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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The last few months have been ones of dreams being fulfilled but also much work, thus the time between newsletters has sadly been long. I am also just recovering fully from a bout of malaria and brucellosis, luckily my immune system was working well and was able to recover quickly.

Sorry the newsletters have not been as frequent this year but my computer decided to get a glitch and I lost all my most needed files, and so am now trying to redo them all.

I know as you will receive this you will still be dealing with the devastation of the fires throughout NSW and Qld and my thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected. Trying to explain the catastrophic effects of Australian fires is quite eye opening to those here as we don't seem to have them here.

I will share here the achievements of KINI, thanks to our partners which will be a great future for the education of the children in our community.



The performers were truly amazing

KINI MARA ACADEMY AND LIBRARY

October 18, saw a great celebration at KINI's land as we launched a **community library** and presented books to 16 schools, to ensure children had access to course books, which are not provided in schools. These books were very much appreciated by all who received them.



Anna my right hand here, Eunice who gave us the books and Barbara ready for the day of celebrations

The community are very pleased they now have a library where children can come and study during the holidays and after school, as well as read. More books will be coming in the future as KINI has partnered with other local organisations to continue to add books to the library.

The day was a great success with all local schools performing special poems and traditional dances. The Governor's Wife – First Lady Narok County, graced the proceedings and was very impressed in what KINI has achieved.



Books ready for giving to the schools. A big week sorting them into their school lots.

The school is due to open on 6 January and we are looking forward to having some volunteer teachers coming from Australia, to train our teaching staff in different methods of teaching. There is always work for volunteer teachers here as I have other schools requesting teachers to train their staff in the more modern teaching methods. So if you would like an experience of a lifetime and make a child's future brighter, please come to Kenya.



Finishing the verandah of the 3 classrooms and 2 offices

KINI MARA ACADEMY
Centre of Excellence
-Beyond the Best-

Special thanks to -
HE Governor Samuel Tunai for his
generous donation of the land

KINI Partners in building the ECD Centre:
Douglas Durst, USA
Tweed Valley Adventist Op Shop, Australia
Cooranbong Community Centre, Australia
Inner Wheel A50 District, Australia

Contractor:
Jay Secure Services www.jaysecure.com

Sign for the School and Donors



Children studying in the library. We still need more revision books and tables and chairs



Naileku sampling the water from the water filter donated to the school by LifeStraw, so the children will have clean drinking water.

Before we can open school we need to build toilets. To be more environmentally friendly we will be building **compositing toilets at a cost of A\$5,000** (as the A\$ is dropping to 66 cents).



These are very modern and there will be three together

Furniture is needed for the children and teachers:

- 8 desks @ \$150 each**
- 35 Chairs @ \$50 each**
- Teachers Desk x 3 @ 250 each**
- Teachers' Chairs x 3 @ \$100 each**

KINI HOME OF HOPE

It isn't often we are able to celebrate birthdays with the children in the home (now 16 in total) so these holidays we celebrated three together, the children love birthday cakes (especially Naileku).

Luckily I was able to purchase a 44 gallon "oven" that works with charcoal, so cooked their cakes and goodies. They loved blowing out the trick candles which kept relighting.



Cutting the cake and then traditionally you are fed by your friends and then you proceed to feed others.



Our wonderful oven where I can bake bread and Anzac biscuits, their favourite

It is wonderful living on the edge of the Masai Mara with all the animals around, except when the biggest elephant decides he likes your garden, especially just when the pumpkins are growing nicely.



The elephant's footprint and faeces right next to the house where he ate the chili bushes growing



I think pumpkin vines are off the list of garden plants

I asked the children did they hear him (I wasn't home at the time) and they said yes but were too afraid to do anything but hide under the blankets. If they had opened their window they would have been able to pat him on the head!

Two of the young girls got up the next morning and fixed the fence where it had been broken down and a small piece of garden left.

KISERIAN'S OPERATION

KINI has been caring for Kiserian for quite some time and had been waiting patiently for him to be admitted to have his deformed foot and hand fixed. This was finally set in August where Barbara spent over a week in the hospital with him caring for his basic needs whilst he recovered from the operation.

Because of the extent of the potential for the leg to grow normally and the need to have a prosthesis to give him two equal length legs, after much discussion the decision was made to amputate the foot. This is healing well, Barbara is caring for him and changing dressings every few days to ensure it is not infected and will heal quickly so a prosthesis can be arranged. We are praying it will be healed in time for him to be able to start school again in January. Every 2 to 4 weeks we need to make the 6 hour journey to the hospital for checking, which is a 2 day event. Thus it has been a very busy few months.



