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## The Foundation

### *Kune Zuva*

The Kune Zuva Foundation supports more people every day. Kune Zuva means "the sun is shining". This is also the goal of the foundation 'letting the sun shine by giving people chances in life'. We focus on people living in Africa who, due to various circumstances, find themselves in difficult situations. However, with our support they can overcome some of these difficulties. Kune Zuva is supporting the Foundation's goal by creating, running and (partly) financing small-scale projects. Currently we have 48 projects running in Ethiopia, Namibia and Tanzania.

You can find more detailed background information on our projects at [www.kunezuva.nl](http://www.kunezuva.nl). (Dutch only)

### *Funds*

Last year Kune Zuva received over €8.500 in sponsorship, in response to the Christmas newsletter. In addition to private individuals, an increasing numbers of organizations are becoming involved with our work. Therefore we were able to spend over €36.000 on worthwhile projects in 2008. A great result, Thank you!

## *Retrospect*

The year is drawing to a close. This year next to the support of students (see backside) we supported for example the following bigger projects in Ethiopia.

Renovation of kindergarten Enat, to make sure the children can play safely and have an hygienic toilet.

Furnishing of a (computer)training center in Yabello. This way minimal 120 youngsters can learn to work on typewriters and computers. Recently we managed to sent some typewriters, from here, to enlarge the possibilities.

A dining room for a primary school in Dharito. 400 students can eat from a table sheltered from rain and sun.

Furnishing of the cotton school in Arba Minch (see last newsletter). Three thousand children don't have to sit on rocks and tree stumps anymore. Now they have tables and benches in the classrooms. On the moment we are searching for ways to help this school to build toilets and renovate the floors and walls of the classrooms

## Introducing...

### *Marta, contact person students, Ethiopia*

Marta (26) is actively involved in the work of Kune Zuva since 2004. She is the eldest of four children and has, after her father wasn't able to work anymore, supported the university studies financially of her brother and eldest sister. Both have graduated, while her youngest sister just started with social studies.

Marta's dream was to explore Europe. In 2006 she had the chance to come to The Netherlands for one year as an au pair. The ideal moment to get to know the people behind Kune Zuva better. But also to experience our way of life and work.

After her return to Ethiopia, she graduated from her degree in Marketing with our support. Now she guides students (turn page over) and is active in the bigger development work of another local organization. She is making "impact analyses", the way to judge the real impact of the bigger development project, financed by for example United nations. Till now also these results are hopeful.

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## ***Our students and graduated students, Ethiopia***

The funds raised by this yearly sent newsletter, are mainly used to support individuals. For the bigger projects, we normally look for a sponsor specific for that project. It are specific the individual students, who, thanks to your help, can start of proceed with their education. Before we had a mixture of girls and boys, in which the boys were often orphans or from a marginalised group. From this year onwards we focus on girls, as for them it's most difficult to find support within their own surroundings.

Through the years 18 students supported by us, graduated from university and 15 from private colleges. The most are from Ethiopia, but also some from Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

The first student Dilatbiya started in 2001 and graduated in medicines in 2006. He was, together with his mother and younger brother, a refugee from Eritrea. During his studies he worked in the local hospital to get experience and to generate some income for his mother. Now he is teaching at the Medical University.

This year ten of our students graduated from university. Six new girls started this academic year, together with the girls still studying the total amount of university students this year comes to sixteen. Three girls started on different private colleges, bringing the total amount of students in colleges to eight.

Studying at the University in Ethiopia is possible with Government support. In principal university is accessible for "everyone", as long as your results of secondary school are good enough. After graduation the sponsorship from government has to be paid back by working several years for the government. Only then they get their bull, this to delay good students to disappear to the western world.

Graduation at university means a Bachelor degree. Top students can continue for a Master degree. One of our students just graduated from his Masters and two are hoping to proceed with their masters.

De government scholarship is covering study costs, campus and food. The support of Kune Zuva is needed to make sure that poor students can travel to the university and go home at least once a year. Not the student chooses the university but the government, and this can be up to 1000 km from their home. The government support is also not covering basics like soap, clothes, paper ware or copies. Normally the family covers this, but if a bright girl is born in a poor family, attending university is still not possible. The financial support from Kune Zuva for these students is average 160 Euro per year.

If your results are not high enough to attend university, it is possible to go to a private college. This education is normally not sponsored by government. The courses we support take between 3 months and 3 years. Kune Zuva sponsors the tuition fees, while the student lives at home. The support varies between 270 and 500 Euro a year.

Hiwot couldn't find a job after her secondary school. We supported her in a study of three years in information technology. Now she works, a day's travel from her home, a the (computer) trainings centre in Yabello. Here she stimulates other girls to take their studies serious. She is one of the four students who graduated this year from a private college.

Some of our graduated students are now involved in guiding new students voluntary. This way Kune Zuva can support more students in a successful way.

## **Christmas wish from Kune Zuva**

As you can see, Kune Zuva keeps supporting marginalized 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 marginalized people in society. Most of these projects will extend into future years. In this respect your (financial) support is essential for 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 to giro 5837915 of Foundation Kune Zuva, Tolsedijk 10, NL-4681 SV Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands (international transfers via IBAN NR. NL 41 PSTB 000 5837915 - Swift Code PSTB NL 21). By supporting our foundation you are not just wishing us a happy 2009, 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 2009!**

