

## **MAY-JUNE 2019 PROJECT UPDATE**

### ***a) Dining/Multi-purpose Hall and Wall***

The month of May started with the completion of the dining/multi-purpose hall and the wall around our school. This has saved the children from the discomforts of wind, dust and rain in the old makeshift dining hall. Parents who help with cooking the meals have also an easier time serving food to the children. We have spared them the strenuous job of carrying heavy pots from the kitchen to the old dining hall. Children can now enjoy meals in a clean and friendly dining hall.

Eric, our contractor, completed the wall fence around our school in early May. This has provided for safety and security at our school. Neighbor's animals can no longer access our school and destroy our crops and other vegetation. We are very grateful to *Ericom* for the offer of constructing a wall around our school for just the price of the materials used. The only thing remaining to keep our Center safe is a larger and more solid gate and the metal grating in the front wall.



***Our completed dining/multi-purpose hall, kitchen and water tanks for rain harvesting***



*A complete wall around our school –metal grating is still necessary between the pillars*

### ***b) Deworming the Children***

At the end of May we invited a local Health officer to come and do a medical check up for all of our children. A number of health issues were. Most cases were referred to the health centre and other clinics in Nakuru. Children received de-worming medicines and multi-vitamins. These check-ups are done on a routine basis. This procedure has helped to keep our children healthier.





***Teachers helping a public health officer to administer de-worming and multi- vitamin tablets***

### ***c) Farming***

Every year we lease land to add on our school farm to plant crops for our feeding program. This year we leased 3 acres of land. This year, we have planted maize and beans. Parents always work in these farms from planting to weeding and harvesting. This always saves us money of buying maize and beans for our feeding program. In early June parents were weeding the farms. We are expecting a good harvest this year if rains continue as its raining now.





***Above photos shows parents weeding in both leased and our school farm***

#### ***d) Music Festival***

Extra-curricular activities are a major part of education syllabus in Kenya. It helps in identifying children talents and developing them. Our children perform very well in academic and extra- curricular activities. They perform very well in music and poems. This year, they performed stunningly well in Poems and Mashairi so that they reached the regional level. These children have promoted our school in our region. Everyone is asking where *Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center* is coming from. It has also shown people that talents are also found in the slums. That was new to many people.



***Our children on stage at the County Level***





*The certificate of merit for our children at the sub-county level*

e) ***Ken in Germany***

On April 29, 2019, I traveled to Germany on invitation of Rosenthal Outlet Center in Selb. The company paid for my traveling costs.

While in Germany, I met a number of our sponsors who received me warmly and took care of me like one of their own. They took me to different parts of Germany and Czech Republic.

I was received at the airport by 3 sponsors, Sylvia Wilkerson, Dirk Klemesch and Alexandra Merz. It was a warm reception. I was hosted by Dirk's family for the first 2 days and the last day while Peter and Mama Brique hosted me for about two weeks. It was a good experience staying with these two families.

During my stay in Germany, I also visited some sponsors' homes. I visited Edgar and Elisabeth, Jörn and Kathrin, Stephan and Carola, Alexandra and Alex among others.

I had a good talk with Uli Pötzsch, the Mayor of Selb. I informed him of all that we are doing at *the Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center*. I appreciated the support

we receive from his office and invited him to visit our project in Kenya where the Selb flag flies in honor of guests.

I also visited one of the high schools in Stein. I gave a presentation about the *Live and Learn in Kenya* projects in Kenya to students and teachers at Stein Gymnasium. They became very interested with what we are doing. Some students appreciated and promised to share information with their parents.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to attend the annual *Leben und Lernen in Kenia e.V.* members meeting in Selb, Germany. Attendance of the meeting was the highest ever according to members present. Some members informed me that it was because of my presence. I informed the members of what we are doing in Kenya. I also informed them about our immediate needs - kindergarten construction and a solid gate at our school. Members were very happy to meet me and share a Kenyan-German experience with an abundance of food and drinks afterwards and a lovely photo presentation.



***Silvia, Dirk and Alex receiving me at Nurnberg Airport***





*Talking to students and teachers at the Stein Gymnasium*





***A warm reception at Peter and Brique's home***



*Enjoying a real "Bavarian" breakfast at Edgar and Elisabeth's home*



# Acht Klassenzimmer in Nakuru sind fertig

Dank der Unterstützung von „Leben und Lernen in Kenia“ haben viele junge Menschen jetzt mehr Chancen. Die afrikanischen Schüler erzielen hervorragende Leistungen.

Von Silke Meier

**Selb** – Der neue Spielplatz in Nakuru ist eingeweiht, der Speisesaal fertig, zwei neue Klassenzimmer sind gebaut und 60 Kinder wurden neu in das Programm von „Leben und Lernen in Kenia“ (LLK) aufgenommen. Diese und viele weitere gute Nachrichten gab Vorsitzende Brique Zeiner bei der Jahreshauptversammlung im Porzellanikon weiter. Zeiner berichtete von „einem tollen Jahr“ und begrüßte besonders Kenneth Branda, den Projektmanager in Nakuru in Kenia.

