

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2017 PROJECT UPDATE

Kitchen Construction

The kitchen we started constructing in March 2017 was finally completed in October. It is of an international standard, which is why it took us a relatively long time to finance it and build it. It is fitted with energy saving stoves, a steam hood, oven, changing rooms and WCs for both ladies and gents. It was to be officially open when our sponsors come in late October.

A 10,000 liter water tank was fitted to this kitchen for rain water harvesting. This tank was donated by Renate and Kay Angermann. These are sponsors to our project children. We all appreciated this donation.



A completed modern kitchen



**The Live and Learn in Kenya
Education Center Kitchen
Dedicated**

in Memory of Michael Benker

in Memory of Utz Müller

With heartfelt thanks to:

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And to all of the kind and generous people who have donated their time,
money and energy to make this dream come true for the LLK children.

We are all grateful to these people on this foundation stone who made this construction possible. May God bless them abundantly.

Visitors



Happy visitors before leaving for Nairobi

Every year in October, last Friday of October to be precise, we receive our sponsors and donors from different parts of Europe.

This year, we received the largest group since we started our project as Live and Learn in Kenya Int'l (LLK itself is 16 years old). They came to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with us. They arrived on 27th, October and left on 5th, November.

While here, they participated in a number of activities; singing and playing with children, construction of a playground, family visits, taking children to Nakuru National park among others.

Below are some of activities these undertook while here;

a) Construction of Playground

Construction of the playground started two days after visitor's arrival. All construction materials were donated by one of the guests (Kay

Angermann). He spent more than 1,000€ on material and a lot of skilled preparation and labor. Visitors were joined by male parents and our youths to do the work, which took the 4 days to complete.



Parents and visitors working on the playground



A completed playground



Children getting a feeling of Mama Brique

b) Official opening of the School Kitchen and Class 5

During our sponsors' visit, both completed kitchen and class 5 were officially opened. The kitchen was funded by the people shown on the foundation stone above. Class 5 was funded by Andres GmbH - Klaus, Tanja and Loredana Grunling, and by Gerhard W. and Brigitte Süß from André Media AG from Germany. They donated funds in bulk that helped us to take two months to complete this classroom. Both the kitchen and classroom were officially opened on 4th, November.



Official opening of class 5 by Loredana Grunling (partly hidden)



Official opening of the kitchen by Brique Zeiner (Chairperson Live and Learn in Kenya)



Architect (Zebedy O'wakwabi) showing visitors round the kitchen

c) Huge Celebration

We held our annual party on 4th November. This is an annual event that takes place on the first Saturday of November every year. We invite guests from around Nakuru and parents. This year, we invited Mr. Bishar Ali, Barclays branch Manager –Nakuru, area Chief, Project contactor and architect among others. Parents and children also joined visitors from Germany and Holland. This event was televised on several local stations.

It is during this function that we also officially commissioned our school kitchen and class 5. Children who will be joining class 1 next year also graduated. Our parents were very appreciative. They do it in a small way. They buy small presents for our sponsors to appreciate their visit and the help they give to their children. Singing and dancing for their visitors tells it all.



Guests seated during the big party



Time to give presents to visitors as a sign of appreciation



Graduates posing for a photo with visitors



Brique presenting a certificate to one of the graduates



Top performing children receiving presents from visitors



Mama Brique giving a speech during the function



Visitors came with lots of presents for our project children.

d) Visiting families

Most of these visitors are sponsors. They came to visit our project to see for themselves what we are doing and also visit the families of their sponsored children.

A number of these sponsors have helped families of their sponsored children to start small income generating activities. The purpose of this is to help these families to help themselves. Most visitors were happy with the progress these families have made. A number of them are able to take care of their basic needs.



Above photo shows Caroline and her husband Thorsten Kramer when they visited their sponsored children.



Renate Oberdiek visits a micro-credit she helped to start

e) Shoes that grow

Many people may wonder how shoes can grow with feet. These are adjustable shoes that a visitor brought for our project children. It is a pilot project but both me as the project manager and children liked them.

They are adjusted as the feet grow. They are very good for our children during African day and also using during class time. They will help to keep our classrooms clean. They are also very durable.

They only brought 10 pairs of such shoes. We are asking well-wishers to donate more shoes because we need more than 250 pairs for all our children.



The Shoes That Grow – produced by a non-profit organization in the USA and are now also being produced in Africa with a warehouse in Nairobi.

On behalf of our children, parents, LLK staff and my own behalf, I thank all visitors from Germany and Holland who came to celebrate our 10th anniversary since establishing Live and Learn in Kenya International with us. I am also grateful to donors and sponsors who contributed towards kitchen and classroom construction. God bless them all.

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