflowing with only 2 bedrooms and up to **17 children in Barbara's care. The Rescue Centre is URGENTLY NEEDED**, as there are always issues ensuring the girls remain safe and not have access to phones and bad influences from those who do not have the same restrictions as is required in Barbara's home.

The Rescue Centre will also give girls a safe place to come to when they feel threatened and also those

who are high risk can be brought to stay for each school holidays. It is a very big concern of KINI and the community, the extended time at home as this is sadly when there are high pregnancy rates at schools when the girls return.

Please go to www.kinikenya.com and click on the **Donate via RAWCS button to receive a tax receipt immediately to join with KINI for these much needed facilities.**

For overseas you can inbox me and I can give you bank details for direct transfer.

U R G E N T CHILDREN SPONSORSHIPS

These children **URGENTLY** need sponsors to ensure they can continue their schooling. A full list is also attached to the newsletter.

Kakenya Dorcas Musuka



Kakenya is in Class 8 and is working hard for a good result next year for her final year in Primary. Kakenya's mother passed away 5 years ago and her father has many children whom he is

struggling to educate. He wants the best for his daughters and refuses to circumcise them or marry them when they are young and is working hard to ensure they finish their education and proceed to university.

FEES PER YEAR: \$350 (3 terms per year)

FEES for 2021: \$600 (3 terms per year)

Valentine Wuantai



Valentine is in Class 8 and is working hard to improve her marks each term. She does not have a father and her mother struggles to pay her school fees. To ensure she is safe she stays during holidays with a friend near Barbara's home.

FEES PER YEAR: \$260 (3 terms per year)

Jacqueline Kuyia



Jacqueline is in Class 6 and is struggling because of difficulties at home. She needs to attend a boarding school in 2020. Sadly she has a difficult home life with a father who is an alcoholic and is therefore is not able to pay to care for the

children's education. She is a bright and lovely girl, although a little shy.

FEES PER YEAR: \$320 (3 terms per year)

Maxwell Kiplagat



Maxwell is a very bright boy in Class 4. Sadly his mother is not able to care for him as she has a mental illness and he has been left to care for his younger siblings and roam the streets of the small town. A local business man has taken him into his home and KINI has agreed to share his care with providing education expenses. A bright boy who deserves a bright future.

FEES PER YEAR: \$50 (3 terms per year)

Maxwell Memusi



Maxwell is only 7 years old and in Class 1. His father passed away last year leaving 4 wives and a large number of children. Sadly his mother is not well and has no way of obtaining money to care for the children. Visiting their homes we found they have no food in the home and rely on the goodwill of relatives and neighbours. We have placed Maxwell in a private school where he has a good meal for lunch each day.

FEES PER YEAR: \$200 (3 terms per year)

Raphael Mungare



Raphael is going to Class 4 and does well in school. His mother is alone in caring for him and his brother who is in Secondary School and struggles to ensure his fees are paid.

FEES PER YEAR: \$430 (3 terms per year)

With the A\$ lowering often down to 65 shillings per \$1, it is very difficult to stretch funds to cover all our basic needs. Without KINI many of these children would not have a chance to education or a future away from poverty, and some would certainly not even have their lives.

Isabella Ochieng



Isabella is now in Form 2 and is top of her year getting A in final exams for the year. Her father has three wives and over 20 children and therefore cannot afford to pay her school fees. Without help this bright girl could not continue her schooling.

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

Moraa Nyamamba



Moraa is 14 years old and has just completed her primary education with very good marks, so will now continue to Form 1.

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)

Anne Nolari



Anne is now in Form 2 and doing very well in school. She has been with KINI for a year and is a very studious girl who strives to do her best. Her father is very old and not able to support her in school, however wants her to continue her studies. Her

uncles were arranging her marriage when KINI sponsored her.

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

Janneffer Naserian Kalianguni



Janneffer is from a very poor family who are unable to send her to secondary school as is in the same danger as all other girls of having no future except marriage and many children. She has done well in Form 1 and is look forward to Form 2 next year and improving.

FEES PER YEAR: \$620 (3 terms per year)

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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:"*

Mum, we knew one day you would be called home, but it was never something we could envisage happening. You were always there for all of us, your children, your grandchildren and your great grandchildren. And many others who called you Gran and loved you. Right to the end you thought of others and not yourself, asking me to not come home, you were OK and wanted what was best for everyone and was happy we could see each other and talk.

Today I could not stand here but my heart is breaking and my tears are flowing because I will miss you. The greatest gift you gave me was the faith you also had right to the end. Even though I couldn't physically see you it was such a blessing to see and talk to you and know you were at peace with your life and your faith was still strong. I was so happy to show you my garden as it always brings back memories of when we were kids and you always had such a big and beautiful garden that we had to water. It wasn't my favourite job and you would always know when we just wet the ground instead of watering the plants. So many memories from my childhood where you were always there, taking us to church, learning to drive so you could take us wherever we needed to go, up and down Dorrigo and me getting sick, as I am still prone to do, going to church and picnics. You were there when I had my children, I know it would have been so much more difficult without you.

You did so much in your life, so much many of us have and never will do, you abseiled at 60, travelled the world, flew in hot air balloons, cared for so many in the community. I hope one day I can make you truly proud to do what you would have loved to have done.

You were the only one who understood me, who understood my passions and was always proud of what I was able to do and the fears I was able to conquer. So many tell me I am so much like you and now I realize if you had been born in a different generation, you would be right here beside me. All I am I know comes from the passion you had for life and other people and I am proud to truly be my mother's daughter.

I cannot say goodbye today, but I will say "see you in the morning" when we will meet again at Jesus' feet. I love you mum and will miss you but you will always be my inspiration to keep following the path I am given.

Each time I read this poem by Helen Steiner Rice I think of you

When I must leave you for a little while.
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

Your loving daughter Barbara