

JULY –AUGUST 2018 PROJECT NEWSLETTER

During the months of July and August we carried out a number of activities: home gas installation, the construction of a cow stall and purchasing 3 pregnant dairy cows and beginning the construction of the dining / multi-purpose hall among others.

a) Home Gas Installation

One of the visitors who visited our project in May donated a home gas set up to the Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center. Udo Benker-Wienands donated over 650 euros for the installation of home gas for our kitchen. This gas installation makes it possible to prepare staff meals without the use of wood or coal. The installation was done by a technician from Jomo Kenyatta University in collaboration with REHAU Home Gas, as world-wide firm based in Rehau, Germany. The dairy cows supply us with the necessary cow dung for creating the gas. Of course they will also provide us with enough milk for all of our program children's meals. We are very grateful to Udo for his kind donation. It saves us money for charcoal and is also a first step to ecological cooking.



Peter Langat from Jomo Kenyatta University while setting up the home gas installation



Grace (our feeding program manager) explaining how the home gas works to children



Home Gas cooking

b) Dining / Multi-purpose Hall

In early August, we began the construction of a modern dining / multi-purpose hall. Due to limited funds, we are constructing at a slower pace than expected. It is our hope that we will get enough funds to complete before the end of this year. This will make it easier for our parents who cook the meals and who then have to carry the large and heavy pots to our makeshift dining hall about 100 meters away. A hygienic dining hall is also important, especially in the rainy and dusty seasons when they are eating in the present dining hall with just holes for windows and doors and a dirt floor. We are so grateful for even the smallest of donations towards this construction.



Concreting the hall floor



This is how far the construction of the dining hall has come by end of August

c) Dairy cows

Three dairy cows were donated to the Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center. All 3 are expecting calves at the beginning of 2019. Riziki, Elisabeth and Whispy are their names and were donated by people in Germany and Australia. They provide some milk now – but more after calving and provide cow dung for our home gas installation.

We are expecting all 3 cows to have calves by March 2019 and are hoping that they will then provide enough milk for our feeding program. This will save us a good sum of money that we are now using for buying milk from vendors.



Elisabeth, Riziki and Whispy in their new cowshed

d) Holiday Tutoring

Schools closed for the official August holidays on August 2nd, but our school closed one week earlier. We opened our school for holiday tutoring on August 6th. During this period children revised their previous term work and prepared for the next term. Slow learners were also helped to improve their class work.

Children and teachers reported to school at 8 am and left at 3 pm as usual. Classes started at 8 am and ended at 1 pm when they had their lunch break. After lunch they enjoyed games and sports before leaving for home.



Class 3 children during holiday tutoring and tests



Children enjoying a nutritious meal after tutoring in our makeshift dining hall

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