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"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"



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FROM THE CEO

2017 has started in a constant whirl of activity, getting children to school, finding sponsors, bringing more children into the home and visitors from the Governor's Office (bearing gifts), and spending time in our school to sort issues that always arise.

I am also heavily involved in a very remote and poor school helping secure funds for school improvements. We have added 4 toilets (they only had two for all students and teachers), a water tank and finishing of 2 classrooms which had dirt floors and walls not finished. Thanks to Ana and her sponsors from the US who have made a huge difference to this school and community.



Going to check the work after rain, spent 1½ hours in this bog until a tractor came to pull me out.



Children very happy now have clean water



The toilets almost finished



Finishing of walls in the classroom

Time has flown and it is now the end of Term 1 and the children are home for their 4 weeks break. Where did the last 3 months go?

Getting breakfast for 12 children and getting them to sit and do school work every morning is always a hectic time, trying to work out what work to give the little ones is a challenge with little in the way of resources. Then it is usually off running to check other students living at home who I support and like to check school results as well as ensure they are continuing to study during the holidays.

As my home also doubles as a "rescue centre" for girls in danger of FGM or early marriages, I am expecting more girls in the near future as I strive to help two whose families are presently arranging marriages for them. The main reason being, they do not want the responsibility of educating the girls and so even though they are only 14 years, they will marry them. One is presently being "sold" as a second wife. The dowry is also very welcomed.

Some days I feel very frustrated trying to ensure these young girls are given a chance at education and life instead of a life of child bearing, hard work and poverty.

Therefore this Newsletter will focus on those in urgent need of sponsorship to enable them to stay in school and have a chance to make better decisions and not accept these customs that are often forced on them.

NAILEKU UPDATE

Naileku is growing up so fast and is now able to stand for a few seconds by herself and walk between furniture. This is very exciting as when you look to where she was when she first came into the Home and where she is now, it is amazing and I thank God for allowing me the privilege of caring for her. The children all love her and she has such a cheeky personality, it is hard not to spoil her rotten!



Then and Now – an amazing transformation

I pray you all have a blessed and safe Easter.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

There are many orphans in our community largely due to HIV and other preventable illnesses and although cared for by relatives, rarely their care extends to education and very little physical care.

After a drive through rather rough terrain, then a long walk into the forest, I found three orphans, whose mother had passed away last year, now living with an Aunt but not being sent to school.



Off we drove into the forest and when was too muddy we walked the rest of the way



Komeyian (Girl 8 yrs), Junior (Boy 12 yrs), Ann (Girl 10 yrs)

I found the three children just waiting begging to go to school, and the boy having some medical issues which weren't being addressed since his mother had passed away.

Because of the home situation, it would be best for the children to be in boarding school. Komeyian is in Pre-Unit, Ann in Class 4.

KINI was able to buy uniforms and pay for day school fees for this term but sponsors are needed for Term 2 and onwards, starting 1 May. Boarding fees are \$100 per term each child. Plus \$100 to purchase boarding requirements such as mattress, blanket, etc

After taking Junior for medical testing, we have discovered he has epilepsy and also is mentally challenged, therefore needing to be placed into a special school (which has already been arranged). He will be able to learn life skills and simple maths and reading to help him later in life. Please see the updated sponsorship list below for further details in relation to fees and requirements.

Without the opportunity to attend school and be under the care and supervision of KINI, as these children grow they will be in danger of FGM and early marriages. And Junior will have no hope of learning any skills or having any opportunity for a life free from forced work.

For these and other children in need of sponsorship please see the list attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Children return to school **1 May** and **all fees must be paid prior to them being able to return to school.**

MARA SAFARI

Barbara became safari guide and driver to take the Head Teacher and the builder into the Mara as a special treat. A great day was had with many animals seen.



Kenya is an amazing and alive place – consider coming to see the impact KINI has on the Maasai community as well as enjoy the 8th Wonder of the World – the amazing Masai 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*

Boarding/day schools for specific children as listed below and sponsorship requirements. There are many more children who need to attend boarding schools if funds are available:

Musa (Moses) Ndooyop

His mother passed away and father unable to fully support the family, especially for school fees. Since starting boarding school Musa is doing very well. It is important that he continue in school to avoid many of the issues of young Maasai boys who leave school before finishing their full education.

Fees per term and boarding requirements: US\$200 per term

Kakeyna Ndooyop

Younger sister to Margaret and Musa (8 years). Because of the remoteness of her home there is no school available for her to attend therefore needs to start boarding school where she will have opportunity to gain the basic knowledge needed in the early years of school. Her father is able to support her with boarding and living expenses, however needs help with fees.

Fees per term: US\$110 1st term, 2nd Term US\$60, 3rd Term US\$60

Brenda Lipayo

Brenda is a 7 year old Maasai girl whose parents work very hard to ensure she and her 4 siblings are in school but it is a struggle each term to pay the school fees.

Fees per term: US\$12 per term

John Olomorigo



John is a young man who was one of the first “cow boys” I put into school 4 years ago. He is now in Class 5 and doing well, studies very hard and is keen to continue his education. John is now in boarding where he can concentrate more on his studies.

Fees per term: US\$80 per term

Silvia Niaku

Silvia is a young girl 14 years of age, who had been left with her grandmother to work and never sent to school. In 2016 I took her to school and now she is living with me full-time for her safety and to ensure she has time for school work. She is struggling as she didn't learn the basics however is working hard and progressing into Class 3.