Die Vorsitzende erinnerte an die Reise in einer großen, harmonischen Gruppe im Oktober und November 2018 nach Kenia. Während der Reise wurde der bunte und robuste Spielplatz eingeweiht. 454 Mädchen und Jungen sind nach den Ausführungen Zeiners derzeit im Projekt. Sie werden mit Nahrungsmitteln und medi-



Zur Jahreshauptversammlung von „Leben und Lernen in Kenia“ stellten Lea Boller, Alina Dylida und Nicole Messer (von links), Schülerinnen der Fichtelgebirgsrealschule Marktredwitz, eine Präsentation zur Bildung in Deutschland und Kenia vor. Im Gremium sitzen (von rechts): Schriftführer Dirk Klemesch, Kassiererin Silke Küstner, Vorsitzende Brique Zeiner und Projektmanager Kenneth Branda mit Übersetzerin Sylvia Wilkerson.

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zinisch versorgt und hätten gute Chancen auf Schulbildung und eine Ausbildung. Bis 2015 besuchten die LLK-Kinder staatliche Schulen, Berufsschulen, Colleges und Universitäten. Doch diese waren teuer und überfüllt. Deshalb entschied der Verein 2014, ein großes Grundstück zu kaufen und ein Schulzentrum zu bauen.

Fertig sind bisher acht Klassenzim-

mer, Büros, Lehrerzimmer und Toiletten. Im Herbst 2017 wurde die Küche gebaut. Der Bau des Speisesaals wurde im März 2019 abgeschlossen; er wird beim nächsten Besuch feierlich eingeweiht. Die Marktredwitzer Schülerin Helena Merz möchte dann an die Wände im Speisesaal Bilder malen und Sprüche schreiben. Die Schule ist an die Wasser- und Stromversorgung angeschlossen und hat

einen Internetanschluss. Nächster geplanter Bau ist laut Brique Zeiner der Kindergarten.

„Unsere Kinder und Jugendlichen haben überdurchschnittlich gute Noten“, stellte Zeiner fest. Ein Absolutum habe von 500 möglichen Punkten 499 geschafft. „Schüler mit Förderbedarf bekommen Nachhilfe.“ An den Prüfungen der achten Klasse nahmen 2018 insgesamt 27 Schüler

teil. „16 schlossen sehr gut ab und wechselten auf die Highschool. Zwölf Jugendliche legten die Abschlussprüfungen der Highschool sehr erfolgreich ab und können an eine Universität gehen.“ Neun Lehrer unterrichten an der Schule, zwei waren selbst Schüler im LLK-Projekt. Eine Schülergruppe nahm mit sehr gutem Erfolg am regionalen Musikwettbewerb teil.

Um das Schulgelände zu schützen, wurde eine Steinmauer errichtet. Sand, Zement, Schotter und Arbeitsleistung wurden größtenteils gespendet. Mit weiteren Spenden wird ein Tor angeschafft. Drei Neuntklässlerinnen der Fichtelgebirgsrealschule Marktredwitz stellten zur Hauptversammlung ein Projekt vor, das Bildung in Deutschland und Kenia gegenüberstellt. Am Präsentationstag in der Schule in Marktredwitz sammelten die Schülerinnen Spenden für „Leben und Lernen in Kenia“.

Bei der Neuwahl wurde Brique Zeiner als Vorsitzende bestätigt. Schriftführer bleibt Dirk Klemesch. Die Kasse prüfen weiterhin Renate Oberdiek und Uwe Eilenberg. Beisitzer sind Viktor Wutt und Christine Schorberth. Neu gewählt wurde Kassiererin Silke Küstner. Nach der Hauptversammlung luden die Vorsitzenden zu einem Afrika-Fest mit Speisen, Getränken und einem Markt ein.

**A newspaper cutting concerning our members meeting in Selb**



*Receiving a present from Ulrich Pötzsch, the Mayor of Selb*



I am very grateful to Frank Kaiser and Rosenthal Outlet Center in Selb, Germany, for inviting me and facilitating my journey to Germany. I was invited to talk about Kenya- a beautiful country, its culture and art, and the country's tourist attractions during their *Late Night Shopping* event on May 11th. Most customers enjoyed my talk on the BIG FIVE animals in Kenya. I represented Kenya for this function and sang our Kenyan national anthem as the Kenyan flag was raised at the Outlet Center. It was a good experience for me.





***Above photos were taken while I was giving a talk to customers at the Rosenthal Outlet Center in Selb. With me is Brique Zeiner- translating - and the travel agent, Walter Wejmelka.***

Generally I enjoyed staying in Germany for the two and a half weeks. My heartfelt appreciation goes to Frank Kaiser, Silke Küstner and Rosenthal Porcelain company for inviting me and facilitating my travel, Dirk and family for hosting me and taking me to tour Nurnberg, Peter and Mama Brique for hosting me for two weeks, Alex, Renate, Jörn and Kathrin, Edgar and Elisabeth, Stephan and Carola and all sponsors who left their work in order to be with me and show me Germany. Germany is a good country, although a very expensive place to live.

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**We are mourning the passing of our dear organization member and friend Renate Angermann. With her son, Kay, Renate took over the construction of our now beautiful playground at the Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center in Nakuru. But her declared life's task was to make water accessible to all who came to the center - and she did with love and energy. She and Kay collected donations to set up water tanks and gullies around the school, kitchen and dining room for rainwater harvesting. Her great love was her goddaughter - Benta June. We will miss our Renate, her dedication and her skills - especially on future visits to Kenya. Rest in peace, dear Renate.**

