

Asanta sana. First of all, I like to thank you on behalf of our students and The Baobab Home for supporting our foundation.

Another year has gone by and I'm pleased I can inform you again about the progress of our foundation. It is sad that Sr. Jocelyn Pecto, one of the people involved since the start of Kids to School, passed away on the first of October this year. See the obituary later in this Newsletter. We have an active year behind us. Ruud and I visited Kenya in December 2013. Together with one of our sponsors To Tasseron and her husband René, I visited The Baobab Home in Bagamoyo in September 2014.

I begin this newsletter with an obituary of Sr. Jocelyn Pecto and then I will introduce our students to you. On the basis of our visit to The Baobab Home I will bring you up to date on the developments there. To Tasseron will write about our joint visit.

Obituary



On 1 October 2014, Sr. Jocelyn Pecto deceased. Jocelyn was involved at the start of Kids to School. When Caren van Egten and I started Kids to school in 2008, Sr. Jocelyn was our contact person in Kenya. Our first students: Agnes, Bernadette, Jacqueline, Nicholaus, and Hellen came into our project through her. I first met Sr Jocelyn in August 1991 in Kenya. She was an enthusiastic math teacher at a secondary school in Loitokitok. With her help over the years, I have sponsored a number of young people in Kenya. In 2009 she retired and returned to the Philippines.

In the Philippines, she was also actively involved in the education of young people and from there she remained active in Kids to School. Our two Philippino students Marvin and Jenny joined our program because of her. A number of years ago Jocelyn was diagnosed with breast cancer. With much effort and strength Jocelyn had undergone a number of therapies in the last years. In January 2013 I met her when I visited the Philippines. She was still full of energy and confidence. Unfortunately, last summer, the cancer came back and further treatment was impossible. We lost a committed, energetic, enthusiastic, and accurate person.

STUDENTS PROJECT

Ruud and I visited Kenya in December 2013. The primary purpose of our visit was our annual Kids to School students meeting. In addition, we wanted to give attention to the death of Barbara Lee Shaw, founder of the Maasai Girls Education Fund (MGEF). Over the last few years, we have cooperated with this foundation. Five Maasai girls are sponsored by Kids to School, but for their constant guidance we have transferred them to MGEF. The advantage is that the guidance is aimed at the typical problems that Maasai girls experience. Maasai girls have the risk of becoming married at a young age to a much older Maasai man. In annual workshops, the problems of the young women are discussed. Through contacts with the chiefs and through workshops for men and women, comprehension of this problem has improved. The meetings highlighted the importance of training. Young students are supported in their desire to undergo training and in this way to build a life of their own. The annual student day at MGEF was connected to a memorial for Barbara Lee Shaw. For Ruud and me this was a great opportunity to learn more about the foundation. We met Barbara's husband, daughter, and two grandchildren and got to know the new director of MGEF, Zara Bott-Goins. We also had time to get to know the Kenyan staff and we could exchange experiences. It was a good visit. After the MGEF meeting, we held the annual meeting of Kids to School in Nairobi. Like previous years, the meeting was again at the "Carmelite Missionaries" in Langate, Nairobi. For the first time the Local Advisory Counsel was present at this meeting. Detailed discussions were held with all our students. I like to thank our general contact person in Kenya Sr. Milaluna for the hospitality and good care she gave us during this meeting.

Our five students who do their training within the program of MGEF.

Irene Soila Saitoto, Clare Nkurani Maningo, and Elizabeth Kosianka three students who passed their high school exam at the end of 2012,. They began their training in September 2013. Since 2012 Kids to School

sponsors Emily Muriet Tumaina and Abigail Sindiyi. For me this was the first time I met these two young women.

Irene Soila Saitoto



Since September 2013, Irene (20 years) has studied for a diploma in Business Administration at the Kenyan Methodist University. She has had good results and will have her internship next spring. She hopes to graduate in July 2015.

Claire Nkurani Maningo



Claire (23 years) studies at Kibwezi Teacher Training College in Kajiado. She is studying for her pre-certificate studies and hopes to begin the study for a certificate in January. Claire does a nursery teacher training.

