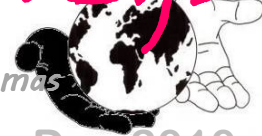




Education for Life



"We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year"

Dec 2010

WOW - What a year! Thank you for your support and gifts and visits and prayers and advice. When I began listing all that's been accomplished this year, it's too much to fit into one newsletter. Thank you!

Jiwe la kuvukia (Stepping Stone) has made amazing progress! This house really will be a lifeline and stepping stone for many people. In fact, we have a few people waiting to move in. Thanks to an extremely generous donation in the summer, a lot of skill and design work (and sleepless nights) by Philip Mwikamba and hard work by Lucas Njagi, Charles Osaleh and their dedicated team, this 22 roomed, flat roofed (with a beautiful sea view) house is on the road to completion. The building's inspector from the council has signed us off as safe and commented that the house is very strong and able to take a third floor, when we're ready. The water truck has been so valuable; bringing many thousands of litres of water and our rainman fire fighting pump has been great for soaking the new concrete. The work continues.....



The Courtyard

The fresh water behind the new house is still fresh, but hasn't yet been used as we're waiting to get electricity installed in the house; it can then be pumped out hygienically.



Fresh water for Timbwani

Last Christmas, instead of giving away food hampers in the village we used donations given to set up a project providing fresh water to people in Timbwani, at cost price. We fill a 5,000 litre tank with our water truck and then people come to buy from 2 ladies, Joyce and Caroline, who are running the project. It took longer than expected to become operational, and there are still a few teething issues, i.e. getting the tank at the right height and good pressure for gravity feed to the taps. Now the weather is dry, customers are many!



Chameleon

Thank you! We have just purchased a new van for school. It's named chameleon, as the colour seems to change depending on light and its position.



When you buy a vehicle of this type it has no seats so the interior has to be tailor made, by a specialist, to your design. We decided that we would have the roof cut to enable us to take both staff and students on safari to Kenya's national parks and organise trips further afield, as well as its normal local journeys. The van seats 12 and had its first excursion on 12th November, taking our Nursery teachers for a team building day to Malindi.

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NEW FOR 2011

In the New Year we plan to open a library, both for school and for the use of people in the community. We have three rooms which are ideal for this purpose. (The photo on the left shows the room which will be the general library) Our first job will be to pull out all the rotten woodwork, damaged by insects; then the rooms need to be painted, the toilet repaired, doors fixed and windows fitted in the frames. In addition to this, our carpenters need to make hard wood shelving for the three rooms, 44 chairs and 7 tables. The cost of renovation and building furniture will be around £2,500. We'll also need to buy three computers, 2 for research and 1 for office use, at a cost of £500 each. This brings the total to £4,000. We already have a large number of books (mainly text books) in the school, which will be based in the library and any additional money raised will go to repair existing stocks of books and purchase new ones here in Kenya.

Breakdown of costs:

Insecticide, wall preparation & paint
= £125

Window louvers & doors = £245

Toilet repair = £90

Hard wood furniture:

Shelving for 3 rooms = £1,123

44 chairs = £563

7 tables = £360

3 computers = £1,500

Would you like to help us set up our library? For an alternative Christmas gift idea, this year, you could buy a chair (costing £12.80), or a table 7'x3' (costing £50), or a gift toward books and computers.

Tumaini Family



Tumaini family is growing! In August this year Elvis joined our home; he's pictured here with his brother, Kennedy and sister, Irene who have been with us for a long time, but were separated from their younger brother. They were all very happy to be reunited here at Tumaini. On 25th August each year, we celebrate a joint birthday in the home and Elvis was very happy blowing out the candles and tucking into birthday cake, Yum!



TUMAINI ANTICS – This year we've enjoyed so many visitors and done so many things. Sadly, there isn't room to write an article about everything but I'll show you some photos. 'Nickers and Natter' was a big event in the middle of the year, which began with ladies around Nottingham getting together to raise the awareness of Education for Life, in a wine bar and a packet of knickers (to send to Africa) as entrance; it ended with a fantastic donation to complete the halfway house (Stepping Stone) – Quite a story!!!!

Another event, at school was a magic show, starring visitors from Switzerland, "Duo Sein & Schein." Rico Good and his beautiful partner, Alexandra Zingg, fascinated the children with their tricks – it was wonderful to watch www.duoseinundschein.ch

Staff at Tumaini enjoyed a wonderful dinner, prepared by High School students studying Home Science – it was a delicious night.....

Tumaini choir had a fantastic field trip to Tsavo East National Park in celebration of their achievements at the Kenya Music Festival.

Virtual Kilimanjaro Challenge – 2011

On Monday 2nd May, we are hoping to hold the Kilimanjaro Challenge in many places around UK; 1,000 people, walking 8 miles!

To find out more, about hosting or taking part in an event in your area; please contact: **David & Maureen Cole**, d.mcole@btinternet.com or they'll be happy to talk to you if you call them on 0115 921 2001.

If you have never received an email from us, please send us your email address to enable us to update our records and communicate more by email. mombasa@educationforlife.net Thank you for everything!
We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy, peaceful 2011. Love Glyn, Jane & Maureen xxx