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The Justus Chano story



Justus recently got in touch with us via Facebook. In January 2007 he was one of 12 young people from Kadzinuni that were able to attend a good secondary school due to the generous support from his Friends of Kadzinuni sponsor. He completed his 4-year course in December 2010 and we did then lose touch with him until this year.

People do ask us about the impact that a secondary education can have on a young Kenyan and Justus' story is quite inspirational. When we set up the sponsorship scheme we aspired to a situation whereby those young people who gained bursaries might find time to put something back in to the community. From time to time we hear of some successes on this front and given the challenging life for all those from Kadzinuni we do not expect all our supported students to be able to meet our aspiration. What we hope for is steady and sustainable progress at Kadzinuni with increased levels of self belief and community engagement in the village.

Over the page you can read my recent conversations with Justus on Facebook in April and August this year and hear more from Jonnathan, our Library volunteer.



Our Facebook conversation with Justus

April 2014...

Nic – *Jambo Justus, how are you doing? What are you doing now you have finished sec school?*

Justus - *Yah! i completed in 2010 and right now I'm in Kenya National Youth Service and I'm also learning plumbing in one of technical college of NYS in Mombasa*

Nic - *That sounds good. I hope all goes well. Do you live in Kadzinuni?*

Justus - *Kadzinuni is my original home land I just stay near to Kadzinuni primary. Soon I will go back to Kadzinuni for holiday and offer voluntary service to Library and Health facility.*

Nic – *Do let me know how that goes.*

August 2014 ...

Justus - *There are several duties that I do in Kadzinuni I also offer voluntary peer education to girls club and boys in Kadzinuni. The things that I offer voluntary in Kadzinuni community is cleaning the compound, health talks in the health facility and at the community library I clean the rooms and the compound, arranging the books and open the doors for willing students to come and read during the day and even in night and also provide peer education with the teams within Kadzinuni that we started with Kelly Sawyer from the US PEACE CORPS.*

According with the population of youth in our community we have reduced the number of school dropouts due to drug abuse and pregnancy from our health talks, guidance and counselling.

So far I am just planning if it will be possible to talk with my fellow beneficiary of bursaries to start the programme of peer education in Kadzinuni primary school.

Nic – *Hi Justus*

Justus - *Hi Nicholas, what are you doing?*

Nic - *Having a quiet afternoon listening to my football team (Altrincham FC) on a live internet stream!*

Justus - *That's good, I too I have already educated the girls who participate in football in our community about early pregnancy and its effect in the community.*

Nic – *using Football is a great way to gain involvement isn't it?*

Justus - *Thanxz soon I will send some photos of the girls whom I educate.*

Letter from Jonnathan - September 2014

Dear Nic and Elaine,

I am happy for this other chance to say hullo! Hoping that God has been good to you, family and the entire FoK.

...I was very elated a couple of weeks, when I was honoured with an invitation to be guest at a World Literacy day at Mkomani village. Besides, I have been communicating with my Library programmes' volunteer- a one Justus Chano. He informed me of your need of photos of him offering at the activities.

Justus was handy during reproductive health talks. See him during making reusable sanitary pads' training for the girls as in the other photos (in a green T-shirt), for a couple of years he guides the youth at a National library hall - Dzitsoni community library. While on the other photo Justus just alighted from the bus on arrival at Dzitsoni library during that past tour I supported...

Regards

Jonnathan



Justus running the girls sanitary pads workshop



**At the Dzitsoni
Community Library**

Could you sponsor a young person from Kadzinuni to gain life changing education?



In 2006 we started our Secondary School bursary scheme that each year has provided between 10 and 16 bursaries that enable young people at Kadzinuni who qualify for places at national and provincial Secondary schools to take up their places which they would not otherwise be able to do. From January 2015 we will have seen nearly 120 young people supported through the scheme.

In late March this year Nic met with Dr Varinder Sur, one of our Rotary International partners from Mombasa as he was passing through the UK. The meeting aimed to look at how to create permanent bursaries rather than rely solely on the 4-year commitments made by sponsors.

We had to take account of many factors but sustainability of the scheme, which has had such a massive influence on the performance of Kadzinuni Primary School, was most important. We also wanted to take account of the emergence of St James' Secondary School at Kadzinuni; asking the question "*Should we provide bursaries anymore?*" The view from Varinder and his colleagues in Mombasa was clear; we need to do both – develop St James' and provide the bursaries.

In order to meet the goal of sustainability, our trustees have now agreed to us setting up a number of **permanent bursaries** by diverting some of the interest gained on the Clinic Maintenance Fund (held on our behalf by Rotary in Mombasa) to provide for 4 permanent secondary school bursaries. We can achieve this as in Kenya interest rates are much higher for long term investments than in Europe and demands on the funds for clinic maintenance will not be adversely impacted. In addition, we are revising our sponsorship scheme to provide an option for the donation of a single one-off amount. This will provide capital to add to the investment fund in Kenya that will generate funds on a permanent basis for a bursary each year. On this basis a single donation of £2,000 will generate over £200 per year. The actual cost for a basic rate tax payer (if donated under Gift Aid) will be just £1,600 and only £1,280 for a higher rate tax payer (paying @ 40%) as the real donor cost further reduces when the extra tax relief is claimed by the donor for the higher rate tax paid on the donation.

Our existing monthly donors can continue to support their students in the normal way and monthly donation **4-year bursaries** can still be taken up with places now being planned for January 2016

So far we have been able to set up 7 permanent bursaries to start in January 2015 but we need to expand the scheme, so if you would like to discuss either option, please get in touch by email at nic@kadzinuni.org.uk or call 07931 323613

As you have been able to read in Justus' story, a secondary education provides life changing opportunities and will help eradicate poverty at Kadzinuni.

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