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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Since April am not sure how often I have been able to sit and think of anything other than "which school is having an orientation/academic day that I need to visit this week"!

All children are now in school and the new ones joined secondary school, which was a huge effort to ensure they were able to attend good schools. Three full 12 hour days going from school to school trying to find the best one to accept the children based on their marks from Primary, was a gruelling and tiresome time, but also successful.

With KINI Mara Academy (KMA) also in full swing and overfull, there is little time for communicating to donors and keeping on top of things, for which I do apologise. I am praying next month will give me a little more time!

This newsletter will be concentrating on KMA and our urgent needs there as well as those of students needing sponsoring.

At present we have not paid all school fees for this term and schools are constantly contacting me to pay or children will be sent home! It is a sad reality here, they say education is free but it is far from it. On top of school fees they add "remedial fees" which are given to teachers to encourage them to teach the children in boarding during "preps" time and also often there is an added fee for construction of classrooms and dormitories. These are all Government schools!

I made a quick trip to Nairobi last week and was astounded at the price increases of EVERYTHING. Many basics have gone up even 50% or higher and building materials are the same. This is making things very difficult for the average family to survive especially when there is little work and certainly no increases in payments. And of course for building.

Please consider KINI as you approach the end of the financial year and remember all donations are tax deductible – for Australia donate through the RAWCS (Rotary) donation button on our website. For US donors please contact Barbara and she will give the link for donating for a tax deduction also.

MARA KINI ACADEMY (KMA)

KINI Mara Academy is now the school that most people in the surrounding and outlying communities wish to send their children.

We opened PP1 (the first kindy class) this term with 64 students – we were going to cut off at 32 however the parents continued to bring their children to join. We have employed a second teacher to help with the class but the room is bulging

at the seams, fitting them all in. We URGENTLY NEED CLASSROOMS BUILT for this expansion to a second stream and also for the January 2023 intake.

We have been donated funds to start the foundations, but with the price increases this will only enable us to purchase part of the raw materials to do foundations for 3 classrooms.

US\$40,000 is needed immediately to build these classrooms in preparation for the current 2nd stream and the anticipated enrolment in January.

Without these classrooms we will not be able to have an intake for the new year as there are no classrooms for any new children.

Following are pictures of KMA students and the activities they are involved with which shows why KMA is truly "Beyond the Best"

This is GRADE 1 having a "picnic" – the first picnic the children had ever experienced. They took along their snacks and shukas and hats and had such a wonderful time they were 2 hours late back! There was much learning as well as play involved.





SPONSORSHIP OF CHILDREN

KINI now has 172 children we are doing our best to keep in school from Primary through to University. However, many do not have sponsors and if we are unable to pay school fees these children will be sent home.

*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. A full list will be emailed shortly will all current children needing sponsors.

Thank you for making a difference in these children's lives.



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.

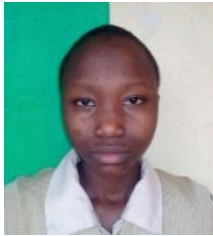
FEES PER YEAR: \$650 (3 terms per year)



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)

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 Form 2. 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.

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Rebecca Naimute



Rebecca joined Form 1 in a good school and we are sure she will do well. 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.

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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 **\$400 for the last 2 terms for this year. Term 1 fees only have been paid**

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.

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

Fees for the year are \$650 each student

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 2023 school year.

OTHER MONTHLY COSTS

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. Without the teachers and staff KINI cannot continue to help the communities with educating their children and bringing change for the future.

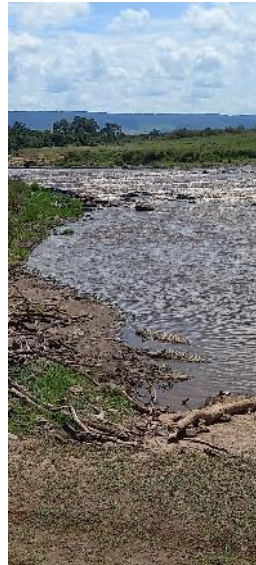
MEMBERSHIP ON OTHER SCHOOL BOARDS

Because of KINI's reputation and Barbara's hands-on involvement with the schools where we sponsor children, Barbara has been asked to join a second school, which is one of the top schools in the county, to be part of their Board of Management. We had our first meeting in May after schools returned.



Kilgoris Girls had a fun day in the Mara for the teachers and staff, after getting stuck on our roads here, for over an hour and the Principal having to wear her wet muddy clothes all day.

Days in the Mara are never disappointing.



NEW SCHOOLS – NEW EXCITEMENT

Some of our students who have now started secondary school – a new experience and of course new uniforms!

Even teachers like a pic with the muzungu





VISITING FRIENDS CELEBRATING A NEW BABY



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Ezekiel so happy to be in a polytechnic to do Plumbing – I won't need to pay in future



This is the tea urn for many students - one of a number

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:"*

