

PROJECT UPDATE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2019

We had a number of activities we undertook in the months of October and November. A number of our students at University graduated with different Degrees.

Other than our normal project operations like learning, feeding program monitoring of micro-credit, we had other activities like harvesting of maize and beans.

At the end of October, we received visitors from Germany and Netherlands. They were 19 in total. They stayed for 10 days. They came to see our project progress.

a) University Graduation

Four university students from our project graduated during the months of October and November. Luciana Achungo, James Oduor , Titus Ong'ayo and Erick Otieno Otang'o.

Luciana graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree in Christian Religious Education and Kiswahili. James graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Mathematics. Titus Ong'ayo graduated with Bachelor of Education degree in Mathematics and Chemistry, while Erick graduated with a degree in Mass communication and Journalism. We are all proud of them. At the moment we are remaining with 12 students at the university. One will be graduating in April next year.



Luciana Achungo during her graduation



James Oduor with his very proud mother on graduation day



Titus Ongayo and Erick Otieno during their graduation at Kibabii University

b) Harvesting

This year we leased 3 acres of land to plant maize and beans. Maize production was very high compared to beans. We harvested about 45 bags of maize and 2 bags of beans. The maize we harvested will be enough for our feeding program throughout the year.

Parents, staff and children helped in harvesting. Parents did the digging of land, planted, weeded and helped in harvesting. We are also planning to lease land for the same next year.



Children, parents and staff harvesting maize on our school farm



Children helping parents to shell beans

c) Visitors from Germany and Netherlands

On October 25th, we received 19 visitors from Germany and Netherlands. Four came from Netherlands while 15 came from Germany.

They all stayed for 10 days. While in Kenya, they were involved in a number of activities. They visited sponsored children families; they repaired and made playground items for our children, visited micro-credit activities among others.



The Dutch guests at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport



Guests with LLK staff at Ole Ken hotel where we all had dinner together



Children and staff welcoming visitors at LLK center on 28th, October



Most of the visitors are sponsors of our project's children. They visited their homes to see their living conditions as seen in the above photo.



Elisabeth Kempf at her sponsored child's home. She brought them many gifts



Above is Ian Nyoro's mother salon. She received seed money from Ian's sponsor to start this salon. The business is doing well. She has used the profit from this salon to start another business of selling firewood.

d) Kindergarten Construction

On 2nd November, we had a ground-breaking ceremony for a kindergarten construction. I joined visitors in ground breaking. We received a donation of 29,000 Euros from well-wishers in Germany towards this construction. This will be enough for one classroom and two toilet blocks. At the time of writing this report, another well-wisher from USA has pledged to donate funds for the construction of the remaining two classrooms. We are hoping to complete this construction by the end of March 2020 so that our little ones will have beautiful new classrooms to learn in.



Ground-breaking of Kindergarten construction



Construction in progress

E) HUGE CELEBRATION

The big party is always the climax of our guest's visit. Parents and invited guests join children and guests in celebrating our annual event. This year it was held on 2nd November.

The day started with the official opening of Renate Angermann playground and the multi-purpose/dining hall. The children's playground was sponsored by the late Renate Angermann and her son Dr. Kay Angermann. It took thousands of euros and hours of hard work to make this possible. We are very grateful for their generosity.

Other activities on that day included pre-school graduation, presentation of presents to top performing children, teachers, staff and guests and official introduction of the Day Care children of 2020 among others.



Official opening of the Renate Angermann playground



Official opening of the Klaus A. Grünling multi-purpose/dining hall with a dedication to all loving mothers – prominently Ruth Nechesa Branda, Virginia M. Buena and Christine Zeiner



Pre-school children with their certificates. They will be joining grade 1 in 2020



Day Care children being introduced by Brique Zeiner – the LLK Int'l / LLK e.V. Chairwoman

After the party, guests were to leave for Nairobi the following day. They left Nakuru on 3rd November to their respective countries after a very successful trip. Parents, children and LLK staff were very grateful for the visitors' generosity. They all arrived back home safely



Visitors at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on their way home.

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