



KUNE ZUVA NEWSLETTER

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The Foundation

The Foundation Kune Zuva means 'the sun shines'. This is also the objective of the Foundation: 'Let the sun shine for people in Africa by providing opportunities in life'. The Kune Zuva Foundation creates, runs, and (partly) finances small-scale projects. Kune Zuva supports more and more people each year and there are currently projects in Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and Tanzania.

Funds

Last year Kune Zuva received sponsorship of more than €8,500, in response to the Christmas newsletter. In addition to private sponsors, an increasing number of organisations are becoming involved with our work. Therefore we were able to spend almost € 28,000 on meaningful projects in 2015. A great result. Thank you!

Looking Back

The year is almost over. It's the perfect moment to look back on the activities of the past year.

In last year's newsletter, we wrote a long story about Kare Edome in Turkana, Kenya. The health situation of the locals increased drastically by making a bore hole and supplying food. The level of malnutrition and the child mortality rates have been minimised. Right now we are searching together with our local contact person for ways to decrease the dependence of food aid.

Due to circumstances at home and a wrong choice of course, the Zimbabwean girl Panashe did not manage to finish her first year. After intense discussions, we agreed to give her a second chance.

Her preference for a three year course in hotel management has been accepted.

We support various students in Ethiopia through secondary school, colleges and university, most of whom are successful.. Recently, 4 young women and 2 young men graduated from university with our help, and another 6 have just started. Three students received a secondhand laptop to widen their opportunities.

Extensive background information about our projects can be found at our website www.kunezuva.nl, and with recent updates, and photos on Facebook (Dutch only).

Introducing...

Boniface, contactperson, Kenya, Ethiopia and South-Sudan

Boniface was born south of Nairobi, Kenya. In a typical African village consisting of huts, he grew up with his 5 sisters and 4 brothers. As his parents were not able to afford education for all, some of the girls dropped out of school while Boniface got himself a scholarship and managed to complete his education.

We met Boniface while he was working as a missionary in one of our project areas in Borana, Ethiopia.

He impressed us with his fight to keep girls out of child marriages. He studies the background of the family and visits the girls and parents on a regular basis. The solution is often to inspire the parents to let their daughters finish their education. We also support some girls from his home area in Kenya.

Boniface himself recently did his Masters in Ireland and is now working in South Sudan. But he also stays in touch with the Ethiopian and Kenyan girls of our programme and keeps us posted on their progress.

Orphans, Ruiri, Kenya

Orphans struggle to live a normal life. When their parents die, African culture dictates that the grandparents or an aunt will take care of the children. Kenyan research shows that this is the best cultural and sustainable solution. Often though, the family doesn't have the means to look after extra children. Sadly a lot of orphans end up on the street at a young age often committing crimes. Prostitution and theft as well as child labour are the ways to survive. In Ruiri, near the capital Nairobi, a project has been set up to keep these orphans in school and give them ways to have a normal future.

The focus of this project is on 40 identified orphans (girls and boys) in the age range of 6 – 18 who would all like to stay in school.

This can be achieved not only by guiding them, but also giving them school equipment and school uniforms, so they don't stand out from their schoolmates. In secondary school they also need these plus school fees. Primary school is free in Kenya, but secondary school is not.

They are at different schools in the area, all living with their grandparents or aunts. This project has been running successfully for 2 years now. A local foundation guides the children and organises school uniforms, equipment and fees. This organisation has been founded specifically to guide the fast growing number of vulnerable children.

In 2015 Kune Zuva pledged €50 per orphan in elementary school and €250 in secondary school.

Girls to school, Thon-Aduel, South Sudan

South Sudan is a country on the edge. Generations are growing up with violence as communication, and without any form of education, certainly in the rural areas. Education is the basis of new opportunities and gives people more choice in making their own decisions. Slowly a few schools are being established but mainly in towns. In some rural areas there is nothing available. Also boys' education is seen as more important than girls' and if there are enough funds available, the boys are sent for formal education while the girls are left at home doing the housework.

Our contact person Boniface has been based in an area called Thon-Aduel. He has been interviewing parents and their daughters and they all agree that there is a big need for

girls' education. A lot of girls are bright, hard working and well behaved. Having basic education in the village would make it easier for them to get started. They can then go to school in the morning and do their household chores in the afternoon. When they are really successful in school, it's easier to convince the parents to let them attend secondary education away from home.

In the village, some basic primary education has been set up under two trees and two classes have been formed. 9 girls and 109 boys are attending. Qualified teachers have been organised and they are searching for funds to build three classrooms, a pit latrine and an office. Even so, most parents are supportive towards girls' education – it would be

helpful to motivate them to send their girls to school full time. Together with our contact person we are searching for this extra motivation. An idea would be to give the best girls in class something that helps the whole family, like cooking oil, which is very expensive in South Sudan. We are actively searching for inspiring ideas that will allow girls to stay in fulltime education.

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Christmas wish from Kune Zuva

As you can see, Kune Zuva keeps supporting marginalised people in Africa. Kune Zuva works hard to continue the support of the various projects. The focus is on all phases of education, from kindergarten to university, for the less fortunate people in society. Most of these projects will extend into future years. In this respect your financial support is essential to us and will be gratefully received.

This year we send our newsletter with our Merry Christmas greetings. We sincerely hope you are willing to support our Foundation with a donation via IBAN NL89 INGB 000 5837915 – Swift/ BIC Code INGBNL2A of Foundation Kune Zuva, Tolsedijk 10, 4681 SV Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands. By supporting our Foundation you are not just wishing us a happy 2016, but you will let the sun shine for a few people in Africa, and provide them with the key to a successful future. Thank you in advance, and thank you also from our friends in Africa!

A Loving Christmas and a Sunny 2016!