

LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA INTERNATIONAL

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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The year 2014 was a very successful year to us despite several challenges. We made a big step by buying land and constructing a school. Our children have 'their new home'.

We had several projects and activities we undertook in the year 2014. Among them are taking children to secondary school, auditing of accounts, buying of land for school construction and feeding program. Others were, holiday tuition, school uniform, Muslim festival, Christmas presents among others. It was also the first time in our history that all our project children got sponsored.

Below are some of the programs we carried out in the year 2014.

a) Class 8 exam results and form 1 placement

Last year, we had 54 candidates who sat for class8 examination, 28 girls and 26 boys. Out of the 54 children, 16 scored above 250 marks out of the possible 500 marks. The difference scored below average making them to qualify for vocational training.

Out of the 16 who scored above average, 9 were boys and 7 girls. One boy-Syvian Odiemo Odhiambo qualified for the National school-Chavakali High school in Western Kenya.



Diana Shimoli at a mechanic workshop

In early February, we took all the 16 children to secondary school. The rest joined vocational training institutions. They studied courses like mechanic, tailoring, Hairdressing, welding among others. For the first time we have more girls doing mechanics.

Both children who joined secondary and vocational received school uniforms/overalls and dust coats and all they required for school/vocational including school/vocational fees.

b) Feeding program

Feeding program is an integral part of our project. We thank all sponsors who donate towards this program. Many thanks should go to the founders of ***feed a smile*** program under the stewardship of Brique Zeiner LLK chairwoman for their tireless contribution.

Through their efforts, our children enjoy a warm and nutritious meal every weekend and during school holidays. I can't forget parents/guardians who come very early to prepare, cook and serve meals to children. Their contribution has saved us costs of employing cooks. We are very grateful as LLK family. We also pay for our children lunch when they are in school. During lunch time, they eat a warm lunch. This makes them to attend school and concentrate on their studies. It also save them time to rush home for lunch and saves parents time and money. This feeding has made our children to improve in their studies.



School feeding program



Children enjoying a nutritious meal at our centre


***c) Purchase of Land (PLOT NO. MITI MINGI/MBARUKBLOCK 3/8148
BARUT and School construction***

We have had a plan of buying land for the construction of school complex since 2007. That was our plan. God's plan was to come in January 2014. 7 years down the line. The LLK board approved the purchase of land late last year. Immediately after this decision, we started looking for the suitable land for the purpose. It took us a very short time to get 'our Land'.



Parents meeting in session

We negotiated and agreed on a price of 3,675,000 Kenya shillings (Three million, six hundred and seventy five thousand only) for the 2 ½ acres. We paid all this money and now we have the land title deed. The payment transactions were done by our lawyer-Grace &Co Advocates based in Nakuru town.


 REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
 (Chapter 300)



Title Deed

Title Number MITI MINGI/MBARUA BLOCK 3/8148 (BARUT)
 Approximate Area 1.04 HECTARES
 Registry Map Sheet No.

This is to certify that LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA INTERNATIONAL
 P.O. BOX 17208 - 20100, NAKURU.

is (are) now registered as the absolute proprietor(s) of the land
 comprised in the above-mentioned title, subject to the entries in
 the register relating to the land and to such of the overriding
 interests set out in section 30 of the Registered Land Act as may
 for the time being subsist and affect the land.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the
 NAKURU District Land Registry
 this 20TH day of FEBRUARY 20 14



 Land Registrar

Our land title deed

Immediately after payment, we called a parents meeting to inform them on the new development. They are an important stakeholder. They were very happy to receive this information. They sang songs of joy and thanked God for the land. They promised to clear and fence the land.



Parents clearing land for fencing

We took them to the *Promised Land* on 1stFebruary.

Immediately they stepped on the land, they broke into dance and singing in praise of God and LLK board for the land. They praised God for fulfilling their desires. They cleared and fenced the land on the same day.



