

## Connect with Love

## Engage in Prayer

## Live to Inspire

**Thank you** for continuing to stand with us in prayer and in partnership. At a time it would be easier to streamline and tighten your belts, your commitment is unwavering. Despite so many challenges, internal, external and financial, the work of Education for Life continues to push forward! We are very thankful to sponsors of children and for the extra help we have received recently, especially towards food and water. The drought across Africa has affected many and although our area is not severely affected by food shortage, the effects are being felt in increased prices and limited water sources. Thankyou, your help is ensuring 600 children continue to receive nutritious meals and fresh drinking water, five days a week.



Caroline Muriithi is a little treasure, born on 29th June 16. Caroline's start to life has been tough but thanks to some wonderful people we have been able to support her with medical care, and in the last few months supplementary formula milk and baby rice too. In simple terms a valve in Caroline's heart failed to close at birth, which means her breathing was strained and very difficult, leading to difficulties in feeding and gaining weight and regular infections such as pneumonia. Thankfully Caroline's heart is strong and her mum, Melissa is strong too, she has patiently pushed through so many obstacles, constant fever between 38 and 40 for months on end and failed operation attempts. Caroline has spent around 4 months in hospitals and has won the hearts of many. We are very happy that Caroline has had a successful operation, and despite a pretty serious infection straight afterwards is now growing and developing well. For a period of time, Caroline will continue with medication to ensure the excess fluid surrounding her heart is gone. Despite a very tough start in life Caroline is a happy little girl who will bring a lot of joy to everyone she meets. Thank you for loving, thank you for giving and thank you for praying! Peter, Melissa, Emily and Felista say thank you very much; knowing people were standing with them gave them strength when, at times, they had none left.













Zaidi - As the project with dairy cows began, we began with a story. The story tells of 3 people who were given 'talents', one was given 10, another 5 and another 1 talent. The one with 10, worked, invested and gained 10 more, the one with 5, gained 5 more but the guy with 1, buried it, kept it there and waited for the owner, to return it to him. The story teaches that we are accountable for what is entrusted to us; to use, multiply and grow. In Zaidi, we have 2 farmers, Saul and Stella who have shown exceptional accountability, faithfulness and development. When we received donations of 2 cows earlier this year we decided to gift a cow to each of them. Saul received 'Rainbow' and Stella, 'Joy'. When we explained to Saul and Stella about the cows you could see the surprise and joy on their faces - Saul said, "Wait until my wife hears this news - she will be very happy!" (and she was!) Both farmers have plentiful grass and are working hard to support their families.

We thank Saul, Stella and their families for their dedication and look forward to seeing their farms prosper. Thank you to all who are blessing the community in Mghambonyi.

Kiriwa Nursery @ Bob's Place! WOW! What a change! Eighteen months ago I wrote in a newsletter that the parents and teachers were working on a plan to build another classroom - well, they've done it and they actually managed to build two. It's fantastic for this little school to have 3 classrooms. The parents got together to make all the bricks and they got some help to put the roof on. All that remains to be done are windows, desks and benches for now the children are sitting on makeshift pieces of wood, just to be raised off the cold of the ground a little. When we visited, we admired the handiwork of the teachers, making posters from food sacks with stitched alphabet, numbers and even weather charts - their creativity is inspirational!





During this year we have said goodbye to Hassan and Helen and Dennis and Molly. You have seen them appearing in our newsletters and Facebook posts and heard us speak about the work they were doing in and around Tumaini. We appreciate the work these couples have done for children here and in coming alongside families in the community too. We wish them well in whatever they do in the future, that they will be a blessing in all that their hands find to do and we thank them for the service they gave here with Education for Life. Thanks again guys!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our partners and supporters for your love and commitment and to say thank you to our wonderful team; trustees in the UK and Canada, Maureen (mum) and all the Education for Life staff who serve our children in Mombasa. This year saw a VERY tough start but together we are pulling through and we believe that we'll see some great things ahead. God bless you all!