

## New School Year Started in January



Above left, Kevin and Collins are dressed in uniforms, reporting back to Kibos School for the Visually Impaired in January. Most of the kids we serve attend a local school on Rusinga Island, or a nearby school for the Hearing Impaired. All are in need of some assistance with school. On the right are good buddies Branton, Wilson (as entertaining as he looks) and Collins, during their Term 1 school break in February, when kids come for plenty of food and medical care for several days at Safe Haven.

## Completing Well Project in May



Current capped well

David was on Rusinga Island through much of September and October for creating a well at the Safe Haven program for children. The well had to be dug to 600 ft for a useful water supply. **The goal is to create greater sustainability** for the Safe Haven programs, especially the year-round feeding program. David has worked since that time to get water reports and estimates for completion.

The proposed pump house is to the left, with current capped well above. We now plan to go back to Kenya in May in order to finish the Well Project. We visualize the perfect solution to all challenges.

## Medical Care

### Goals of the Rusinga Island Children's Fund:

1. Food, clean water
2. Medical care,
3. Education.

Right: Kevin before Kibos School for Visually Challenged



Normally we have frequent cases of malaria, dysentery, worms, amoeba, typhoid, etc. Everyone has malaria in their systems all the time, we're told, and they become sick perhaps once or twice a year with symptoms. Visiting Dr Soti's clinic and getting treatment and medications often costs about \$10. It is wonderful to see how healthy the children are, including those born with HIV and sickle cell.

In January we had a special case which is still ongoing in March. Kevin, whom we have known since 2012 and who attends Kibos School for the Visually Challenged, began bleeding from one eye, with great pain, for no apparent reason. He has visited several doctors and clinics, including Sabatia Eye Hospital, and is still in pain. He has now been scheduled to go to a hospital in Nairobi. (We welcome medical advice on this.) Costs are well beyond our normal means.

We look forward to more expert care and full relief and health for Kevin. As you may recall, he is learning Braille at school at last, after years of failing vision. Kevin loves music and participates in the Kibos school choir, traveling to competitions during school breaks.

## Sponsorship Success Story



Our last Newsletter included a goal of assisting children unable to attend high school due to lack of fees. A kind donor is now supporting Rose, who started 9<sup>th</sup> grade (Form I) this year.

*Thank you for all you do for the kids in Kenya!*



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