Parents/guardians fencing our 'Promised Land'

Water Installation and Construction of temporal structures

After fencing the land, we installed water and built temporal structures. We moved from Koinange primary where we were feeding our children for the last 6 years. The county Government had increased daily cost from 500 shillings to 5,000 shillings. This saved us a lot of money.



Parents digging trenches for water pipes

After getting the title deed of our land, we had to start using it immediately. The first thing we did was to construct temporal structures. We constructed 3 structures. One structure was for stores and guard's house, another one for feeding program/classes for tuition and the third one for kitchen.



Finally water in our school

Water was very essential for both children drinking and feeding program. We paid all charges to Nakuru Water Company for installation. Then we bought all water connection fittings thereafter we invited parents to come and dig trenches for pipe laying. They came in their numbers. Within 2 hours, water was flowing at our school. We really appreciated their contribution.

School Construction



Live and Learn in Kenya Education centre

We started the construction of our school on September 8th, 2014. There was need for us to have our own school. This was necessitated by the compromise of quality of education in public schools. Public schools are overcrowded which makes it difficult for teachers to reach all children thus compromising the quality of education. Some classes in public schools have more than 50 children per class.



The 3 classrooms at Live and Learn in Kenya Education Centre

We started with 3 classrooms, 2 blocks of latrines-for boys and girls and a sentry. We are temporarily going to use one class as an office until we construct an office. All these were completed before Christmas in readiness for the official opening on 3rd January.

We are also in the process of registering our school (Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center) with the Ministry of Education. Officials from the Ministry of Public Health and Education have already inspected our school and gave recommendation. It's only the Ministry of Environment remaining to come for inspection. We are hoping that they can come in January so that we can submit our application to the Ministry of Education for registration. We already have a permit to operate the school from the office of the Governor.

We sincerely thank our donors and sponsors for their generous contributions towards the construction of this school.

Furniture donation



Furniture donated by well-wishers

After constructing the school, we received a lot of furniture from well-wishers from German. We received donations of chairs, desks, water tank, sinks, and windows among others. We are very grateful to all who were touched and contributed towards this course.

d) Auditing of Accounts

It is a government requirement for all NGOs to file their auditing account before 30th March of every financial year. All audits must be done by auditors

registered by ICPAK (Institute of Certified Public Auditors of Kenya). Our auditors-PEDO and ASSOCIATES are registered by ICPAK.

We submitted our audited accounts to the NGO Board on 15th January and received an acknowledgement on 29th of the same month.



Acknowledgement letter from NGO Board

e) Medical

Medical and dental are important components of our project. All our children receive treatment whenever they are sick. We have identified different hospitals and clinics where we take our children whenever they fall sick. We have a dental hospital, eye clinic and a general hospital for this purpose. We normally pay at the end of the month.

Medical Camp

After construction of temporal structures, we were to officially open the school to children, parents and the public.



Parents and children during the medical camp

On 5th April we invited all parents and children. We also invited medical personnel for a medical camp.



Parents and children were taught home hygiene and family planning. All children were examined and those found sick of minor sickness were treated. They were also de-wormed. Children with complicated

diseases were referred to Nakuru General Hospital. We met the costs of such cases.

f) Holiday Tuition

Holiday tuition helps our children to revise what they learnt in school during the term and also prepare them for the next term. This has made them to improve in class work.

We have such tuition whenever schools close in April, August and December. Different classes are tutored. Previously we used to hire casual teachers for this purpose. This year we employed 3 teachers who other than tuition, they will be teaching classes 1 and 2 from January 2015.



Tuition in progress

g) New children

In April 2014, we admitted 12 children on our program. We also admitted 36 new children in October. In total we admitted 48 new children to replace those who left our project after completing their training in different field.



Some of the new children we admitted in October

h) Vocational training

Children who don't perform well in class 8 exams are taken to vocational training. It takes 1 -2 years for a youth to complete vocational training. This depends on the course one is taking. Youth

training in Plant Engineering and Electrical take 2 years to complete while those doing tailoring, carpentry and mechanics take one year.

