

Foundation Ukunda Schools Project

Newsletter - Winter 2008

Jambo, Karibu!

Hello, Welcome

This newsletter is especially made for our sponsors and is also ment for all those who are interested in the activities our foundation is doing in Kenya.

Mwangea Primary School has water now!

It took a while, but it is finished: the water pipe line is ready and the students of Mwangea primary school can use fresh drinking water. The pipe line is about 4 km long and it is no longer necessary that students, teachers and members of the community have to walk many km's to buy drinking water. Community members still have to pay for the water at school so the water pipe line is a money generating project. With this money the school can pay extra school materials to improve results of students, and also do some renovation. Since it is a money generating project, our foundation decided to stop further assistance to this school. We believe it should be possible that from now on the school can take care for its own.

Call for help of Magale Primary School

In the beginning of October we received a call for help from Magale primary school: because of heavy rain and a small landslide the toilet building for girls was demolished. Magale asked our support to build a new one as soon as possible, otherwise the girls would stay home because there was no toilet building. We were happy we could assist and before the end of October, the new building was ready!

(On the photo some of the Magale girls in front of the new building)



Our sister organization in Kenya: Bidii ngo

The official name is Bidii Educational Support Initiative NGO, but we call her Bidii NGO. The members of the board are all Kenyans. The task of Bidii NGO will be the co-ordination of our projects in Kenya. We want to put the responsibility of the success of projects in the hands of Kenyans themselves: it has to become THEIR projects! By doing this, we want to promote "ownership". Our task will be to support Bidii NGO with advice and finances. However, for new projects we will make clear that they have to have a kind of money generating accent as well. It is our aim that we can bend continued support into temporary support.

In October 2008 they held a general Bidii meeting. Our project manager was also there. Some of the topics to be discussed were electricity for Magale primary and Magale secondary school. And also about transportation from computers from the coast to Kambiri. During the meeting it was told that Bidii NGO already had an agreement with the electricity company and that the schools would be connected before the end of November 2008. That sounds promising and our foundation is looking forward to work together the coming years with Bidii NGO. We have faith in a good relationship and we wish Bidii NGO all the best in 2009.

Extra tuition increases results of Magutu students

The new principal of Magutu primary school requested us to sent some extra money for tuition for class 6, 7 and 8. He told us: "What is the use of building new classrooms if we don't put more energy in improving the quality of education at the same time?" In October 2008 our project manager paid a visit to the school and he had a close look at the results of the students, starting from June till October. He could clearly see a big improvement of the scores of the monthly exams.



(On the photo: some classes have to get lessons outside because the school has not enough classrooms. The lower classes are split: one half will get lessons during the morning, the other half during the afternoon. If it is raining, than some classes have to be send home.)

We are very curious about the outcome of the National Exam. We hope the students did much better than the last two years.

It is our intention to continue supporting this extra tuition for at least one more year.

Beside of that, we also want to renovate 4 classrooms. At this moment, these class rooms cannot be used. Which means that the school has a big shortage of classrooms. Of course we hope that you will support us with this renovation.

Support of NCDO



Alas, NCDO turned down our proposal for several projects. For the next time, we will send in smaller projects. We hope that NCDO is willing to approve these smaller projects, because we need that extra money. ([Http://www.ncdo.nl](http://www.ncdo.nl))

Finally:

The next newsletter will appear in March 2009. One of the topics we hope to tell you is about the computers: are they already installed in classrooms or not. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

