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“Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community”



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FROM THE CEO

Sitting back in my small home in the Mara it seems forever since I was in Australia catching up with friends and KINI supporters. As happens in the KINI world, I hit the ground running with a wedding, AROP program, dealing with pneumonia and trying to get rest, children all home from school and adding more to the mix to stop them from being taken and forced to be married.

A huge thank you to those who supported KINI whilst I was in Australia and who have continued to remember the children and their need for education and care.

I would like to wish all KINI supporters, my family and friends, the most wonderful and blessed Christmas and may all your dreams come to be not just dreams but “real life adventures” in 2018.

ALTERNATE RITE OF PASSAGES

Following the successful Rites of Passage held in August, a second one was held at the Itlolith Mara School from 10-12 November.

The much needed rains decided to descend for the weekend which made it very cold and muddy and as Barbara was fighting pneumonia she decided to stay at a camp nearby whilst the children hunkered down in the classrooms.

Although the weather was very cold and wet and made for difficulty in travelling, and this being a time of year when many celebrations are taking place, the attendance began very slowly. However, KINI’s CEO was very happy with the final attendance of 33 girls and 25 boys aged between 10 and 17 years.

A highlight for the girls was the distribution of the “Days for Girls” kits which contain reusable pads, panties, soap and a facecloth. These enable the girls to continue to attend school during those times of the month as most cannot afford to buy pads. The girls were very happy. A big THANK YOU to the COONABARABRAN DAYS FOR GIRLS group who put together almost 100 kits for Barbara to bring back with her. More will be distributed when the schools return in January.



Getting 20 mattresses to the school for the children to sleep on!



Boys and Girls joined together each morning and evening for worship and fellowship



The local Chief addressing the boys



A very proud group of graduates



5 of KINI’s girls were also able to attend



Girls receiving their “Days for Girls” kits

Plans are underway for another program to be held in April 2018 during the next school break. Please pray for these programs as KINI goes into these areas which are often held in old traditional practices which keep the young people from reaching their potential.

OLKIRRERUKI SCHOOL UPDATE

The CEO has been busy getting quotes and checking progress on new building works for the Olkirreruki School which is very exciting for the community. At present the school only goes to Class 6 because of lack of classrooms. But 2018 will see Class 7 starting thanks to the vision and kindness of a donor, with a new classroom being built. The toilets for the teachers are finished, except for the painting, so the new school year will be a joyous occasion for teachers, students and the community.

A well is also being dug to ensure a good water supply for the school and especially for future building works, as well as a clean and close water supply for the community. Work is slow because it keeps filling with water! However we envisage this will be finished in time for the start of the school year in January.



Staff toilets & bathing rooms almost done



The foundations are going ahead quickly for the new classroom for Class 7 in 2018



The well is coming along nicely, but filling with water too quickly which is hampering the digging works

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Everlyne came to KINI Home of Hope as soon as she finished her Class 8 exams as there had been threats of a young man wanting to kidnap her with the view of forcing her to marry him. She has received 330 marks, which is a very good result and has been offered placement in a very high performing school. Her fees will be approximately **\$600 a year**.

Thank you to those who are generously supporting children to continue their education. However, there are other children still in need of sponsorship which KINI is currently struggling to keep in school. Please consider helping children receive an education from as little as **\$30 a year to \$600**, for those in Secondary School.

Please see the updated Sponsorship proposal at the end of this Newsletter.

Those who sponsor children, please remember our school year starts on 2 January and all fees are needed to be paid and uniforms, etc purchased, prior to this date.

Please consider giving the gift of education to a child as you ponder what to purchase those who already have so much, for Christmas. Kris Kringle giving is a great way to give to help the future of those who have so little but who dream so big.

FUTURE VISION – RESCUE CENTRE

By 2018 KINI's vision is to purchase land and build a larger, safer **Rescue Centre** to accommodate the growing number of children, especially girls who need help to continue their education and fight against early pregnancies and forced child marriages.



There are many more girls such as Everlyne, who need a safe home where they cannot be taken by force and miss out on their dream of finishing school. Protection and nurture are also needed for these children as there is much "freedom" in their communities which can lead to damaging life choices.

A proposal and costs have been put together to make this Rescue Centre a reality in the very near future. If you would like to partner with KINI please consider this as you plan your finances for the coming year. It is heartbreaking to have to send these girls home when you know the only option will be marriage and usually not one of their choosing.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHILD IN NEED OF EDUCATION

Rebecca Tiniyo is in Form 3 and does very well in her studies. She is the youngest in a large family and her father is now unable to continue to pay her school fees as all his cows were stolen and he has not been

able to raise the fees for this year or the future. Rebecca does not wish to marry but to continue to finish school and go to University, which she is very capable of doing.

Fees per year: US\$400



CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 1 saw 30 of KINI’s sponsored children come to the Home and join together for a meal and get to know one another.

