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Dear Friends and supporters,

a christmas like „Jambo“ to all of you. We are very happy to be able to report to you, that all of our children are doing great as well as that our project KiD is doing wonderful. The year is getting to an end, we however have not just yet found the calmness, nevertheless we can happily look back at another successful year 2013 during which a lot of things positively developed and changed.

The purchasing of a piece of land, the building of a new dining room, the extension of the kitchen area and the introduction of a new school class are just to name the most obvious changes.

Now it is time to take a deep breath, some of us surely need to. Just like our manager Joshua who was busy finishing his degree in becoming a headmaster. His daily work was enormous: at 5 am his classes started. At 10 am he started his work in the kindergarden. At 4 pm he returned to his school and studied until late in the evening to then at around 10 pm fall into bed, probably exhausted. During the last couple of weeks he additionally had to work on writing his final paper.

As you can see, Joshua was very busy, even too busy to come and visit us, as we had planned before, here in Germany. Joshua, just like us, was very excited already about his travels to Germany, however there was sadly not enough time. Thats also why we decided to move his visit to summer 2014. Even though it is very sad for all of, Joshua is still positive and said: *Hakuna Matata!* No Problem! Its going to be even better next year.



In our last info letter we informed you about purchasing an additional piece of land. Luckily we were able to buy it with the great help of „NAK-karitativ“. We also informed you about the negotiation marathon that took place before all parties could sign the contract under the construction of a lawyer. This is where we stopped reporting last time, but it certainly wasn't were the negotiations stopped. After the negotiation marathon the signing of the land from the origi-

In November this year, Joshua had a lot to do. Not only did he work as a manager at KiD but also finish writing his essay for his studies.



Edward is proofreading the contract, before signing the paper for the new piece of land, for KiD - Kindergarten in Diani e.V.

her in law who can surely help us. Firstly, we weren't really impressed, due to the fact that almost everyone has a brother in law who knows someone, who's wife's brother knows someone and so and so forth. This brother in law however, really did exist. We organized a meeting by phone with Dr. Muhammad A. Swazuri who is the chairman of the national land commission, the head of property management in all of Kenya.

Edward was speechless seeing the man in front of him that he until then only knew from seeing his face in the newspaper. During the meeting with the very supportive Dr. Swazuri we were informed about all the new rules and regulations when trying to sign over a piece of land. While we were still present he called the authorities in Kwale to inform them about our arrival and our intentions. To make it even more secure he wrote an official statement that we could take with us to our next meeting in Kwale. *Hakuna Matata! Kein Problem!*



During a meeting Dr. Swazuri is explaining the new set of laws and all the different possibilities for KiD before signing over the newly purchased piece of land (Heinz Isbrecht and Dr. Swazuri)

able to convince the jury in all the different categories, so that they were invited into the finals which took place between the 5th until 15th of August in Nakuru. Nakuru is located in the very centre of Kenya and the 700 km long bus journey there was very exciting for the kids. The little kids faces were pressed against the glasses of the bus, trying to see as much as possible, it was the first time to travel their own country for many of the kids.

Due to the fact that it's a lot colder in Nakuru, the arrival portrayed a very unusual picture of them, all dressed in warm winter cloth, from head to toe to avoid getting sick. Upon their arrival all of them

nal owner to us, KiD was supposed to take place. To do this, we had to travel around 60 km to the city of Kwale, where the paperwork was finalized. Arriving in Kwale however, we were informed that the paper we had already signed were insufficient under new laws, so that everything achieved until then, was not valid. Sadly we had to leave without achieving much.

The following week Edward drove to Kwale almost on a daily basis, while we negotiated with the local authorities. After one week of constant planning and organizing we decided to take a little break from the stress. While we were trying to recharge for another round of negotiations we met a Kenyan man who told us that he has a bro-

With the help of Dr. Swazuri we finally were able to manage all of the bureaucratic paperwork even before we had to return to Germany. We then managed to have all the papers signed in our hands before the end of our stay in Kenya. In the airplane then, still a bit out of breath, we yet again realized how easily sometimes things can come together.

In our last info-letter we additionally reported about the country wide music festival that our children participated in. They were

dressed up nicely, especially the girls, wearing colourful pearls in their hair.

On their way back home the kids took a detour and visited the Nakuru national park. For some of the kids, this was the first time they saw all of Kenya's wildlife animals. There was a lot of playing, laughing and singing of course. Back home at the KiD school they welcomed the newly build dining room. Its big enough to seat all the kids (once all of the tables and chairs are bought) as well as that it can also be used for other purposes.

Our former dining room already was too small to hold the increasing number of students. When the weather was allowing it, the kids just sat down under the trees in the yard. In case there was rain however, or heat, the kids used to sit down in long cues next to the classroom doors. This of course brought the difficulties that they really had to watch their food while walking from the kitchen to where they could sit to not drop anything or even tip over a chicken. All of this will no longer be a challenge for the kids as the kitchen is directly connected to the dining room.

As you can tell, KiD has really grown in the last year. At this time, KiD is supporting 148 kids in total 50 of them in two kindergarden classes, 71 of them in three different school grades and another 27 kids visiting the neighbouring school in Ukunda. Here they visit grade 4 until 8. Furthermore, KiD is employing 10 Kenyan and is constantly providing work for local companies such as the constructing company, the painters who paint and maintain the building as well as local shops where food is purchased. Additionally to this, all of our school materials such as pen, pencil and books are purchased from local businesses. This is a lot, just now the new school year is being organized, 148 new uniforms are ordered, the shoes are too small, the sweatshirts too short and occasionally there are holes in one or another.

Providing education for the kids from neighbouring villages as well creating jobs for people in that area does not only create a positive image of KiD but it also creates a positive atmosphere among the people working for KiD. The KiD ground sometimes reminds us of a village within a village. The most peaceful time is after 5 pm when all the kids return to their family homes, the playgrounds are empty and the dust is setting again. Monkey are chasing birds through the trees and are jumping across the roof of the buildings. A chicken and its chick is turning around the corner, looking for leftovers of the day to pick. The sun is setting. Its cooling down. Joshua and Peter our bus driver and a few other friends are recapturing the day while enjoying the last bit of sun and a sweetened „Chai“ (tea). This so peaceful yet productive atmosphere is among others, the work of a good kenyan KiD team.



The kids dressing up for their performance. Especially the girls have dressed up with colourful pearls in their hair.



On their way home they took a little detour to visit the Nakuru national-park.



The new dining room: the kids are still sitting on the ground, new tables and chairs however, are ordered already.

Now they are happy that one school year is successful ending just before a new one starts. In between they will enjoy a bit of free time with their families. While some of our KiD staff work in Diani, their families live in the centre of Kenya where it is a lot greener than in Diani Beach.

Just like here, Christmas is also a fest to celebrate with the family in Kenya. People are getting together, enjoy the peacefulness and think of those close to their hearts.

Also we are getting towards the end of a turbulent yet successful and exciting year and would like to take the chance and thank you all very much for every helping hand, motivating thoughts and words as well as for every cent that you donated to KiD. No matter if charitable organisation, foundation or private sponsor, no matter if night flee-markets, school concert, the selling of apples, birthday, wedding parties, baptism or a moving in celebration a very big and warmhearted

THANK YOU to all of YOU.



Winjoy and Salomon from KG I.

We wish you a blesses and marry christmas and a happy new year 2014.

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