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## The Foundation

### *Kune Zuva*

The Foundation Kune Zuva is supporting 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 40 projects running in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Namibia.

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 €7.000 sponsorship, in response to our last newsletter. In addition to private individuals, there are increasing numbers of organizations becoming involved with our work. Therefore we were able to spend over €33.000 on worthwhile projects. To everybody who has given support: THANK YOU!

*Esther*, student in Tanzania

Esther belongs to the Arusha - a tribe related to the Masai. The tribal tradition dictates that Esther will have a pre-arranged marriage - but Esther just wants to work on her own future. Early in 2004 Esther (then aged 18), ran away from home to escape the tradition. She could not enrol for secondary school, as her elementary school finishing certificate was "lost". To solve this, Esther did a preparation year for her secondary education, which is specially developed for Masai girls in similar situations.

### *Retrospect*

The year is drawing to a close. It has been a great year for Kune Zuva as regards revenue, and we have been thrilled to invest in some larger projects than have previously been possible. The main highlights of this year included;

Students in Namibia often drop out from secondary school, as their family cannot afford the school uniform! Kune Zuva invested in 17 school uniforms for the secondary school students in the town of Tsintsabis.

Trades people (such as blacksmiths, tannery workers etc) located in the mountains of Southern Ethiopia are marginalized within society. Birhanu, who we introduced in the 2002 newsletter, is such a person. This newsletter described how Birhanu became the first of his tribe to complete secondary education. Kune Zuva has continued to support Birhanu during a 2-year programme to become an accountant.

Now Birhanu is earning his income as an accountant for the project, in which we participate, to integrate marginalized groups (both social and economic) into Ethiopian society. Additionally, Birhanu helps us to get many children from his tribe into school. For this school year 137 of his tribe will attend school! A few years ago they were refused this education.

## Introduce...

Since January 2005, Esther, with our support, has been attending a renowned girls boarding school. She continues to do very well in her studies and is extremely happy with her choice.

As her grandmother supported her choice, she helped her keep in hiding for fifteen months. Esther was continually afraid that she was to be sent into marriage after all. However, she has recently been in touch again with her parents, who have now accepted it.

## ***Secondary Education in Borana, south Ethiopia: a hostel for Nomad girls!***

In the south of Ethiopia there is a region called Borana. The ethnic inhabitants are called Boranas - they are pastoralists of a nomadic existence with their cattle.

Due to this lifestyle the families do not tend to stay long in one place, and as the distances are long, the Borana children are often sent to a boarding school. Because of this, only few go to school. This is specially the case for girls, who are often kept home. The few girls that do attend school are for the most part very ambitious. They would like to become teachers, nurses or veterinary doctors. To make this possible, we started building a girls hostel in Dubuluq, close to the government secondary school. This is a very big project for Kune Zuva, in which we are supported by for example the Marthe van Rijswijk Foundation and Cordaid.

As briefly described earlier, the Boranas are pastoralists and tend to be nomadic in lifestyle, moving their cattle, camels, goats and sheep across the land in search of water and grass for their animals. They live in simple huts, and basically live on milk, goat meat, and the sale of surplus cattle. Recurrent drought and famine are the major phenomena in Borana land. They get little attention in overall socio-economic development, and in general they are the most marginalized group of people in the country, in terms of sharing the country's scarce resources of social services. Missionary organisations have been working in basic education and health services since 1974. Education is a vital base for the Borana, to increase their socio-economical and political position. A lot of children don't have access to any education, either because they have to look after the cattle, or they don't have acceptable cloths, or cannot afford the boarding facilities that their families' nomadic lifestyle requires. This is specially the case for girls, who have little educational access. This is a big challenge, well supported by Kune Zuva.

In the Borana culture, women do not treated equally, and girls, often quite young, are brought into a pre-arranged marriage. To give motivated girls access to education, it is important to convince the parents about the importance of education and to provide them with a shelter and guidance.

To create this, we started a few months ago, the construction of a girls hostel for 40 girls in Dubuluq.

Due to the shortage of boarding facilities last summer, only 17 from the 43 pupils at the elementary school in Dhoqqolle, could proceed to secondary school located in Dubuluq. There were only 2 girls within the 17 pupils. In the new hostel the girls can live under supervision, while they attend the secondary school in Dubuluq. Already the few girls who have been attending secondary school, proved to have a high drive to succeed. (These girls have been staying, up to now, in rented accommodation).

To stimulate the most promising girls from very poor families, Kune Zuva started a student-funding program. Fifteen girls from this area each receive an allowance of € 10 a month. With this, they can stay in a girls hostel to proceed with either elementary, or secondary education.

Nahima (14 years) is one of these promising students. She is an orphan, and is completely dependant on her sisters. Her dream is to become a doctor. Qaliti (12 years) loves sports, and wants to become a teacher. She is the only one of her family attending school. Her father earns his income by looking after other people's cows and camels, but does not make enough money to support his daughter.

We managed to make a few girls very happy by promising them financial support for the coming years. We are still looking for more sponsors.

## **Christmas wish from Kune Zuva**

As you can see, Kune Zuva is expanding to support increasing numbers of different tribes. Kune Zuva works hard to continue the support of the various projects. The focus is more and more on all phases of education, from kindergarten to university, for the marginalized peoples in the 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 2006, 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 2006!**