Fees per term: US\$40 per term (includes uniforms and other expenses)



Rebecca Nasinkoi



Rebecca is 14 years of age and is going into Class 5. She sometimes struggles but is improving every term. She is from a very poor family and her father passed away 2 years ago leaving her mother unable to provide for the children or send them to school. Rebecca has been living with Barbara for the past year and her school work is very much improving.

Fees per term: US\$40 per term (includes uniforms and other expenses)

Denis Nkamien

Denis is 10 years old and is going into Class 4. He is a very good student with marks for most subjects in the 80's. For the past 18 months Denis has been suffering from an infection in the bone in his left leg which causes ulcerations and constant pain and disfigurement. Barbara has been able to arrange medical treatment, however he needs to begin boarding to ensure he is able to attend classes without the need to walk long distances to school.

Fees per term: US\$100 per term



Cheptom Valentine



Cheptom is now in Class 8, the final class of Primary School, and how she performs this year will determine her future. Cheptom is now in Barbara's care as her parents are unable to care for her schooling. Without the opportunity to continue in school she will be forced to marry as many other girls have.

Fees per term: US\$100 per term

Elizabeth Daudi

Elizabeth is a total orphan who has been living with Barbara for the past 4 years and is now in Class 4.

Fees per term: US\$40 per term (includes uniforms and other expenses)



Stacy Machuka



Stacy is in Barbara's full time care and Guardianship as she has no record of any family to care for her. She is now in Pre-Unit (Kindergarten) and is proving to be a very bright child with a bright future.

Fees per term: US\$40 per term (includes uniforms and other expenses)

Lucy Sateiyian

Lucy came to live with Barbara during 2016 on a permanent basis as her mother had passed away at the beginning of the year and her grandmother refused to care for her or send her to school, and the father is not capable of caring for her and her sister (Naileku). She is going into Nursery class although she is 7 years, as she was never sent to school.

Fees per term: US\$40 per term (includes uniforms and other expenses)



Shaniz and Yasmin Naija



Shaniz and Yasmin are two sisters aged 4 and 7 years, who tragically lost their mother in a car accident in early 2016. Their father abandoned them and their grandmother is now caring for them. She will be retiring from work during 2017 and therefore will find it difficult to pay school fees for the girls.

Fees per term: US\$50 each child

Emanuel Muchunga Wafula

Emanuel is an orphan in the care of his Uncle , who also cares for other orphaned siblings. Emanuel has passed Class 8 (ending Primary School) with good marks and has now started Form 1. Help is needed for school fees to ensure he is able to complete his education.

Fees per term: US\$200 per term (maximum)



Peter Junior Mayato



Peter (Junior) is an orphan recently brought to KINI's attention when it was found that although being 'cared' for by relatives, he was not being sent to school and his medical condition (epilepsy) was not being monitored or medication given. He was taken to a local hospital for monitoring and medication, and placed in a regular school where it was very apparent he also has mental challenges. KINI has contacted a "special" school which is willing to accept him. There he will be taught basic reading and writing and life skills.

Fees per term: US\$120 per term (plus initial \$150 to cater for his boarding items)

Komeyian Matayo



Komeyian is Peter's youngest sister and is in Nursery class, even though she is 8 years, as she has missed school as her mother couldn't pay school fees and since her death no-one has sent her to school. If possible it would be best if she could board to ensure she is cared for and given basic needs which often is lacking.

Fees per term: US\$120 per term (plus initial \$150 to cater for his boarding items)
Day School – US\$20 per term plus uniforms

Ann Matasia Matayo



The 10 year old sister to Peter and Komeyian, Ann is very keen to learn and so happy to be back in school (Class 2). Again boarding will be the ideal situation for her to continue to learn with no interruptions. Without your help I am sure it would not be very long before she would be forced to undergo FGM and marriage.

Fees per term: US\$120 per term (plus initial \$150 to cater for his boarding items)
Day School – US\$20 per term plus uniforms

Christine Mepukori



Christine (16 years) is from a family where the father has 6 wives and many children, and does not choose to educate his daughters. Christine has "run away" to her uncle's home as her father has planned to marry her however she is determined to finish school. Christine is bright and doing well in Form 2. Her uncle cares for her daily needs but because he has his own family to educate, is unable to continue to pay Christine's school fees.

Fees per term: US\$500 per year (each term is a different amount)

Nancy Nempiris



Nancy is in Form 1 and again is from a family where the father has 3 wives, but chooses to only care for two and their children, so her mother is left to care for her and her 4 siblings. Because of her good marks in Class 8 she has been accepted into a high performing secondary school which means the fees are a little higher but she is doing well and determined to finish school and not be forced into marriage.

Fees per term: US\$600 per year (each term is a different amount)

Berry Sirintai Kamakei



Berry (16 years old and in Class 6) has just been taken into the KINI home as she is from a single mother who is unable to provide for her schooling. Her uncle is no longer willing to pay her school fees so has arranged a husband for her. Thus she is in danger of being forcibly taken and married and therefore needs to be in a safe place where she will not be vulnerable to these customs. She is very keen to finish school and go to further study. At present she walks two hours to school which again is very dangerous as at any time she can be kidnapped and taken. Therefore it is imperative we place her into boarding as soon school resumes on 1 May.

Fees per term: US\$100 per term

Benson Ndooyop

Benson is an older young man who has completed his primary education and is continuing in Form 1 where he is doing very well. From a family where the father has 9 wives and many children, his brother is supporting him to finish school. However, he is also supporting other brothers and his own family so has requested help with half of the school fees and he will struggle to pay the balance. When these young men receive an education they are then able to continue to help educate younger siblings and of course their own families.

Fees per term: US\$100 per term