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The Foundation

Kune Zuva

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 giving opportunities in life '. Kune Zuva supports the Foundation's goal by creating, running, and (partly) financing 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, Namibia and Tanzania.

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)

Funds

Last year Kune Zuva received sponsorship of more than €5,600, in response to the Christmas newsletter. In addition to private sponsors, an increasing number of organizations are becoming involved with our work. Therefore we were able to spend over € 40,000 on meaningful projects in 2014.

A great result, Thank you!

Retrospect

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

In last year's newsletter we wrote a long story about producing glassbeads out of old glass - you can see a photo of the beads on our Christmas wish. The training has now taken place and 18 trainees are busy getting the project up and running. Hopefully we will have some good news about this project's progress next year.

Esther is a young Maasai woman from Tanzania. We have known her since 2004, when she ran away from an arranged marriage, to get into school. Our support was not fully sufficient for her education, so she worked at night and went to school during the day. Subsequently, she lost her job due to sexual intimidation. Kune Zuva is now looking for extended sponsorship so that Esther can complete her education.

We support various students in Ethiopia through secondary school, colleges and university, most of whom are successful. Recently six young women have graduated from university with our help, and another six have just started. However, a secondary school project in Dimeka has been recently curtailed, due to lack of follow up on the ground.

Introducing...

Elizabeth, Student at secondary school, South Sudan

Elizabeth was born in the refugee camp Kakuma in Kenya. At the age of 3, Elizabeth and her mother left for Nairobi, the capital city. Her mother worked hard so she could send her daughter to school. When she was 17, Elizabeth finished at primary school and wanted to continue on to secondary education. However her South-Sudanese father wanted Elizabeth to return home first to see her own country. When Elizabeth and her mother arrived in Rumbek, South Sudan, her father wanted to marry her off and he had found a husband who was willing to pay 100 cows.

However her mother stood by her, and insisted that she should be allowed to finish her education. Despite the forces to stop this, she got into a school in Mapuordit, where our contact person, Father John, works. She now lives in huts close to the secondary school with 17 other girls. Kune Zuva helps the sisters who run the school to improve the living conditions of the young women by building cooking facilities, toilets and other basic facilities.

Running water at Kare Edome, Turkana, Kenya

Kare Edome is located in Turkana near the Ethiopian border, an area where the children suffered from malnutrition during the big drought in 2011. This was the main reason a feeding centre was opened for about 70 children, aged 3 - 8 years, who are living in the area. When the Emergency programme was ended, and all the funds spent, there was still an ongoing big need to support for these children. Over a year ago a Dutch sponsor, Krijn Koetsveld, adopted the project via Kune Zuva. Attention is also being given to healthcare and providing first steps towards education.

Ekai Loudi was all smiles as she saw water gushing from the ground when the drilling team recently struck water at 77mts depth close to Kare Edome Nutritional Unit. Her prayers must have been answered, as for the last two years she has been struggling with her companions looking for water to cook for the 70 children, who come to the centre everyday to receive the only food they might get.

Fetching water is tedious work for the woman and girls in Turkana. The whole community has been struggling with water problems for a long time. It was painful to see women spending long hours searching for water. They had to dig out wells of about 4 to 5 metres in depth, on dry riverbeds. The walls regularly collapse, sometimes causing fatalities.

Krijn Koetsveld was so shocked by this that it inspired him to collect money for this project by sponsorship of a cycle ride in Italy, during which he covered 543 kilometres and 14207 metres in height.

Krijn collected enough money by sponsorship to drill a borehole. Kune Zuva coordinated this initiative, and is also checking up on further implementations.

Water! This year Christmas is coming early for the people of Kare Edome, especially the children of the area. They can now drink fresh water and wash themselves. Their food will be cooked on time, and they will be able to follow their classes and games, with ease. Previously the girls were forced to help in fetching water. They can now breathe a sigh of relief after the successful drilling of the well.

Now there is water, the time is approaching to see how Kare Edome can become independent of outside food aid, and we dream even further... if there is sufficient food, water and healthcare, then a proper education structure is in our sights. A structure that will make sure that all children can attend school and in time even secondary school. This will not be easy but a challenge worth fighting for.

Computer dilemma, Universities in Africa

Kune Zuva supports students in African Universities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Often a computer becomes essential. While here everybody has their own schoolbooks, in Africa students often have to share the available books in the library. Of course, everybody needs the same book at the same time. Lots of books are also available digitally and lots of information can be found online - but of course you need a computer.

For weak students, the lack of a computer often makes studying impossible. For top students their results are restricted by the limited access to the study material.

This presents a dilemma for Kune Zuva, because our budgets are structured in a way to support as many students as possible. Therefore there is no possibility for extra investments like a laptop (approx. 250 Euro).

At the moment Kune Zuva has 38 students in higher education and university. However for two students we had to face the fact that a laptop is essential and we have agreed specific regulations for their use.

Kune Zuva will keep investing in finding the best ways to successfully support students in these changing times and will, when needed, adjust the way of working.

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 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 2015, 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 2015!

