

THE MONTHLY PEEP

PAAV - GITOMBO COMMUNITY SCHOOL | MORE THAN ACADEMICS



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BACK HOME

by Ms. WANJI

Dear Friends,
I am back in Kenya and settled at **PAAV - Gitombo Community School**. I can say I had a great time in the US, meeting with most of you at the banquet and in other appointments. The children have increased and grown.

We now have **80 children** at the school. Our work in the Lord is not in vain! Lots is going on at PAAV - Gitombo Community School.

While in the US I visited with different people and Churches in Denver, CO and in Vancouver, Washington State.

In all my meetings I presented our needs. I can happily say that some of our most pressing needs have been covered.

Following is an update for you who have been waiting to hear from me and know what I am doing.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Highline Community Church will help us hire a teacher to help our challenged children. And from my visit in Vancouver, Washington State, a group of seven people will come in August to impact different schools in Kenya.

God is so good. This group which includes special needs teachers will spend 2-3 days at New Hope in August to meet the challenged children, train the teachers and the parents. Most in the group are special needs specialists. I will give you a report on that. Please pray that I will be a good host and that all goes well with this group.



JANNA'S VISIT:



Janna, a courageous and open high school graduate from near Darmstadt, Germany will be at PAAV - Gitombo Community School from June to December. She is taking one year gap before medical school to travel, get to know different cultures and volunteer at New Hope.

She has led a scouts group, plays the guitar, is passionate about children, and people in general. She has a lot to offer the children. Please pray that we too have a lot to offer so her time with us will bring mutual fulfilment..

SHIPMENT OF BOOKS



A substantial amount of the shipment cost was covered by Dr. Bailey, a compassionate dentist in Denver. We have a two room- library with books for adults but relatively few books for the younger children but none for the middle school children.

The books coming will fill that gap. We need help in buying Kenyan books. To make the library more accessible, we have constructed an external stair that will also function as an exit route from Soma house, the main education building in case of an emergency.



Thanks to you all who donated in cash and in material things. Please know that I am always thankful for you and for your great and continued support towards the school and the children's sponsorship.

We shipped several bins of Christian books and other things including knitting machines, yarn, printers, etc. donated by two churches and some individual donors. Besides donating books, the Lord of the Hills Church in Aurora, provided PAAV with a great packing station, their members helped in packing and in transportation.

DAILY MEAL



As our school grows so is the food need. The donated packaged grains' mix from *Nairobi Ridgeways Baptist Church* helps us to feed the children at least one meal a day.

We are taking advantage of the rainy season to grow our own school food (collard greens, beans and maize) to alternate the meals. We however, need help with buying food cooking oil, sugar, etc.

DAILY MEAL

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Good news out of a dinner conversation with a couple in Denver they offered to **buy a cow** so the children can get milk! Now that entails much more than just buying a cow! Their donation will help build a cow shed, and hire a care taker. I have already identified a pregnant cow, and a care taker. Thanking God for this mission-minded wonderful couple!

Both are waiting for the cowshed and the caretaker's house to be ready so they can move in into our New Hope Shamba (land).

Please be praying for the cow to deliver a female calf and to give sufficient milk to add to the children's porridge. The plan is to take the evening milk to a Dairy Co-Op not too far from us.

Thank you Lord for the *Highline Community Church* and their kindness. They offered to buy us the school stoves and pots. Soon we will say "bye bye" to the smoke and complicated cooking in the open fire.

We can't wait for that to happen. As you read please pray and see how God will use you in the meal and milk provision to the children.

Your continued and regular donations will help us continue to feed the children.

MORE SPACE NEEDED



The face of **PAAV - Gitombo Community School** continues to change, with the additions of more buildings. We now have:

Soma House: Soma is a Swahili word with different meanings: read, learn, be educated etc. This is the main school building.

Gold House: The Container house connected to a classroom that now houses an office and two classrooms.

MORE SPACE NEEDED

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Baraka House: *Baraka* means blessing. This house has indeed been a blessing to us especially during the rainy season. There is a story behind it. Barbara, a PAAV member in Ireland was used by God in making *Baraka* House a reality!

As some of you know, we had a plan to put up a temporary shack as a Dining Room there being no room in *Soma* House.

By then, Barbara had promised to buy us a dome tent for the children's Sunday school. But instead of buying a dome tent, with her permission, the funds were committed to build a multi-purpose house that today functions as a dining room, community room, and Chapel. God bless Barbara and all of you who have contributed to make a lasting difference at New Hope through PAAV.

The Kitchen is adjacent to *Baraka* House. Soon we will have the stoves installed!

Bidii House is currently under construction. *Bidii* is a Swahili word meaning hard work, diligence, effort, etc. We are relatively constrained for space in the classrooms. So following a request from our hardworking teachers for a bigger room with tables to do clubs, indoor crafts, and games, *Bidii* house will soon be completed with your help. It will include a multi-purpose hall and a classroom. To complete it we need to pay for labor, buy stones, ballast, sand, cement, nails, iron sheets and timber. For timber, we buy and cut trees. So I encourage you to put on *bidii* and help us complete *Bidii* house for our growing school.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

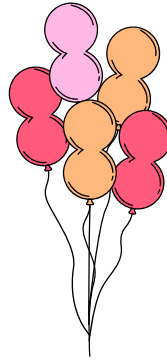


We buy the fabric and our seamstress and her team make the uniforms. We hope that soon we will be in a position to make warm sweaters at New Hope.

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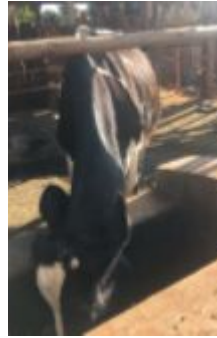
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Tumaini is here!

A new Heifer was delivered on 7th July at exactly 2:30am. Good job Zawadi (the Mother). Tumaini means hope and Zawadi means gift in swahili. More updates and info to follow.



Zawadi (Tumaini's mum)



(Tumaini's caretaker)

NOTICE BOARD



Please join us for Coffee & Conversation with Wanji
Saturday, September 30, 2019
9:00-10:30am

Connections Church 2121 Dad
Clark Drive, Highlands Ranch
80126

The PAAV Board of Directors
invites you to enjoy a light
breakfast, including Kenyan
coffee and tea!

Join us for fellowship and a
chance to hear from Wanji via
Skype about how you are helping
children and their families in
Gitombo!

REFLECTIONS FROM PAAV GITOMBO

BY MS. WANJI



"I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know how you are doing as well. There are many opportunities to support PAAV - Gitombo Community School!" Please plan to come visit in 2020 and make a difference. Stay tuned for more information on that.

Blessings to you all!

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