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Jiwe la kuvukia – Stepping Stones



Thank you so much for all your wonderful support! This beautiful house is now a home! There are still a few doors that need to be finished off, but on 13th May we had a small opening ceremony with prayers of thanksgiving and then people began moving in. Phillip, on the stepping stones in the middle picture, is responsible for this fantastic building - he has created so many stunning design features on the inside and has watched over every technical detail with such care! Ruth, on her stepping stone, has just joined the world of work and is preparing to take further studies; as she ventures out from the children's home. Being able to offer a home to rent to youngsters leaving the safety of the children's home and a safe place to people we know who just need a place to stay is great - it really is a Stepping Stone to those making the leap to the next step in their life!

Thank you everybody!

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What's in your hands? What can you do?



Everybody has talents and skills; but not everyone has the opportunity to discover their skills. During the first term this year, we have offered High School students the opportunity to begin learning a trade, during after school clubs. Students are learning on the job, repairing the brakes on our 1973 Landrover; installing toilets; wiring up lights and making doors for Stepping Stone; as well as being involved in general repairs and maintenance around the school. Our craftsmen `fundi's' as they are affectionately known, are going back to their books and studying as they prepare for lessons. We plan to introduce practical skills into Creative Arts lessons in primary school too; emphasising that we are all different and we all have an important role to play in society. As we begin to offer these new opportunities, children can begin their journey to discovering that `one thing' they can really excel in, giving them confidence and hope for the future!



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Excitement! The long awaited container from Canada finally arrived, bringing books, clothes, bicycles, shoes, toys, tools and THE PLAYGROUND! We and the visitors from Alberta were extremely disappointed when the container did not arrive before them; however, everyone was willing to get stuck in and they became very hands on with Stepping Stone, which gave us a huge boost. The playground didn't get built on that trip, but it means that some of them will come back; we're all excited about that! Thank you and see you soon!!!



Tumaini Lion King was performed at the last parent's day. It was directed by Maureen, Joel (music teacher) and Wafula (drama teacher) and many people got involved with costumes, especially ears and tails – fantastic talent!



Tumaini library is getting there..... the room is renovated, some shelves have been made and the school books have been recorded. When the doors of Stepping Stone are completed, Mtavi and Nasib, the carpenters can continue with shelving (it's a very busy year for them). A huge thank you to the community of Darton, South Yorkshire for their generosity - Jenny Beaumont, a member of Outreach Christian Centre, Darton and sales rep for Usborne Books organised an event where members of the community could purchase a book, from Usborne and donate it to Tumaini. We have some lovely children's books, exciting encyclopaedias, science books and games, in addition to extra stationery items. This is the first shipment, just before we took it to Mombasa.

Virtual Kilimanjaro Climbs are taking place in several areas of the UK. St. Luke's Church, Gamston, Christchurch and St. Peter's Church, Southborough, NLCM Sleaford and St. Barnabas Church in Emmer Green all climbed the mountain, "virtually" in a sponsored walk; the distance of the height of Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Skills Training at Tumaini. Youth at Carnforth Free Methodist will join the climb later in the summer and there may be others too! Thank you everybody who has, or is taking part and if anyone wants to join in an event like this in future, please contact David & Maureen Cole, d.mcole@btinternet.com or 0115 921 2001. "I hope nobody suffered from altitude sickness!!"

Earlier in the year the Home Science teacher at Tumaini visited the Royal Court Hotel in Mombasa and arranged for our students to train there once a week, for three months. The students learned a lot about housekeeping, cooking, hygiene and health and safety and were all very grateful to Royal Court for giving them this opportunity. To put into practice what they'd learned, they organised a "Grand Fundraising Dinner," two chefs from Royal Court volunteered to oversee the event and the hotel lent us equipment too. Around 50 guests came for dinner and we really enjoyed the food, the beautiful candlelit tables and the music; professional touches of the evening. The event was a great success.



Colgate-Palmolive visited Tumaini recently, teaching children how to take care of their teeth and to their delight, bringing free samples!



Angel Bears put smiles on the faces of many young children. They went home cuddling their cute, little knitted teddy bears. Thank you!

Mwinyi is very happy now he has a new tricycle. Thank you Footsteps International; you've given him back his independence. At APDK (Association for the Physically Disabled in Kenya) for around £110, we can purchase a tricycle for someone who desperately needs it. It really does change somebody's life!



Thank you for taking time to read our stories and thanks to everyone who's involved in the stories; in prayers and support. God bless you! Xxx Glyn, Jane & Maureen