A special guest from Compassion, came and spoke with the children about their responsibilities with studying hard and realising the opportunities they are being given by having a sponsor help with their education and future.

Barbara and Loshe, a young man from the local Manyatta who has worked with KINI since it first came to the community, and who is currently also a sponsored young man in university, also shared with the children the opportunities that await them if they study hard and look to the future.



The fatted sheep was killed and made a wonderful soup which the children very much enjoyed.



Children enjoying their lunch



Ben sharing with the children his experience of being sponsored as a young man through school and working hard to gain a university education.



Barbara and some of the children KINI sponsors in the home as well as in various schools

CELEBRATIONS

A week after her return from Australia, Barbara was part of a wedding of one of the local young men from her Village. The travel to collect the bride from her home was a long, rough and dusty trip but was a privilege to be part of the celebrations.



Sitting on the floor with the rest of the family, bride and groom, having milk poured on one’s head, hands, clothes and legs was a farewell gesture from the bride’s family. I enjoyed my bath the next morning!



Bride, Bridesmaid and “mother” of the groom

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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.

Bank: ANZ, Nambucca Heads
 Name: Barbara Parkins/Kisarukera (KINI)
 BSB/Account: 012754/204398639

Thank you for sharing in our dream.

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

The following pages show the children who are currently in urgent need of sponsorship to continue their education. Thank for making a difference in a child's life for the future.

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:

Kekeyna Ndooyop



Her mother passed away and father unable to fully support the family, especially for school fees. She is 8 years old and doing well in Class 1. 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\$100

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\$100 per term

Rebecca Nasinkoi



Rebecca is 15 years of age and is in Class 6. 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 is now going into Boarding as it isn't safe for her to stay living near the Manyatta.

Fees per term: US\$110 1st term, 2nd Term US\$80, 3rd Term US\$80

Jeptom Valentine



Jeptom is now in Class 8. Jeptom 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

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 going into Class 1 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 in Nursery and has been No 1 in the 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)

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

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. He has been placed in a "special school" where he is doing very well and is loved by all the staff and children.

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

Everlyne Naisioanoi Keyio



Everlyne is 14 years of age and has finished Class 8, the final class of Primary School with 330 marks, which means she will be accepted into a very good Secondary School. She has come to stay in the KINI Home of Hope to ensure she is not taken to be married and can continue her education.

Fees per term: US\$200 per term (3 terms per year) plus other school expenses ie uniforms, text books, boarding requirements

Rebecca Tiniyio



Rebecca is in Form 3 and does very well in her studies. She is the youngest in a large family and her father is now unable to continue to pay her school fees as all his cows were stolen and he has not been able to raise the fees for this year or the future. Rebecca does not wish to marry but to continue to finish school and go to University, which she is very capable of doing.

Fees per year: US\$400



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PROPOSAL RESCUE CENTRE, TRANS MARA - KENYA

BACKGROUND

The Trans Mara region in Kenyan is home predominantly to the Maasai community but also there is a variety of other groups. This is an area of low socio-economic standards and high mortality rates from diseases such as HIV, malaria and maternal deaths during delivery. Often times there is limited access to sufficient medical care because of travel distances to facilities or the inability to pay for services.



Consequently there are a large number of orphans and children from "one parent" families. These children are being cared for by relatives many of whom already have a large number of dependents, or by aged grandmothers.

It is difficult for these children to have adequate access to reasonable physical care and especially education. Within the Maasai community this is noticeably a larger issue considering the attitude from the often uneducated leaders, where ancient practices such as Female Circumcision (FGM) and early marriages are still practiced and the female child is considered property to be used for 'dowry' purposes.

Because of this, the girl child is often dropped from school at a young age, especially if funds are not available for school fees. Therefore a large focus of KINI is to ensure young girls are able to stay in school and be educated. This also saves them from FGM and early marriages or being used as workers in the home or with relatives. Often times there is a need for them to live in the safety of KINI's home for their security and well-being. Often when the girls go home for school holidays is when they are subjected to FGM or forced "engagements" to be then taken as a wife immediately the school year has finished.

In 2012 Barbara Parkins (Founder and CEO of KINI) came to live in the Trans Mara region predominantly to provide education for the children in the Enkereri area and help with orphaned children from the wider community. She is part of the local "manyatta" (village) community and also coordinates with other NGO's and providers, to help vulnerable children and provide resources for the community and under-resourced schools.

At present Barbara cares for 14 children in her home on a full-time basis.

Because of the size of her own home and the logistics of caring for a larger number of children, she has not been able to further accommodate or care for many other children she has found, in less than ideal and sometimes dangerous, situations. She also seeks sponsorship for vulnerable children to attend boarding schools where they will be able to obtain a good education as well as be free from "slave like" living, early marriages and FGM.



Barbara also works with a number of local schools, paying a number of teachers, building infrastructure, providing school supplies, as well as sponsoring over 50 children's school fees and school requirements.

