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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 in Africa chances in life". Kune Zuva supports the Foundation's goal by creating, running and (co-) financing small-scale projects. Currently we have projects running in Ethiopia, Namibia, South-Africa, Kenya and Tanzania.

You can find more detailed background information on our projects at www.kunezuva.nl. (Dutch only)

Funds

Last year Kune Zuva received over €8.000 in sponsorship, in response to the Christmas newsletter. In addition to private sponsors, an increasing numbers of organizations are becoming involved with our work. Therefore we were able to spend over €34.000 on worthwhile projects in 2011. A great result, Thank you!

Retrospect

The year is drawing to a close. This year, as well as the support of an ever increasing group of students, and "our" three kindergarten, we also gave some micro-credits, mainly to former students.

At the kindergarten in Ethiopia, where we have been providing support since 2004, we are working on slowly phasing out the regular support. This is because we are convinced the schools, which have been supported for many years, slowly have to become independent. Of course we will guide them well during this transition.

Recently we started a water project for a large primary/secondary school to improve hygiene. See more details on the reverse of this newsletter.

During last year the focus was the 10-year anniversary of Kune Zuva. However, this year we cannot deny the famine which is taking place in the Horn of Africa. There is also more detail about this in this newsletter.

Introducing...

Ashley, our contact in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Ashley, a young white woman, works as a lecturer at the University of KwaZulu Natal. As part of her studies Ash did research for a big foundation active in rural Zululand, which aims to bring hope and solutions to families affected by HIV/AIDS. At the end of each school year she met young high school graduates. Who were crying out for assistance to study. They didn't know what to study, or how they would get the money together; they just wanted to study. Their desire to study became Ash's desire to assist them. Each student is "career tested", then placed on an appropriate course. During the course of their studies the students also do work placements. This work experience allows them to build their CV/resume before entering the very competitive job market. In South Africa, having experience is crucial.

Ash also provides life and soft skills training so that they hit the ground running. They are prepared for the workplace, with a good attitude, as well as work ethic and etiquette. Here she uses the older students to teach the newer ones. If you want to more about Ash's foundation please check: www.ilearntolive.co.za

Hygiene and clean drinking water at schools in Ethiopia

In Africa, 48% of people have no access to safe drinking water, and two thirds remain deprived of sanitation. To improve the health situation, we actively invest in access to clean water and sanitation at the various schools. Provision of hygiene education, even to the youngest, is important. Not only the lack of water, but also of knowledge about hygiene, puts their health at risk. People are, for example, not accustomed to washing their hands.

Kune Zuva is currently in the process of building a drinking water supply working for the Lemat Cotton school in Arba Minch, South Ethiopia, a primary school with nearly 3000 pupils. There will be two taps: one for the girls' and one for the boys' toilets. In 2009 we provided the means to build these toilets. Unlike ours, these toilets don't use water. Next to the so-called squat toilets, we also built some ecological toilets that produce compost.

A water tank with a capacity of 20m³, built on 6 meter high poles, feeds the taps. This tank is connected to municipal water supply network, through a 200-metre-long pipe. The purpose of these taps is simple: allowing access to safe drinking water, hand washing after using the toilet (and of course before eating)!

In this way, many infectious diseases, and even infant mortality, can be stopped.

Famine in the Horn of Africa

In the Horn of Africa, the combined effects of the worst drought in 60 years and the regional conflicts led to a major disaster. More than 13 million people are searching for food, housing and other basic supplies. With more than 23% of the people undernourished, normally at 15% malnutrition, a disaster is already declared. Our contact people, in both southern Ethiopia and northern Kenya, sent out a cry for help. Although we, Kune Zuva, don't see food aid as a task for us, we could not close our eyes to the situation, and we managed to help in our own way.

In Turkana (northern Kenya) they had no rain for almost 2 years. The water reserves behind the dams that had been built in recent years dried up.

Our contact person in Turkana (Steven) and his people own various Land cruisers, and a knowledge of the area, and population groups. The distribution of the (internationally) donated food showed, in addition, that there was insufficient money for petrol.

With our (and your) help maize has been distributed. Much attention is given to a fair distribution and the reduction of abuse, such as the sale of food aid. In the event of serious malnutrition, children are directly collected in centers, where they receive food from the mission.

In Borana (southern Ethiopia) our contact person already foresaw major problems at the end of March, as it hadn't rained yet. So, with our support, he stocked up with food at reasonable prices. During the last months, he supported the people in famine in his neighborhood with this food. This bridged the gap until the big food aid organizations were ready to provide help. The food aid requests for school lunches to Cordaid and Caritas have been approved, so that the schools could open last October.

Investing in people certainly helps. For Turra, father of 10 children, we bought a second ox. He performed excellently despite the drought, and managed to harvest some green maize. He donated some to our contact person as a way to say thank you. Next year he expects to be able to feed all his family and others.

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 ING 5837915 of Foundation Kune Zuva, Tolsedijk 10, 4681 SV Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands (international transfers via IBAN NL89 INGB 000 5837915 - Swift/ BIC Code INGBNL2A). By supporting our foundation you are not just wishing us a happy 2012, 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 2012!

