



LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA INT'L

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE



- The year 2019 was very successful. We enrolled 60 new children. We constructed two classrooms and a multi-purpose hall. A number of children joined high school, middle level colleges and university. We received visitors from Germany and Netherlands in October, 2019. Parents and children received Christmas presents before we closed the year. We received a huge amount of money from USA and Germany for the construction of a Kindergarten classrooms and administration/library and day clinic

Construction

- The year 2020 started on a high note with lots of construction work. (Kindergarten block and Administration/Library/Day clinic). We also constructed the guards' house where our two guards live with their families. The guards, Stonewick and Daniel and their families were elated. In November, we started the construction of a vocational training college. We received funds from one of our sponsors from Germany, who donated 10,000€. This amount enabled us to start this construction.
- The administration block comprises of offices (manager, secretary and another one for the social worker), a modern library and a day clinic. It also includes washrooms and an underground water tank with a capacity of 50,000 liters.
- The kindergarten block has 3 classrooms, teachers' office and washrooms for boys and girls. It was ready for use as from the end of January. Both buildings were installed with water harvesting tanks.
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The Live and Learn in Kenya Kindergarten



The Live and Learn in Kenya Administration Building



Guards' House



Vocational Training College is Under Construction



- ***Teachers arranging books from USA on our library shelves***
- We received a large book donation through George Havranek from New York, USA. We received 1,000 books. These books will be of great value to our children especially those in upper primary and high school. We were very grateful to George for his generosity and hard work. We also thank Qatar Airlines for free transport from USA to Nairobi.
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c) Exams Results

- In the year 2019, 18 students sat for their high school final exams while 22 sat for grade 8 final exams. Out of the 18 who sat for high school exams, 4 qualified for University while the rest will be joining middle level colleges.
- The 22 students who sat for grade 8 exams, 12 passed highly to join high school. The rest went to vocational training to learn different trades. Some went for tailoring, others for hairdressing and mechanics among other trades
- ***d) Farming***
- This year we leased 2 acres of land for farming. We planted maize and beans for our feeding program. The farm was ploughed with a rented tractor and planted by parents. We bought seeds and fertilizer. Parents also came for weeding and harvesting.





Parents planting maize and beans and weeding on our rented farmland



Parents harvesting maize from our school farm

Covid-19 – The Corona Virus Changes our Lives



- On 15th March, the government of Kenya through President Uhuru Kenyatta announced the closure of all learning institutions (from kindergarten to university). This was because of increase in Covid-19 cases in the country. We closed our school on 16th March after talking to our children on how they will be receiving classwork from teachers through their parents. All children were receiving their homework through their parents from Monday through Friday. Our children were kept busy and off the streets throughout Covid-19 period.
- Now that all of our parents live below poverty level, all of them were hard hit with this virus in that they didn't have work to do. Most of them do casual work and now that people are staying at home. Most of them could not afford the price of a meal for their families. We thank our sponsors and donors who donated funds for their food and other basic requirements. Both parents and children were very happy and grateful. Parents received this money from April until November and in December received a larger amount for Christmas.
- It is mandatory for every person to wear a face mask in Kenya. The initial masks were sent from the German company "Hunter". After that we made face masks for all our parents, staff and children. All these were made by the girls at our tailoring workshop and distributed for free.



Our Seamstresses Making Face Masks



Parents receiving monthly Corona Emergency Relief funds for food and soap



Parents with face masks from our workshop

Some Children and Parents with their Christmas Presents and Receiving Christmas funds



- This year both our parents and children did not receive the normal Christmas presents. This was because of the Covid-19 situation in the country. Instead, we provided them with funds to buy Christmas food themselves. Each family received a minimum 3,000 Kenya shillings. Some families received more funds from individual sponsors for Christmas food and presents for their sponsored children. Both children and their parents were very grateful to sponsors and donors for putting a Christmas meal on their tables .We distributed money to families on 23rd December



Parents with Christmas money and children thanking sponsors for Christmas presents

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