



Northern Magic Fund for International Development

Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of the month of November 2005, which also marks the end of the third and final term of the year in the academic calendar of Kenyan primary and secondary schools.

University students

The only student we are sponsoring in university – George Joram Ouma – is back in college and reportedly doing well. He is very enthusiastic about his studies.

Another student – Michael Kazungu -, who completed his Form four studies in the same school attended that George attended, also got a place in one medical college in Kenya. Although he was admitted after some well-wishers raised the initial admission fee, he still has to grapple with stark fact of having to raise the rest of the fees. We welcome anyone interested in assisting him to come forward.

Secondary school students

All secondary schools are now closed for the December/Christmas holidays. They will re-open in January next year. A number of students we were sponsoring did their final Form four exams this month and will get their results next year. Those who will have passed will either be admitted into universities or other middle-level colleges. The other students still in secondary school will be moving on to the next levels respectively. In this category, we expect many of them to come to the Northern Magic Fund for help. It is instructive to note that last year, we received many applications

from this category of students, most of which we were unable to assist. This year, we can not expect anything less. Those who missed out on the selection because of poor grades may have strived to better their grades.

Primary school students

We have quite a number of final year students who did their exams last month and will be looking forward to joining secondary school next year if they pass the exams. We expect to get many desperate cases of needy students from this group. Most of them, unable to raise fees to enable them to go to secondary schools, would end up dropping out altogether.

Mutawali Saniti, alias, Vinani - the only student in boarding primary school, being sponsored by one of you - will start his holiday tomorrow. All primary schools close tomorrow for the December/Christmas holidays and re-open in January next year.

Students' applications

We have started giving out application forms to needy students – those that did their standard eight exams this year and those in secondary school. From last year's experience, this year's numbers are sure to increase. Last year we received 657 applications.

Projects

The Calgary South Rotary Club, through Mr. Greg Martin, is considering sponsoring another project after the last successful one at Mtondia Primary School. The Wild Rose Foundation is also considering the same for next year.

Finally, thank you all of you for your tremendous support, without which nothing would have moved an inch.

Sincerely,

Andrew.