Elisabeth Kosianka



Elisabeth (21 years) studies Human Resource Management at the Maasai Technical Institute in Kajiado. She is studying for her pre-certificate.

Emily Muriet Tumaina

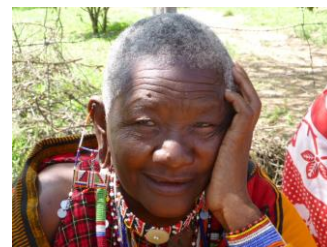


Emily (22 years) studies Tourism Management at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. She is studying for a degree and is well on track. As it looks now she will graduate in August 2015. This past year we have purchased a computer for her. The computer is on loan and will be used later by other students of MGEF.

Abigael Sindiyi



Since September 2012, Abigail (22 years) has studied Community Development and Social work at Mount Kenya University in Thika. During the interview last year it became clear that she had started energetically and that she will complete the certificate and the diploma within 1.5 years. We therefore will give her the opportunity to study for a degree. This training lasts 1.5 years



Impressions of our visit to MGEF

Our other Kenyan students

Levis Nyalando Auma



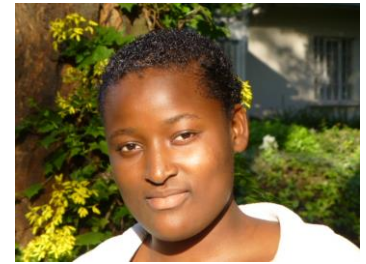
Levis (21 years) began her training to become an accountant in September 2013. She is studying at Kenyan College of Accountancy University in Nairobi. The training lasts 4 years.

Mary Anyango Okulur



In September 2013, Mary (22 years) began her studies in Social Work and Community Development at the African Institute of Research and Development Studies in Kisumu. Soon she will graduate with a certificate. To increase her chances on the labor market and because she got good results she can continue her study for a diploma.

Esther Atieno Patrobers



Esther (18 years) completed her high school successfully in 2013. In September 2014 she started her studies in Law at the School of Law at the Kenyatta University in Nairobi. This study lasts 4 years

Lilian Akinyi



Lilian (22 years) completed the high school in 2013. In September 2014 she started the training Clinical Medicine, Surgery, and Community Health at the Kenya Methodist University. This study lasts two years and leads to a diploma.

Morine Atieno Dwino



For Morine (17 years) the choice for her study was difficult. She wanted to be a doctor but only if you are a top student in Kenya this study is possible. She has now decided to study nursing. We hope she can begin in April 2015.

Josephine Auma



Josephine (18 years) is in form 3 of the high school. In Kenya the high school takes 4 years. Josephine will have her final exams in November 2015.



Impressions of our meeting in Nairobi

Our students in the Philippines and Tanzania

Marvin Pecto



Marvin lives in the Philippines and is 21 years. Marvin is trained as a marine engineer. In April 2013 he completed the theoretical part of his studies. He is now doing his internship. We hope that he will graduate in June / July 2015.

Jenny Salavante



Jenny lives in the Philippines and is 17 years. She is a 2nd year student at the West Visayas State University. She studies for a bachelor degree in Elementary Education with specialization in General Education. She will become a teacher. She is an excellent student. The study lasts is 4 years.

Salama Juma



Salama Juma is now 10 years and is in the 1st class of the Steven Tito Academy in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. She has made excellent progress over the past year and is good in English and sports.

PROJECT Terri: The Baobab Home



The Baobab Home has grown. I visited the Baobab home in February 2012 and now again in September 2014. Terri and Caito with their children now have their own home. The orphanage now has nine children; in 2012 there were seven children. The school now has fifty-five children, in 2012 three. Soon a new class will start with another twenty children. This year the Steven Tito Academy will be expanded with a library. In this library also a new classroom will be included. The Steven Tito Academy is an English Montessori school. The idea of Terri and her team is that the quality of education can be improved and that children deserve more opportunities.

