



Northern Magic Fund for International Development

Dear Friends,

We are well into the year 2006 and have come to the end of its first month – January. It has been a busy month here.

Students applications

Since last December, we have been giving out application forms to both secondary school and primary school final year students waiting to join form one in secondary schools. We have also been receiving the filled out forms and conducting interviews at the same time. We have given out more than 400 forms already and those returned are more than half of these.

Most of the students who are yet to return the application forms are those who are yet to receive admission letters into secondary schools they would have qualified to join. Those who scored very good marks have already received admission letters to secondary schools – with a few very good ones having been selected to join Form one in National schools (these are schools which admit students who have scored highest in the national examinations).

High school students

Amongst the secondary school students we paid fees for last year, 25 of them were doing their final year examinations and are now waiting for their results. Boniface Kitsao was also one of the candidates last year and is waiting for his results. We expect the results to be released any time in February. We also expect, with your support, to continue paying fees for a good number of students this year.

Primary school students

Mtawali Saniti – alias Vinani – is still the only student that we are supporting in a boarding primary school through the benevolence of one of you. He still shows a lot of interest in his studies and liking for his school.

University students

George Joram Ouma - our only student in this category – is also doing well at the Kampala University in Uganda. He has lately been expressing a lot of enthusiasm in his studies. We expect him to come over to Kilifi next February for a vacation.

The other students who had done well in their Form four examinations and qualified to join university last year, are still waiting to be selected into the institutions and then let us know about it. With the high cost of university education here, it is highly unlikely that they will be able to go any further without some help.

Projects

Last year we managed to complete only one renovation project – the Mtondia Primary School Renovation project. We are still looking around for possible partners before deciding and embarking on the next project(s) this year. We shall keep you informed as events unfold in the year.

Lastly, as we progress into the year 2006, we hope to make things better than they have been in the past year. Thank you. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Andrew Thuva