

JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2018 PROJECT UPDATE

We opened our doors once again on January 2nd. This was after both children and staff had enjoyed a two-week, well-earned Christmas break. Before going on break, parents, children and staff received Christmas presents.

We immediately had a number of projects to be carried out. There was a classroom and offices, which were under construction, placement of youths who had taken their class 8 exams last year into high schools and vocational training, payment of school fees and the auditing of our accounts among others.

a) Classroom and Office Constructions

We began construction of our 7th classroom, principal's office, staffroom and toilets in December 2017. This classroom will be class 6 of next year. Through GlobalGiving, the Second Life platform and many other private donors and firms, we managed to receive enough funding to complete this construction in just two months time. We will move from our current office now when the office will be turned back into a classroom for our new, very young day care children who are only 3 – 4 years old. We thank everyone who has made this construction possible in such a short time. The building is sturdy, well built and quite beautiful.



Classroom and offices construction almost ready for use

b) Class 8 and form 4 exam results

Last year we had 21 children who took class 8 exams and 14 youths who finished high school. The Examination Council released their results at the end of December.

Of the 21 who took class 8 examinations, 7 of them passed well and were able to move on to good public high schools. The rest were given the possibility to attend vocational training institutions to learn different trades like tailoring and mechanics, among others.

Four of our youths who will be joining university this year out of the 14 who sat for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education last year. The rest will be joining diploma college courses. This is a major improvement from last year.

c) School fees and School feeding program

Our feeding program began immediately after we opened after the project's Christmas break. All of the program children who attend our Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center and other public schools receive a warm lunch every school day. We paid for lunch for all children who attend public schools at the beginning of the term. They come to the LLK Education Center for lunch during school breaks and on Saturdays. Children who attend our school receive a simple breakfast and a warm and nutritious meal every day from Monday through Saturday.



Children enjoying a warm and nutritious meal on a Saturday



Warm and nutritious meals on a school day

Relatively high fees must be paid for for students in high schools, colleges and universities. At the beginning of the term on January 2nd, we paid all school fees for the above students. This has given them the possibility to stay in school without interruption.



Children at Freehold primary school during lunch time

d) Auditing

It is a Government requirement for all Non- Governmental Organizations to file their returns every financial year. Returns involve audited accounts by a credited Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPAK), an annual report and a fee of 2,000 Kenya shillings.

We started our auditing in early January after the end of our financial year in December 2017. By early February, we had submitted our returns to the Ministry of Internal Security which is our line Ministry.

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