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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 (partly) financing small-scale projects. Currently we have 48 projects running in Ethiopia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, 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 almost €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 €36.000 on worthwhile projects in 2008. A great result, Thank you!

Retrospect

The year is drawing to a close. This year, as well as the support of a big group of students, and "our" three kindergarten, our main focus was a few bigger projects in Ethiopia.

This year 3 of our students graduated successfully, but 2 discontinued for health reasons. We started with 6 new girls, in addition to the 19 female students continuing with their education.

An intensive basic computer course for 22 marginalized youngsters, has been organized by one of our local volunteers. Already half the students have managed to find a job, after taking this course.

Hanny Abels introduced, together with the director of a practical training centre, a metal work course for six marginalized youngsters. With the help of the local government, they can now set up their own workshop.

Kindergarten Lemat in Arba Minch has been connected to the water network, and has now a safe and hygienic toilet.

Introducing...

Hanny Abels, *contact person Arba Minch, Ethiopia*

Having worked for 25 year as an HR-advisor, but quit her job in 2002 , as it didn't fulfil her. She then started voluntary work with Humanitas at a victim support desk. When her husband Hans took early retirement, they decided to do voluntary work in Ethiopia. Hans has worked since February 2008 for the University of Arba Minch where he is supporting the set up of ' Information and Communication Technology '. Hanny also found her way, and is supporting Kune Zuva at the Orphanage Arba Minch, with the co-ordination, and follow up of projects like the renovation, and the new toilets of the Cotton school.

The poor circumstances of most schools, including the bad hygiene and sanitation, made Hans and Hanny decide to guide, and to support different improvement projects themselves. To facilitate this they asked family and friends for help, and organised different fund raising activities.

Renovation and new toilets for the Cotton school in Arba Minch, South-Ethiopia

The name Cotton School is a nickname: this elementary/secondary school was built in the 60's in cooperation with the neighboring cotton factory, the main employer in this area. At the end of the 90's the factory was closed down, and with this most families lost their regular income. The maintenance of the school is the responsibility of the local community. However, the closure of the factory started the decline at the school. There are 18 classrooms, plus some annexes including a library, two offices and two (!) toilets for almost 3000 students. Most buildings are built from traditional materials (wood and mud) which need annual maintenance. A few years ago we provided the whole school with new tables and benches.

One of the problems is that when the rainy season starts, the rainwater flows into some classrooms, destroying the new furniture. Recently we organized new concrete floors in some of the classrooms. This provided the motivation for Kassech, one of the teachers, to mobilize parents to pull down the worst classrooms, and to rebuild them out of wood and clay by re-using the existing materials. We provided the necessary funds to buy the window frames and doors.

Currently we are building new toilets. The existing toilets are not only dangerous, you have to balance on wooden poles above a pit, but as there are no walls, there is no privacy. For the older girls this is important reason why they drop out of school. Most of the students use the fields around the school as a toilet.

We will also build four ecological "dry Ecosan" toilets next to eight "standard" squat toilets.

Sustainable solutions by eco-toilets and solar panels in Ethiopia and Kenya

Worldwide ecological solutions are becoming more and more important. Kune Zuva is chooses, where possible, sustainable investments which are both environmentally friendly and ecologically acceptable. We describe below our sustainable solutions for 2009, which we hope to continue through 2010.

Ecological toilets ? In Arba Minch, Ethiopia an international trial with ecological toilets is taking place.

Kune Zuva is allowed to use this expertise for the Cotton School. The highest grades and teachers have to learn to separate their faeces and urine. This is done in toilets specially developed for this which have two different holes. The faeces will compost, while the urine is converted to ammonium salts.

Both will be used as fertilizer to increase the productivity (and profitability) of the school garden. This is an income generating project to support the school and 200 orphans. The orphans are cared for by one of the teachers.

Solar panels ? Recently we invested in solar panels.

In Jolkasa, Borana, Ethiopia the community hall now has lighting powered by the solar panels. Now there is the opportunity to run workshops about social development, HIV/Aids awareness and cultural differences in the evening, which guarantees a better attendance rate.

In Todonyang, Turkana, Kenya solar panels are installed in the in dispensary. The dispensary is built to give the rural community access to vaccination programs, and first aid. The solar panel provides light, not only to enable emergency cases at night, but also to power the fridge used to store vaccines, as these are heat sensitive.

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, NL-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 2010, 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 2010!

