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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE CEO

The year is quickly moving on and after having many months of drought here the rains have finally come which has been greatly appreciated. Food was a big issue not only for the animals but it was very difficult to purchase even local vegetables and everything had doubled, tripled or quadrupled in price.

It was quite a difference to the 4 weeks I spent in Australia in February/March, with the constant rains and resulting lush grass, to come back to bare grounds with many cattle, sheep and goats trying to find sufficient to eat just to survive.



The scene as I drive back to the manyatta – very sad

It was a very quick trip home and am sorry I wasn't able to see more supporters and friends whilst I was there, but did manage to get to Narrabri and the Piligar where it was as dry as back here!

Much has happened over the last 2 months in the village and the school and will try to share as much as I can so you can see the many needs as well as the changes that comes with your help.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES



Mr Thomas our new Head Teacher, appointed by the Government – a very experienced Maasai who I am sure will bring the school to the top in the district, very quickly. Changes to teaching and additional "prep" classes before and after school have already commenced.

Many parents are finding it difficult to pay all fees which include lunch for the children and with there being 14 weeks in Term 2 (starting 2 May) it will have to be considered whether parents are able to pay the \$30 per term/child is realistic, especially

when there can be as many as 5 children from one family. Many times these families have single parents to care and provide for them.

I am at present sponsoring 45 children paying a large portion of their fees, but many more are in desperate need of help. You can sponsor a child per term for as little as **\$30 for school fees and lunch**. Many also require uniforms and shoes which are approximately \$20.

Loshe Munke – our new School Board Chairman. A young man with a vision to ensure the school is brought up to the highest potential, loving his new Akubra I was able to bring back with me.



WATER ISSUES AND SICKNESSES

With the extended drought water is always a huge issue, especially having clean water to drink and cook with. When I returned from Australia I found many in the Village were suffering a variety of illnesses including typhoid, malaria and other gastro problems, mostly from the dirty water being used, which comes from the local dam which is used by all local and wild animals and for washing clothes.



When my friend Adrian from the “roll out the barrel” organisation in England saw the conditions he immediately asked “what can I do?” Within a week I had 5 “household” water filters picked from Nairobi and brought to the village where the next day they were put to good use filtering drinking water for most of the 40 households.



Simple to use but very effective as can be seen from the following two pics.



To ensure the filters were used to the best capability and to learn to train the community not only in their use but in water health, I travelled with Anna and David for 2 days training in Nairobi. Here they are learning how to successfully backwash the filter to remove all traces of dirt filtered from water

SPONSORSHIPS URGENTLY NEEDED



This is Felister, a bright young lady from a family who are seeing a future for their daughters but finding it difficult to find funds for their education as well as other children they care for.

She has done well in Grade 6 and is now going into Grade 7. Fees required for FULL BOARDING:

Term 2 (due 1 May): A\$175
Term 3 No fees due



Jairus is an orphan now in my care, and is in Class 7.

Fees for FULL BOARDING:
Term 2 (due 1 May): A\$150
Term 3 (due 1 Sept): A\$75

Jairus is improving each term and am sure will do very well by the end of the year.



Kevin is an orphan now in my care, and promoted to Form 2.
Fees for FULL BOARDING:
Term 2 (due 1 May): A\$150
Term 3 (due 1 Sept): A\$75

Kevin is struggling with some subjects so these holidays will be spent with a tutor bringing him up to speed, especially with maths and science subjects.

These three young children are still in urgent need of sponsors to continue their education which is so important for their futures.

At present they are on holidays but start back the first week of May and fees must be paid as soon as they return otherwise they are sent home and miss important exams and school work.

Please consider joining with us in ensuring they have a bright future.

SPONSORSHIP OF VILLAGE & ORPHANS

There are presently 100 children who need help just to be able to go to school as parents are extremely poor, most are cared for by grandmothers (some aged in their 80's and 90's) and other relatives. As little as **A\$30 per term** (due 1 May and 1 September) is enough to pay for school fees as well as providing for lunch each day.

Helping the community with everyday needs is always a challenge as well as caring for the children in my care. I would ask you consider donating the value of one cup of coffee a week, which can help greatly with providing medicines and other requirements for these children and their parents as well as provide food and care for orphans.

DONATIONS

A big THANK YOU to VIAND OFFERINGS CAFÉ from my home town of Macksville, who had a promotion of KINI's work at their local very popular café, and proceeds from the day as well as the sale of authentic Maasai items and canvases, were able to give KINI \$1000. A big thank you also to those who supported their day and enjoyed scrumptious food to help needy children obtain an education and be given basic necessities of life. Feel free to call in and enjoy a great coffee, meal and special sweets as well as purchase items available to help KINI in its work with the Maasai and other vulnerable children. Thanks Glynn and Remi – you are awesome.

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