Contrast from when we first saw the Doctors to now when he is part of the family and growing very fast



He is very happy with his new hand that doesn't have a finger sitting out catching on things

URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

KINI continuously is asked at this time of year, to help girls, especially, to continue onto their secondary education, as often the girl will be the one who is not sent to school if the money is not there, and has a brother ready to join Secondary. Often she will be married off (many times her kidnapping is arranged and she is forced into marriage) so the "dowry" can be used to pay the brother's fees.



Shantel, is a young 14 year old who has come to the KINI home for just this reason. Her brothers arranged her to be kidnapped and taken. She was beaten severely but was able to escape when her sister heard her screams. Shantel makes 16 now.

Even though we are over-flowing we have had to make space to keep her safe and allow her to continue into secondary. She got very good marks so are expecting her to be offered a very good school.

We have many girls in this situation and thus the **RESCUE CENTRE** is our most urgent need right now. We are praying we will find a partner who is able to work with KINI to ensure all girls in need have a safe place to come to and receive an education.

Education

Please consider ensuring these young people have opportunity for a future away from poverty and cultural restrictions on their dreams of becoming doctors, lawyer, pilots by sponsoring a child or even two. KINI will not have extra funds this year to ensure all these children without sponsors will be able to attend school.

We have a high number of **students (both secondary and primary school plus 4 in college)** who are in urgent need of sponsors. (A full list is attached to this newsletter.)

With the number of children now sponsored by KINI at **150**, 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.

Payment of Staff (including Teachers)

5 teachers each month @\$130 each	
Cost Per Month	\$650
Security Staff and other workers x 5 @\$130 each	
Cost Per Month	650

Schools, individuals or work groups, please consider **sponsoring a teacher** for only **\$130 per month**. Without KINI teachers in the schools there would be a very severe lack of learning as the Government does not supply sufficient teachers, some schools only 30% of the number required, and it is impossible in these schools which are in very low socio-economic areas, for parents to pay the school fees needed to employ sufficient teachers.

Daily upkeep of the home and children *per month*

\$200

KINI also supports **37 children** in the local Enkereri Primary School paying half their fees each term. This is only **A\$350 per term (3 terms per year)** to help keep these 37 children in school.

Washing Machine

With more children coming into the home and Barbara's workload with the school and so many sponsored children and schools to visit, washing by hand is very time consuming so KINI would like to purchase a washing machine and generator to run it (we do not have electricity – only solar).

Washing machine - \$380 – Generator \$500

Rescue Centre, Teachers' Housing and Guest House

As can be seen from Shantel story, the Rescue Centre is URGENTLY NEEDED, as girls are being used as collateral too often, to secure cows and funds to put brothers into school or for other purposes.

Also, the Narok County has the highest incidences in Kenya, for teenage pregnancies and girls dropping from school at a young age. With the children having almost 11 weeks out of school during the December break, this is a very intense time for girls who are at risk, to fall pregnant or be forced into FGM and early marriage.

The Rescue Centre will give these 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.

With 16 children now calling my home "home", it is a little crowded and we can't fit any more in.

Now is a great time to consider partnering with KINI either with a sponsorship or helping towards much needed funds for development of the Rescue Centre complex. Please go to www.kinikenya.com and click on the Donate via RAWCS button to receive a tax receipt immediately.

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

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

VISIT US ...

If you would like to have amazing experiences as well as enjoy the beauty of Kenya please consider a trip of a lifetime to see the life changing work KINI does. Volunteers are always welcome to help in KINI's school as well as train teachers in neighbouring schools, on different teaching methods and resources to use.



A Librarian would be great to help catalogue and set up the library to help the community children learn.



CHILDREN SPONSORSHIPS

Those who have joined hands with KINI to sponsor children and keep them in school, please remember to send school fees for 2020 by **20 December 2019** to allow fees to be paid before Christmas, as the children are to be in school by 6 January and with over 150 children and over 40 schools to deal with, it is a very big job and children need to take all receipts for fees with them when they report to school as fees are paid directly into bank accounts.

Again, thank you for making a difference in a child's life.

Jane Nankine Mempe



Jane's father passed away when she was quite young and her mother struggles to ensure her 4 children are in school. Jane is in Class 6 and her mother asked KINI to support her to put Jane into boarding school to take her away from the problems experienced

living in the Manyatta for a young developing girl. Jane does well in school and has improved greatly since joining boarding.

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

With the A\$ lowering often down to 66 shillings per \$1, fees will seem a little higher this year than in previous years.

KINI would like to wish all its sponsors and partners, a very joyous and safe Christmas and may 2020 be a year where we all reach beyond our dreams.

We may not be able to save every child but we can make a difference to one, and who knows what that one child will do for this world.

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

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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*

