

# KUNE ZUVA



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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 38 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 almost €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 €38.000 on worthwhile projects in 2006. A great result, Thank you!

## **Retrospect**

The year is drawing to a close. This year we finalized our first "big" project - a girls hostel. In addition to our "small" project in education, we also started this year with two bigger projects. More news about these can be read further in this newsletter.

The girls hostel in Dubuluq, Ethiopia is finished. After the opening ceremony in September, 19 semi-nomadic girls moved in. These are girls with ambition, and the will to succeed in a culture where few girls attend school. Due to the new hostel, they can continue their schooling after primary school. This is now possible even when the school is distant, or when their family moves on to look in search of better pasture for their cattle.

What if you live in Zimbabwe, you have started new studies and after two months the college fees are doubled? A devaluation of 1000% over the last year makes it difficult to afford school in this case. This happened to Caroline. Last April Caroline started to study at a private secretarial college - but in July the school fees increased so much, that her father was not able to afford it any longer. This is when Kune Zuva helps.

## **Introduce...**

### **Kapuku, "bush woman" in Namibia**

Elizabeth, nicknamed "Kapuku" (mouse), is a young woman aged 23 years. She lives in the north of Namibia and belongs to the bushmen tribe. This is a marginalized group in Southern Africa, who lived until recently, by hunting animals, and collecting fruits. Since the government turned their living area into a national nature reserve, they cannot sustain this previous existence. Elizabeth and two other girls from the village went, without our help in November 2005, to a course on "making beads out of old glass". Old wine and other drinks bottles are squashed to powder.

This powder is then put into moulds and baked to form beads. The beads are painted, and then made into necklaces. The oven to bake the glass powder is made from sand, and old car parts. After, some delay the oven is finally finished. Kapuku has bought shoes with her first profit from the business!

As increasing numbers of tourists visit the area, the possibility to sell the beads locally is growing. Simultaneously, a lot of work is being done on a bigger project, - building a cultural centre, where the girls can sell their adornments.

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## ***Kindergarten in Arba Minch, south Ethiopia: help us building it!***

How can you enlarge the opportunities of children in a better way, then giving them a good start in life? Kindergarten is playing a crucial role in respect. With access to kindergarten education, children they have a much better chance to succeed in primary school. In a playfull way they learn the basic skills for reading, writing and counting. Also, skills like working together and adjusting to others needs are gained. Sometimes the kindergarten is the first place where they experience the official language of the country, which essential for any further education. In Ethiopia and Namibia the government is not exploiting kindergarten education. Kindergartens only exist due to private initiatives, which are mainly driven by teachers. These private schools have be totally self-supporting, which has a direct impact on the school fees. Kune Zuva has been supporting four kindergartens for several years. One is in Tsintsabis, Namibia, the other three are in the south of Ethiopia. The support of Kune Zuva makes sure that children from poor families can join the kindergarten.

Wubayehu Zewdie is an enthusiastic teacher, who is putting a lot of effort in getting children in a marginalised position to school. She is one of the highly motivated four teachers we support to run the kindergarten.

Wubayehu lives in Arba Minch, a provincial town approximately 500 km south of the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. Five years ago she started her kindergarten named "Enat" in one of the poorest areas of the town. Enat means "mother". When we met her in 2004 she was teaching without a salary. The school fees, meant for running costs like school equipment, maintenance, salaries and something to drink, is one euro a month! In her school there are 50 children in the age range 4 - 6 years, but only 10 of these children are able to pay the school fees. So she could run her kindergarten, she worked additional half days at a government primary school.

In the past years we organized teaching materials, school uniforms, out door playing equipment like a swing, and also a safe toilet. In addition we provided the investment in another qualified teacher, and also in the education of some promising ladies to become qualified kindergarten teachers.

Recently Wubayehu has started to is run a second kindergarten.

This kindergarten is also teaching 50 children. This school runs without any external financial support, as approximately 80% of the children are able to afford the school fees. The schools are located in old rented buildings, both of which are actually not fit for children.

Wubayehu dreams about one new child friendly, and safe school, in which to give as many children as possible an entry to good education, and to be independent.

The new building should accommodate 120 children. Preferably in a location between both schools, so that all young children from this area have access.

Wubayehu has used the past year to reach an agreement with the local government about a piece of land. This is ideally situated between both the current schools. At the moment much work is being done on the necessary permits and drawings.

In the meantime we share Wubayehu's dream: Kune Zuva is taking the challenge to build a good new kindergarten equipped for 120 children. However we nee money for the building work. Due to supply problems, the prices of building materials are escalating.

It is clear that we can use some help to build this school: Who will help us in building it?

## **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 2007, 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 2007!**

