

# kivuli NEWS

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## jambo friends,

As we prepare to return to Kenya, we carry a great sense of confirmation of the project and its small but important role in serving the poor and marginalised in rural Kenya. We believe there have been many examples of God's endorsement of Kivuli throughout the year; one example includes the Australian Board. God has raised up people for Kivuli, people with perfectly suited skills and experience that will be used to govern Kivuli as it transitions from a temporary 'fix' to a permanent feature in Ndaragwa town.

God has given us time away from the busy-ness that comes with living with 40 children to research similar organisations

and how they care for children, to gain a greater understanding of how to be effective in community development, and of course to constantly seek His will for the project. God has built us up spiritually and encouraged us through His Word and His people, preparing us for the work back on the ground.

You will see a new-look Kivuli in the months and years to come, one that is more than just an orphanage. Kivuli will be engaging the community in which we live to reduce the need for an orphanage at all, done in part by supporting and empowering families to remain together. For those with a keen interest, we will aim to share

our research and strategies with you via the newsletter and website over the coming months.

God is working through this ministry and wants us (all) to be His salt and light in this world, to proclaim His goodness and act to serve others. We pray with excited anticipation for the way in which He will use both us personally, and Kivuli to bring a light to the people of Ndaragwa, our district of Nyandarua and beyond.

We look forward to writing to you in next month's Kivuli News when we're back 'home' with the kids in Kenya!

Dan and Dee Rutherford



## news from kivuli kenya

Over the past month Kivuli has seen a lot of rain, which has been a great change from the dry months we have had during 2011 (the drought has been occurring in the Eastern and Northern parts of Kenya). The days in our area of Kenya start with the sun shining, however by about midday dark grey clouds appear and it rains for a lot of the afternoon. This pattern continues like clockwork. The rain has been

great for people in our area and the growing of crops. We hope by October that the Maize crop will be ready to be harvested and therefore the price of this staple will go down. This will help a lot of families in our local area.

The 2nd school term officially finished at the beginning of August. The Kivuli kids all tried exceptionally hard in their end of term exams and were pleased with their efforts. Our new tutor, Uncle Charles, has done a fantastic job helping the kids through their exams

and has also been a great new addition to the Kivuli staff. Four boys were chosen to go to the Aberdare Country Club to celebrate their efforts during term 2.

The month of August has been holidays for our Kivuli kids, however our class 7 and 8 students continued with holiday tuition. Twelve of the younger Kivuli kids were able to return to a family member for their holidays where they spent time with their wider family, helping on the farms and doing general household duties. Once holiday

tuition finished more of the kids were able to return home and we remained with just 11 here. These kids had a good time relaxing, watching lots of movies, enjoying some special lunch outings and of course helping with general duties around Kivuli.

Dan and Kate returned to Kivuli during holidays to a lovely reception and will be helping to manage Kivuli for the next 4 weeks.

## a word from Kelvin - class 7

It was a Monday, in the month of August, we went to the Aberdare Country Club. There were four boys; Nico, Bernard, Peter and myself. We also went with Auntie Anne, Auntie Loise and Uncle Charles. When we arrived we went for a short walk, then we went for lunch. We ate a lot of meat and rice. The meat was beef and fish. I ate so much I could not walk. I also had Blackcurrant Fanta to drink. After lunch, a tour guide took us for a walk around the grounds of the Country Club. We saw warthog, waterbuck, gazelle, zebra, giraffe and a peacock. After the walk we came home.

## a word from Jane - class 6

One Sunday in August, Auntie Grace came to visit. She is a social worker and counsellor, who works in the nearby town of Nyahururu. She ran a session with the Kivuli girls about helping each other. She created a 'Tree of Friends' (see first page) where all the Kivuli girls were connected to each other. Then she told us about the meaning of our names. My second name, 'Wanjiru' means 'witch'. She also taught us about self-esteem and how to like ourselves the way we are and not to wish for better things to happen to us. She told us that we should accept ourselves. She promised us that she would visit us again another day. I really liked Auntie Grace, she was very friendly.



## GDG conference

At the beginning of August Dan Rutherford (Kivuli Kenya) and David Craig (Kivuli Australia) attended their first Global Development Group (GDG) Partner's Conference in Brisbane.

We, along with a number of other grassroots projects, partner with GDG to carry out development work in impoverished areas around the world. There were projects from Brazil, Cambodia, PNG, India, Uganda and Tanzania to name a few.

