



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'. 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 South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa and, Zimbabwe.

Funds

Last year Kune Zuva received sponsorship of almost €8,600, in response to the Christmas newsletter. In addition to private sponsors, some organisations are involved with our work. Therefore, we were able to spend over €40,000 on meaningful projects in 2016. 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.

Next to being a tax-deductible NGO, we also have official recognition based on efficient management and expenditure.

In last year's newsletter, we wrote about the orphans in Central Kenya. During our visit, the newly installed sanitation has been officially opened. The secondary school orphans received some empowerment training. This is taught by Jennifer, one of our own students who studies at a nearby university.

Esther, a Masai from Tanzania, will be graduating this December. We've been supporting Esther since 2004. At a young age she was

forced to marry but she ran away and joined our programme. Esther has an impressive personality and is able to make a difference to the other girls' lives in her own environment.

In 2016, in Ethiopia alone, we supported 31 students and 13 pupils in secondary school. Recently Melishew graduated and is now working at her university while Bazazew got himself a job at Médecins Sans Frontières in his home town.

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...

Steven Ochieng, contact person, Turkana, Kenia

Father Steven was born in the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa and he is the third in a family of 9 brothers. His mother has been a teacher most of her life.

Upon his ordination to priesthood, in 2003, he worked for 11 years in the different missions in Northern Kenya. Since 2009 he has been a member of the board of governors of his community. He helped to open up a mission in the middle of the desert, Todonyang, right at the border between Kenya and Ethiopia (see exchange program on the rear side).

Todonyang became his base. In this mission, Steven started a primary school. Currently there are about 165 children from two different tribes (Turkana and Dasanesh) enrolled there.

It is Steven's dream to continue to serve and work in the missions. For this reason, he moved to Manila, the Philippines, about two years ago to pursue studies that will help to improve educational standards in Turkana.

He believes that education will help these communities to escape from their current trials of drought, famine, conflict and poverty.

Exchange program, primary schools Kenia – The Netherlands

Giving people in Africa chances in life is not Kune Zuva's only objective; we educate people about what we can do and why. We explain that there are important reasons why development aid for Africa is still required. Only with our support certain people facing challenges in their own countries will be empowered to improve their own lives and pass on their experience to others.

At the end of 2015, a great exchange program was set up between children of the primary school Merijntje in Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands and the children of Todonyang, Turkana, Kenya. The children of Merijntje were asked to make pencil cases for a child in Kenya, but also to draw a picture. Our volunteer distributed them in Kenya requesting that they draw a picture for the children in The Netherlands in return. The pupils in Todonyang originate from two tribes that are in an

intense conflict. At the school the children do realise that 'the enemy' has children too and that these children can be your friends in school. They were all very excited about the gifts from the Netherlands.

Drawing a picture in return for the boys and girls in The Netherlands is a real challenge, but the results are amazing. In the highest grades they have lots of questions about the child who made their particular drawing. Does he or she have brothers or sisters? How many animals does the family have? Do they go to school every day? Often they put a personal message on the drawing. This included lots of coloured hearts, 'I Love You's and 'Thank You's. Back in the Netherlands the surprise and humour especially from the high grades was tremendous. It was an educational exchange for the children as well as the people involved.

Building a primary school, Thon-Aduel, South Sudan

As said before, South Sudan is a country on the edge. Generations are growing up with violence as means of 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 reopened in towns but in the villages there is nothing available.

Our contact person Fr. Boniface has been based in a so called safety area named Thon-Aduel since two years. Due to the extra security, families moved into this specific area.

For the government and the mission of Fr. Boniface, building a school is an important priority. Last year they started 2 classes under mango trees.

Luckily, we have been able to find funds for building and furnishing the first classroom (grade 1).

There are some big obstacles. The country is unstable. Locally, it's even worse due to shortage of food. Boniface is busy finding and buying food for his people, next to organising workshops on local agriculture.

Adding to these problems, the rainy season has started so rivers obliterate some roads. In the country itself, some raw materials like sand and stones for building are available, but specific material have to come with professional builders from Uganda or Kenya. Their transport is under armed escort over bad roads. As a result, trucks break down and new parts to fix the trucks have to be

flown in from Kenya together with a mechanic to fix them. In the meantime, roads are blocked by the different trucks that got stuck.

The situation there is close to hopeless but Boniface is still managing to continue the building of the classroom. Hopefully it will be ready in time for then new academic year starting in January.

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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 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 are sending 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 2017, 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!

Loving Christmas and a Sunny 2017!