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A Secondary School for Kadzinuni

Over the last couple of months there has been a huge amount of activity around Secondary Education issues, both at Kadzinuni and also back here in the UK. First of all, with help from a local church and an energetic group of parents a new Secondary School has been founded at Kadzinuni! It is called St James' Secondary School. It is an "embryonic" school aiming to enrol 40 students in Form 1 this year but use buildings at Kadzinuni Primary School. You can read much more about this inside.

Secondly, and partly in response to the establishment of St James', the trustees of The Friends of Kadzinuni have decided to make some important changes to our scheme for providing Secondary School Bursaries to young people at Kadzinuni. Again, you can read much more about these changes inside this edition.

These are exciting long term developments which signal a new phase of development at Kadzinuni.

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Some of the new St James' students in Trevor's Community Library

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2013-2014 fundraising

At the time of writing this, as our financial year closes and subject to audit, the total funds raised in the last 12 months has once again exceeded **£19,000**. This brings the total since we started out in 1998 to over **£200,000**.

In the last 12 months we have deliberately ploughed funds in to more and more small projects at Kadzinuni which continue to have a hugely positive impact in the community as a whole, spending over **£22,400** on education, healthcare and food security.

We thank all our supporters for their continued generous support.

Online donations

After several years successfully using JustGiving as our on line donation service we have chosen to move to a new service provided free of charge by BT. It is called MyDonate and provides a very similar service to JustGiving but with no monthly subscription and lower transaction fees.

In addition to being cheaper, we also receive the donations quicker than with JustGiving.

So, if you would like to set up a fundraising page for a sponsored event or just make a donation you'll find us at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/thefriendsofkadzinuni>

or just use the MyDonate button on our homepage at www.kadzinuni.org.uk



Farmers Education progress

Our ever energetic and dedicated agricultural volunteer, Patrick Nyambu has continued to address the issue of education in farming practises at Kadzinuni. Over the last few months, with support from KARI (Kenya Agricultural Research Institute), he has been running a programme of education sessions, including visits to KARI for a group of Kadzinuni people. They are learning how to make the best of the land and scarce water resources by choosing the right crops to grow and how best to nurture them to harvest. Patrick hopes to run regular courses extending the skills and knowledge in the community.

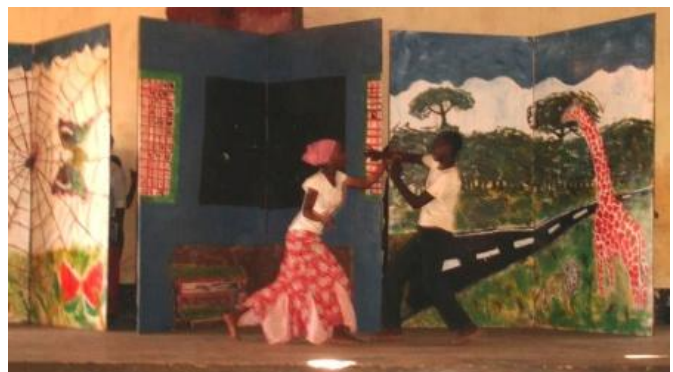


A typical education session at KARI

We have committed to funding these training courses as they represent the best way to improve food security at Kadzinuni for the long term.

Drama Festival Success for Kadzinuni Primary School

In mid February we sent out funds (about £500) to enable over 100 children from Kadzinuni to take part in the Annual Drama Festival for the district. This entailed funding the construction of some stage sets, transport costs and an allowance for every child to have a good lunch on the day. This was the first level of competition, with progress to County and Regional festivals available to the schools which do best in the District. Should Kadzinuni Primary progress to do well at the regional event costs for the national final are covered by the Kenya government. So, on 27th February at the District event Kadzinuni put in some wonderful performances to win the 1st place prize and with that progress to the County event in March where they finished 5th out of 27 schools; a brilliant result. Activities like this are hugely important to Kadzinuni as they help create pride in the community; engender a sense of purpose for the whole community and as a result lift up everybody's spirits.



Action from the winning drama

Securing permanent bursaries and developing St James'

St James' Secondary School

Late in 2013 we heard the fantastic news that a secondary school was to be established at Kadzinuni. This was largely due to the positive approach now being taken by many folk at Kadzinuni; taking control of their own futures and seeking to take on important community developments. A local church has also become involved, although the school will not be a faith school. It will serve the whole village.

In order to succeed and gain full support from the Kenya Ministry of Education, the community must demonstrate the local need and their own commitment by getting it up and running, with a Form 1 class of 40 students this year, then 40 more starting in 2015. If all goes well then the Ministry will adopt the school which will lead to longer term financial support. For the time being the new Head teacher at Kadzinuni Primary, Ms Rebecca Muema, will lead St James' Secondary School, a role she is well qualified for from her high level of education and previous experience. St James' Secondary will share Kadzinuni Primary School class rooms for the short term. Then, pending some advice from our partners at the Rotary Club of Bahari Mombasa, in 2014/15 one of our key priorities will be to do whatever we can to ensure that the new school is a success.



Improving our Bursary scheme

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. In late March Nic met with Dr Varinder Sur, one of our Rotary 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 between 4 and 6 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.

Our aim is to try and acquire another 4-6 permanent bursaries over the next year or two, so if you would like to discuss this option, please get in touch by email at nic@kadzinuni.org.uk or call 07931 323613

School Garden at Kadzinuni

Alongside many other small projects, we are very pleased to announce that we have recently funded the setting up of a school garden for food production. This aims to supply sufficient food to provide lunches for staff and students at special school events, such as prize day, The Cottee Cup sports festival, school, trips and the important Standard 8 Exams in November each year. The project is being run jointly by the primary school, Patrick Nyambu and our community Library volunteer Jonnathan.

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