Kivuli Project has the independence to plan and implement programs etc., and GDG, an Australian NGO, is responsible to AusAID (the Government department responsible for international projects) for Kivuli Project. That means that GDG has an important role in the governance of Kivuli, including approving our goals, being accountable for funds transferred from Australia, and providing assistance in planning, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the project.

The conference covered topics such as the ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) code of conduct, development effectiveness and fundraising.



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## GoFundraise

The enticement of going into a draw for a free iPad was enough to convince the Chairmen to sign up for a GoFundraise account at the GDG conference. Having not won the iPad (which was probably a good thing as we weren't sure who was going to keep it – Dan, David, the children in Kenya...) we were forced to look at what GoFundraise actually do, and how Kivuli Project could use it.

GoFundraise allows supporters of a charity to raise money for it by organising their own fundraisers. Some popular ideas are for supporters to:

- run marathons
- shave their head
- forgo gifts at celebrations like birthday parties etc.
- climb a mountain
- host a barbeque, dinner party etc.

The ideas are endless. If you have a good idea and are interested in fundraising for Kivuli Project you can log on to [www.gofundraise.com.au](http://www.gofundraise.com.au). Search for Kivuli Project under Charity or Cause and you will be taken to the Kivuli facepage, there you will be able to set up your own fundraiser. (It will require you to set up a login for security reasons).

If this sounds interesting and you would like assistance in creating your own fundraiser, or more information please email [danh@kivuliproject.org](mailto:danh@kivuliproject.org)

# meet the australian board

We would like to officially welcome our newest board members, David Anendsingh and Dan and Kate Hickingbotham. David attends One Community Church in Blackburn and has an extensive background in finance and business management. He is involved in various Christian ministerial organisations and charities, including one he founded in India in 2007. We are certainly blessed to have him on the Kivuli team! Dan and Kate however, are certainly not new to Kivuli, and quickly accepted the invitation to formally join the Kivuli Board. They will return back to Melbourne in November (after a well-earned Europe vacation) and we look forward to the local knowledge and passion they will bring with them to Kivuli operations in Australia.



Back row L-R: David Anendsingh, Dan Hickingbotham, Dan Rutherford, David Craig (Chair), Murray Patterson

Front row L-R: Karen Thompson, Corinna Millar, Dee Rutherford, Kate Hickingbotham.

## child profile

**Name:** James Mwangi

**Age:** 14

**Favourite food:** Meat

**Favourite sport:** Football

**Favourite word:** Awesome!

**Favourite saying:** "My name is James Mwangi AKA Jimmy"

**What do you want to be when you grow up:** A surgeon because I would be saving lives.

**Quote of the month:** "A magician usually not repeat his tricks" – Jimmy after performing some magic.

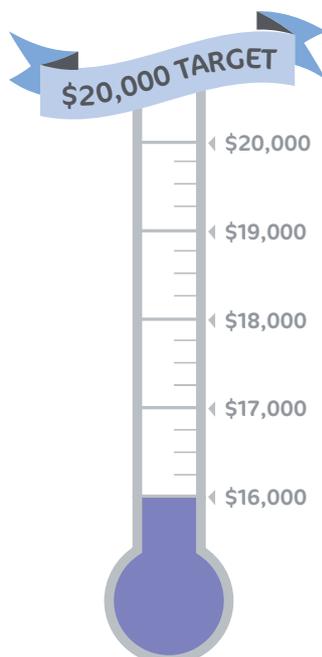


## help us buy this car – only \$4000 to go!



This 2004 Nissan Navara 4WD is almost ours. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, and the proceeds from the Trivia Night in June, we have raised \$16,000 to date and only have \$4000 to go. Amongst other things, this vehicle will greatly assist the work of Kivuli in allowing the staff to travel safely into the 'interior' towns (towns that are kilometres off sealed roads) in order to meet with the families of our children, and conduct home visits (without getting bogged).

If you would like to contribute, please email [donations@kivuliproject.org](mailto:donations@kivuliproject.org)



## for those that pray

### Praise Points

- Praise God for the much-needed rain!
- For God's provision of funds to purchase a new vehicle
- For the safe return of Uncle Dan and Aunty Kate back to Kenya

### Prayer Points

- For one of our young boys who is going through a hard time (don't worry, God knows who he is)
- For Dan and Dee Rutherford as they prepare to return to Kivuli next month
- For the Boards, both in Australia and Kenya, as they finalise the strategic plan for the next 3 years

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