Eighty percent of the children are sponsored, and the remaining 20% are paid for by their parents. In this last group are children from people in Bagamoyo and from expatriates living in Bagamoyo. Once each month, 1,600 HIV positive people have their breakfast provided by The Baobab Home. When they come to the hospital in Bagamoyo to take their monthly medication, they are welcomed with a breakfast. By providing breakfast the Boabab Home team hopes to increase social contacts and understanding between the people. Information about HIV remains important and can be given in this way. People from Bagamoyo carry out this project and The Baobab Home (runs/oversees??) it. Within this group of HIV carriers the young people take a special place. The Baobab Home started the Stronger Together program. In this program about thirty-five young people participate. The group is accompanied by George, one of the residents of the Baobab Home. A central role within this group is played by Madame Halima. She is Bibi (grandmother) and supports these young people. They come twice a week to a meeting, usually at Halima's house but once every 2 weeks on the Baobab farm. The goal of this program is to create good contacts and friendships between the people and to provide them with information on a number of issues.



Impression of the Baobab Home



Experiences of To Tasseron

For the last few years I have been a sponsor of one of the school children of the Steven Tito Academy in Bagamoyo. For me it was an exciting idea to visit The Baobab Home together with my husband René and Ans.

The school where Salama Juma is a student is part of The Baobab Home. Next to the school there is an orphanage, a farm with cows and goats, a vegetable and fruit garden, a kitchen building, a guest house for the teacher and the volunteer, and a sleeping building for the cook, the farmer, and gardener.

Before we went, we had thought that we certainly did not want to go as tourists, but wanted to help as far as possible. Terri had asked us to give music lessons, to make chair bags for the school and as an experiment to create a black soldier larva-chicken feeding system. Our arrival was particularly exciting. The children of the Baobab home were almost fighting, since they all wanted to carry our heavy suitcases through the sand into the house. We could sleep in the house of Terri and her husband. Everyone was walking in and out, someone came to ask some questions, children played there for a short while and then went away again, others came to bring something. The nice thing was that the beds were a meter up from the floor. We had to step on a chair first and hop, then you were lying in bed. Every day I visited the orphanage, and in this way I got to know the children and could sing with them the songs I had prepared in the Netherlands. I had collected songs with a kind of universal text like, "Aram Aram Sam" The children liked it very much. In the school I taught the children some music. We were lucky that on our first day there was a sports day for the school children of the Steven Tito Academy on the site of the Baobab Home. Here, I met Salama, the girl I sponsor. She is a nice and happy girl and she looked shyly at me because she realized that this old lady (Bibi) is sponsoring her. It was nice to meet her and to see that it went well with her. After a week I went with Ans to Salama's home in Bagamoyo where her mother, brother and grandmother live.



I sat outside on a stool with a sort of picnic rug underneath. I think they were wearing their best clothes. We had a guide with us, one of the boys of the Baobab Home, and I could ask her something like "How are you doing in school? What do you like? What do you want to be later?". So the conversation with her and her mother went through the guide. She also showed us her brief class report. I thought it was very nice. They invited us for dinner but for me that was too much to accept. So we said goodbye to each other and went back home with our guide through the poor neighborhood. A neighborhood with mud huts where the women

sat in front of their home. Sometimes the door was just a large plastic bag. I will go on to sponsor her and I hope she gets a good future. She wants to become a teacher

Kids to School sponsors The Baobab Home since 2007. For further information see: www.tzkids.org

Foundation KIDS to SCHOOL

Last year the vacancy for the secretary was filled. Jose Boerrigter is 27 years. She is a nurse at the AMC. She has done volunteering work in Africa. We are pleased with this strengthening in our team.

Both the students' project and The Baobab Home can be supported through the Foundation Kids to School. The bank account (Triodos Bank) of this foundation is NL38 TRIO 0786 8391 04 in the name of Foundation Kids to School in Tull en 't Waal . Clearly state what project you want to sponsor. The Baobab home can also be supported directly through the website of The Baobab Home (www.tzkids.org) . Kids to School has the ANBI status. Donations to the foundation can be deducted as a gift tax. For further information you can contact Ans Groener: ans.groener@planet.nl or tel 030-2718099

Many greetings,

On behalf of Kids to School:
Ans Groener, president