PROPOSAL



In light of the background of this area and the large number of orphaned/disadvantaged children, requests are received on a regular basis for help with caring for these children, rescuing and educating girls. Many are from families who do not wish to pay school fees and therefore are wanting them to be part of forced/early marriages and working for no pay. KINI also provides school fees and educational requirements for many of these children, predominantly girls, who would not be able to finish school and have opportunity for further higher education.

To cater for the children in these very high at risk situations, a larger purpose-built “Rescue Centre” is urgently needed within the Trans Mara area where the children will be cared for in a safe and loving environment. Education is provided for each child, giving them a future where they can care for themselves and make decisions to have a better life and return to their communities to help other siblings and influence their communities to a better future.

To facilitate this work the following is needed:

- Housing for up to 50 children in dormitory style accommodation
- Accommodation for matrons/house mothers
- An office/reception/interview room
- Toilet and bathing facilities
- Washing facilities
- Collection of rainwater
- Security fencing
- Kitchen and serving facilities
- Dining/reading rooms

It is planned for the housing facility to be one building comprising the kitchen and office at one end, a large common room/dining area, accommodation either side of a hallway with matrons/ housemothers’ rooms at either end for security purposes. Each room will be 12’x16’ and accommodate 8 children using 4xdouble bunk beds.

Separate bathing and toilet facilities are envisaged with washing facilities attached.

All buildings will have water harvesting with 2x10,000 litre tanks to ensure a constant supply of fresh water.

Security fencing will need to be installed prior to any works being carried out to ensure the safety of the materials and building works. Further, many of these children will be “rescued” from dangerous and often hostile situations and therefore it is imperative a secure fence (preferably electric), is installed. Because of the situation of the facility and the proliferation of wildlife as well as domestic cows, sheep, goats which roam free, the preference is for an electric fence to ensure not only the safety of the girls but the gardens and facilities.

To enable the self-sustainability of the facility, a large garden is required to grow basic vegetables and fruits for the children. Two gardeners will need to be employed to ensure the gardens are watered and cared for, for maximum production of produce.

A Matron to oversee the day to day running of the facility and care of the children, will need to be employed along with up to 2 house mothers and a teacher/housemother to oversee schoolwork and provide counselling and support.

Two security personnel will need to be on-site 24 hours a day to ensure the safety of the girls and to secure the grounds and facilities. These personnel will work on a rotating basis as agreed.

As the children are from situations where they have very little in the way of clothing, school uniforms, supplies, etc allowances need to be made to outfit each child as they enter the facility.

KINI is presently in talks with the local Governor and Councillor to be allocated a 5 acre portion of land for the specific purpose of building a Rescue Centre and other facilities as it may require. Therefore no allocation of funds are foreseen to purchase land.

COSTS

The following costs are approximates in US\$, as it is difficult to get final costs until final designs are completed and quotes obtained.

SETUP COSTS

	US\$	
<u>Buildings</u>		
Security Fencing	20,000	
Building of Dormitories	150,000	
Toilets/Bathrooms	20,000	
Water tanks 4 x 10,000 Lt	4,000	
		Total US\$194,000

Furnishings/Cooking

Double cooking stove	3,000	
Refrigeration	2,000	
Sufurias x 6	600	
2 x jikos	30	
2 x chapatti pans	25	
Serving spoons	20	
100 cups, plates, spoons, forks	25	
2 x Large ugali cooking sticks	10	
6 x Stirring spoons	10	
Serving bowls	50	
Storage bowls	50	
6 Mixing bowls Large	100	
6 x Buckets	10	
4 x Washup Dishes	10	
4 x Chopping Boards	15	
4 x Sharp Knives	20	
4 x Peelers	5	
2 x Graters	10	
Gas Cooker	60	
6 x Plate Drainage Trays	20	
Cleaning Supplies	200	
25 Double-Decker Beds	1,500	
50 Mattresses	1,500	
Blankets, sheets, pillows, covers	1,250	
50 Boxes	1,000	
Clothing/Personal Items	2,500	
Furnishings	8,000	
		Total US\$22,020

ONGOING COSTS

Wages Per Month **US\$1,500**

Director (Expenses)	200
1 Matron	150
1 Education Officer/House Mother	150
2 House Mothers	250
2x Gardeners/Groundsman	200
2 Security Guards	250
2 Cooks	300

Food Per Month

US\$900

Sunday:

Porridge and Bread

Githeri

Ugali and greens

Monday:

Porridge and Bananas

Beans and Rice

Ugali and Greens

Tuesday:

Porridge

Rice and lentils

Ugali and Sukuma

Wednesday:

Tea and Bread

Githeri

Rice and Vegetables

Thursday:

Porridge and Banana

Rice Green Grams

Ugali and Cabbage

Friday:

Porridge

Githeri

Chapati, Potatoes, Greens

Saturday:

Tea and Egg

Beans and Rice

Ugali and Cabbage

Medical/Clothing, etc **US\$250** per month