

Visitors! Nov-Dec School Break at Safe Haven



Noreen



Macreen gets a pretty dress!

Above, Noreen visited the children in late December, with gifts of clothes and a special celebration for everyone. Below middle, we have November visitors. Corne from South Africa always provides hugs, so unusual here, and she brought a couple of visitors with her, whom the kids enjoy.



Collins with nice shirt!



Corne



Kids and adults enjoy European visitors

Progress on the Well Project

You may recall that David was on Rusinga Island through much of September and October for creating a well at the Safe Haven program for children. **The goal is to create greater sustainability** for the Safe Haven programs, especially the year-round feeding program. The purpose of the well is:

- (1) to provide clean water for the children and people in the surrounding village of Kolo, reducing the number of water borne diseases,
- (2) to provide water for year-round gardening in this drought ridden part of Kenya, and
- (3) to provide water for sale to vendors, providing funds to assist the year-round feeding, medical and education programs.

At that time, the well had to be dug much deeper than expected, nearly 600 ft., costing more than was budgeted. It has been capped, awaiting completion of the pump house, storage tank and filtration.

The water purity test results finally arrived. There is need for filtering for particulates and for a significant amount of fluoride, common in this area. We now await an estimate for pumping equipment and filters from Davis & Shirliff Company, then a proposal will be disseminated to those who are interested.

New School Year Starts in January

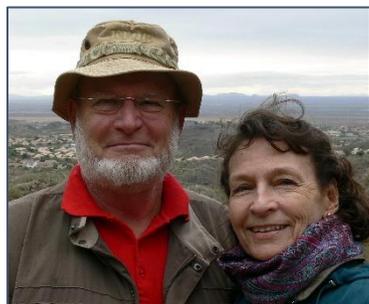


The new school year starts in January – hottest time of the year, near the equator. Above: the children who needed new uniforms. Left: Collins and Kevin at Kibos School for the Visually Challenged, looking “smart” in their nice uniforms.

Goals for the New Year

1. Greater sustainability! Completing the well will go a long way toward maintaining the programs for the children we serve.
2. Assisting children in school through sponsorships. At present, there is no support program for children who complete 8th grade and are ready for high school or a trade. If a child is a full or partial orphan, or part of a family subsisting from hand to mouth, they may leave Safe Haven and have no food security at all, and no way to continue school. Each child is precious and a sponsor can help determine that child’s future.

Happy New Year & thank you for all you do for the kids in Kenya!



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