

welcome to our latest newsletter

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year and the effects have been felt by each one of us. However, your support and prayer has made the journey easier. We are deeply grateful for every form of support and sacrifice from each of our sponsors and stakeholders.

family strengthening and child welfare

Family strengthening efforts have been very essential this year. Consistent family visits have ensured that the children's affairs are in order. From these, a number of children have benefitted by receiving new shelters. This has ensured a better quality of life for the children.



food support for families

COVID-19 has had devastating economic effects on millions of people. For instance, food has been inadequate in most families due to issues such as affordability. The Kivuli food programme has ensured that our children and the families that they live in, are adequately fed during this time. We are grateful for everyone who has supported Kivuli in every way.



school reopening

The phased reopening of schools in Kenya began on October 12 with grade 4, class 8 (form 4), and higher institutions of learning returning first. The rest of the students are expected to be in school from January 4 2021, although there are anticipated challenges in terms of social distancing in public schools, which all of our children attend. The government, as well as heads of school are promising to do the best they can to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



covid-19 mitigation

The Kivuli social work team has been consistent in their efforts to make sure that the children and their families are prevented from contracting COVID-19. These efforts have seen adequate provision of soap which is handmade by the Kivuli staff, to encourage hand washing efforts. Educational messages, providing masks and encouraging mask wearing have heavily contributed to COVID-19 mitigation efforts. We are happy to report that all our children and families are safe and healthy.

water pan excavation

In November, Kivuli undertook a water pan excavation (dam) project. The project was sponsored by the government through the area member of parliament. The 300,000 litre water pan will be essential to farming activities that Kivuli wishes to undertake. This will improve water sustainability and ease water shortages.



staff empowerment

To improve the working experience of the staff, Kivuli has organised regular team building activities. This has contributed to personal development and enhanced work relationships. Recently, the staff attended a team building exercise at Kambi Msituni. During the exercise they were trained in first aid skills by an expert from the Kenya Red Cross. The staff also received their annual bonus for their continued service to Kivuli.

family tracing

In the spirit of reintegration, family tracing activities have bore fruit this year. We were able to trace and reunite a number of our children with their relatives. Recently, Kivuli reunited Rebecca Waithera, one of our children, with her paternal grandparents.



kivuli end of year christmas party

Kivuli hosted its annual Christmas party on December 18. All the children were in attendance. They were treated to an early Christmas with gifts and a delicious warm meal. The event was also a chance for the children to share life experiences after leaving institutionalised care. We thank all the Kivuli sponsors for consistent support and making this happen, despite the challenges that we have all had to face this year. We look forward to a hopeful future.



for those that pray

Praise God for:

- Kivuli's ability to financially and practically support all Kivuli children and families through COVID-19
- the safety and health of all the children and the re-opening of schools to continue their education
- the opportunity for staff training and team building activities
- a wonderful Christmas celebration for the Kivuli family

Please pray for:

- continued health and safety as the children resume their school education
- the success of the dam project in providing water for farming activities at Kivuli
- further opportunities to bless and support families in the community
- sponsorship of our remaining unsponsored children

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