After completing these courses, some are lucky to receive starter kits from their sponsors. During the period of May-June, some who had completed their courses received starter kits. These kits make these youths to start their own work and take care of their lives. This is the primary objective of Live and Learn in Kenya International.



Salome Omukasia with her starter kit

We thank all sponsors who have supported these youths to start their own work. They are now able to earn a living.

i) School Uniform

Our children receive new school uniform every year. They receive before the end of the year. This make them ready for the beginning of the year. Shoes, uniform which include sweaters and socks were fitted in October. Children received them before breaking for Christmas.



Our youths making school uniforms at our office

Part of our school uniform was sewed by our youths who have finished vocational training. 96 pairs of school uniform were made by these youths. This saved us a lot of money. They agreed to pay back as a sign of appreciation for the skills we gave them.



Live and Learn in Kenya primary children in their new uniform

j) Muslim Festival

On behalf of our children and parents, I thank the Muslim community in Turkey and Germany for their continued donations of animals during annual Muslim festivals. This year they donated more than 10 animals to our children. The festival was celebrated on 4th October. Both parents and children enjoyed meat on this special Muslim day.



Imam slaughtering animals for the Muslim festival

k) Sponsors Visit

According to our African culture, visitors always come with blessings.



Our visitors from Germany

On 24th, October, we received 11 visitors from Germany who are also sponsors to our children. They were led by Brique Zeiner, the LLK chairperson. Others were Dirk Klemesh, Brigitte Ostrowski, Alexander Merz, Caroline Krammer and Melanie Hagemann. Marlene Gutau, Markus Konig, Kathrin and Jorn Beier and Udo Benker complete the 11 powerful group. They stayed here for 8 days. They left on 2nd November.



Parents being taught how to sign their names

During their stay, they undertook several activities. They visited all our partner schools to see the environment under which our children learn. They also visited families to share their blessings with them and see their sponsored children living conditions.



Sponsors visit to one of the families

Brique and Udo took parents through learning lessons. Parents who are illiterate were taught how to read and write basic words and their names. Brique taught women while Udo was with men. At the end of 8 days, 18 parents had known how to write their names.



Visitors arriving at one of our partner schools-Ronda primary

The visitors also visited parents/guardians who are in micro-credit business. They were impressed with their businesses. They had a micro-credit workshop with all parents in business. In the workshop parents shared their experiences in business and challenges.

Annual General meeting

We had our annual general meeting on 1st November at our school. We invited many local visitors among them Father George Munyaka of Holly Gross Catholic Church, local Chief, our project Architect, Zebedy Wakwabi, School head teachers, doctors among others.



Brigitte Ostrowski planting a tree at our school

Before the meeting, visitors took part in tree planting at our school. More than 20 trees were planted in memory of this special day.



A doctor teaching about Ebola symptoms

Ebola has become a threat to the lives and economy of Africans. Although Kenya is safe from Ebola, we decided to invite 2 doctors for Ebola workshop. All present were taught about basic symptoms, management of infected people and precaution to be taken in the event it reaches in Kenya. At the end of the workshop, parents, visitors and children were aware of this killer disease.

As an LLK family, we were very grateful for the coming of the visitors as they brought lots of presents to our children and their families. God bless them.

I) Christmas presents



Parents with their Christmas presents

Christmas presents are given to the loved ones throughout the world. This is always taken as a reserve for the well to do people. Since our parents and children live below poverty level, they are unable to receive such presents. During Christmas holiday, our project (Live and Learn in Kenya) is always there for them.



Children with their Christmas presents

Every year, we give both parents and children Christmas presents. This year, parents received a live chicken, maize flour, rice and vegetables. Children on the other hand received warm blankets and kerosene lamps. Such lamps are basic needs to our families as most of them live in houses without electricity. Both parents and children were very happy and thanked both sponsors and Live and Learn in Kenya for their generosity. They danced throughout the Ronda streets in praise of our project.

