

MAY TO JUNE 2018 PROJECT UPDATE

We had a number of activities at our Education Center in the months of May and June. It was a busy period.

Construction of the courtyard, wall fencing and cowshed started in early May. We visited all parents/guardians who are doing micro credit during this period. Our children participated in Music festival from school level up to Regional level.

Towards the end of May, we received 4 visitors from Germany, 3 sponsors and a son to one of the sponsors. These are just but a few of the activities we undertook during the months of May and June.

a) Courtyard, Wall fencing and Cowshed

There was need to construct a courtyard between our classrooms in order to avoid mud in classes especially during rainy season. The contractor started the work in mid-May and by the end of June, the work was complete. This has solved the problem of mud in classrooms and reduced time children take in cleaning their classrooms. Both classrooms and children are now easier to keep clean.

We also agreed with Ericom Construction Company to assist us in securing our school by constructing a wall fence around our school. We agreed to share the cost. We buy building stones and the company takes care of stone dressing, sand, ballast, steel iron bars, cement and labor among others. They have now completed two sides of the property. We are now remaining with two sides to be built. We are hoping to receive more funds for the construction stones.

Our children drink milk 2 to 3 days in a week. We buy between 50 and 60 liters of milk. Because of increased cost of milk, we saw the need of having our own cows for milk. In early June we bought one cow which is giving us milk for our staff. This has reduced us with the cost of milk for our staff tea. Thanks for the donors who have raised funds for the cowshed construction and purchase of cows. So far we have bought one cow although we received a donation of 3 cows. We are expecting to buy the other 2 in July. Construction of the cowshed was completed by the end of June. We intend to use cow dung for production of home gas at our

kitchen. We have already received funds for the home gas from Udo , one of our sponsors.



Photo above shows the finished courtyard with trees planted



A cow (Elisabeth) in the cowshed. She was donated by Elisabeth from Germany



A wall around our school. It will secure our school from thieves and animals

b) Micro-credit

In May we visited all parents/guardians who have started small businesses from micro-credits in order to monitor their progress. Most parents operate food kiosks or sell charcoal. A number of them have small, rented farmland where they grow crops or raise chickens. It took us two days to visit all of them.

Most of the businesses we visited are doing well. Parents are able to meet their daily basic needs like buying food.



Esther Nanjala's parent is raising chickens



Miriam Mbone's mother sells used clothing in her clothes kiosk

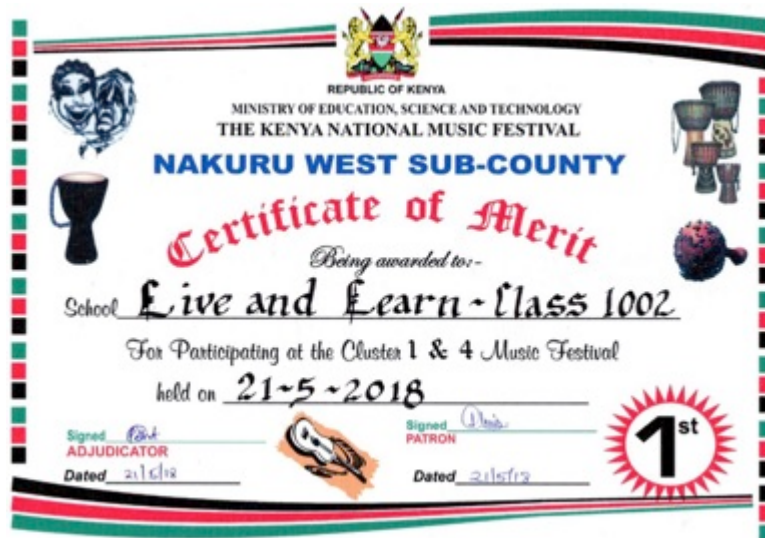
c) Music Festival

Like last year, our school children participated in the Music Festival competition. We started from the school level up to regional level, which was held in Kitale. Our children performed exceptionally well. They were in position 1 in several categories.

We are hoping to improve in performance next year in order to reach the national level. Special thanks to our teachers, Alice Odhiambo and Harriet Nerima, for their good work. They tirelessly trained these children.



Children with their certificates - Harriet on left and Alice on the right



One of the certificates

d) Visitors from Germany

On May 20th we greeted our 4 visitors from Germany - Dirk, Udo, Brigitte and Martin. The first 3 are sponsoring LLK children.

They stayed in Nakuru for 11 days. While here they participated in a number of activities. They participated in cooking with mamas in the kitchen and visiting micro credit project among others.

They also came with presents for our children. Among them were the much appreciated sports uniforms from SpVgg Selb 13. They also brought presents for their sponsored families. They were impressed with the work we are doing in Nakuru.



Visitors cooking ugali for children



They also visited a workshop run by a blind parent



Sports uniform brought by visitors

e) Youth's Graduation

In June two of our youths graduated with diplomas in Education. Gilbert Odhiambo and Edgah Onyango are now fully trained teachers. At the moment Edgah is volunteering at our school. He teaches mathematics in grades 4 and 5. Gilbert is employed by a private school in Nakuru. We are expecting two more teachers to graduate this year.



Edgah and Gilbert on their graduation day