



Northern Magic Fund for International Development

Dear Friends,

Due to unavoidable circumstances, arising mostly from matters of logistics, it was not possible to send out my regular monthly briefs for the past four months. For this, I wish to tender my most sincere apologies to you all.

This month marks the end of the second academic term on the academic calendar of the Kenyan Education System. An academic year is made up of three terms. The month is also a holiday month for both elementary and high school students.

The term started on the 3rd May 2005 and ended on the 5th August 2005. That means the schools re-opened and closed on the same dates respectively. Next term starts on the 5th September 2005.

Elementary school students

Our only student in elementary school – Mtawali Saniti, also known as Vinani by his peers, ended his academic term well and is now on holiday. He is the student being sponsored by one of you – Ms Holy Basha. Mtawali's academic performance in school this term shows a marked improvement on his previous one.

High school students

This term had a lot of traveling and criss-crossing of the terrain. Most students live in rural areas where communication is difficult and access by road is not easy. In spite of all this, we made reasonable efforts to reach the students either in schools or at their homes. This, we did to ascertain that they were actually in

school and studying. Whereas most of the students had reported in their respective schools by the start of this term, the four below had not done so.

- 1.) Cellestine Ziroh, who was supposed to go to St. John's Girls Secondary School, instead, went to Ngala Girls Memorial Secondary School where she is being sponsored by another charitable organization. She said she was comfortable being sponsored by the other organization.
- 2.) Betty Kabeyu Mnyaka, who was supposed to go to Bahari Girls' Secondary School, similarly, went to Ngala Girls' Memorial Secondary School and was sponsored by the same charitable organization that sponsored Cellestine Ziroh. She also said she was comfortable being sponsored by the other organization.
- 3.) Everlyn Kitu, who was supposed to go to Bahari Girls' Secondary School, did not report to school and instead decided to repeat in standard eight in elementary school to improve her grades this year and possibly get a better school.
- 4.) Hezron K. Charo did not report at Jaribuni Secondary School. Like Everlyne, he also decided to repeat in standard eight in elementary school to improve his grades and maybe get a better school.
- 5.) Mwalimu Katana, who is supposed to be in Form two this year at Vitengeni Baptist Secondary School, did not report at school. He had wanted to change schools but ended up not getting another school and not going back to his former school.

Cross transfers of students

A few students changed schools. Although reasons were varied, the most common were convenience of distance from home and the desire to be in a boarding school. The following students changed schools.

1. Justine N. Charo, who was supposed to be in Form one at Ribe Boys' High School, went to Ganze Secondary School after another sponsor paid his school fees. Ganze Secondary School was nearer home, though.
2. Benson Baraka Charo, who was supposed to go to Ribe Boys' High School, went to Vitengeni Baptist Secondary School, where part of his school fees was paid by a different sponsor. The latter school is nearer home.

3. Susan Muthoni Njenga, who was supposed to be in Form two at The Lordrings School – a day school – moved to Dzitsoni Secondary School, a boarding school. There was no place for her in Form two and she decided to repeat a class.
4. Joyce U. Mwangallah moved from St. John’s Higher Technical School – a day school – to Jaribuni Secondary School, a boarding school and nearer home.
5. Cyrilus Kazungu, in Form two this year, moved from Majaoni Secondary School – a day school – to Lutsangani Secondary School, a boarding school and nearer home, too.
6. Ronald Olero Ngala moved from Orero Boys Secondary School to Kilifi Township Secondary School in order to be nearer his guardian.

Other students who had part or all of school fees paid

A number of students had had their school fees paid either wholly or in part by other sponsors, well-wishers or through government funded bursaries by the time we approved our sponsorship for them. We, therefore, decided to pay the outstanding amounts they owed their respective schools. The following are some of those who had most of their fees already paid.

1. Silas Kai Mwahunga, in Form four at Chumani Secondary School, had a balance of only 1900.00 Kenya shillings. The rest had already been paid.
2. Daniel Mrihe in Form 4 at Chumani Secondary School had all his school fees already paid.
3. Emmanuel Katana Mkamba, in Form 3 at Chumani Secondary School, had all his school fees for this year paid through a government bursary fund.
4. Kiponda Mwangandi, in Form two at Ribe Boys’ High School, had all his fees for this year paid.
5. Michael K. Tsuwi, in Form two at Ribe Boys’ High School, had all his school fees for this year paid.
6. Moses Dadi, in Form two at Dr. Krapf Memorial Secondary School, had all his school fees for this year paid by another sponsor.

Form four students' results in the year 2004

The following students completed their high school studies last year and obtained the grades as shown below.

1. MICHAEL KAZUNGU – MAJAONI SECONDARY SCHOOL – B+
2. BOSCO KASUNDU - CHUMANI SECONDARY SCHOOL – B+
3. ALFRED MUNGOMA - CHUMANI SECONDARY SCHOOL – B-
4. ALFRED MLANDA - CHUMANI SECONDARY SCHOOL – B-
5. CHARLES KITHI - KILIFI TOWNSHIP SEC. SCHOOL - C+
6. JIMMY MAKAU - CHUMANI SECONDARY SCHOOL - C+
7. MOHAMED BAKARI - KILIFI TOWNSHIP SEC. SCHOOL - C
8. BONIFACE KIOKO - MAJAONI SECONDARY SCHOOL - C
9. JAMES KITSAO MLEWA – KILIFI TOWNSHIP SEC. SCH. – C-
10. MICHAEL TSOFA MASHA – SOKOKOKE SEC. SCHOOL - C-
11. HARRISON KAZUNGU - CHUMANI SEC.SCHOOL - C-
- 12.SALIM MWINYI - CHUMANI SEC. SCHOOL - C-
- 13.EUTYCHUS LEWA - CHUMANI SEC. SCHOOL - C-
- 14.MARGARET NINGALA DZOMBO – CHUMANI SEC. SCH. - C-
- 15.CRISPUS KATANA - CHUMANI SECONDARY SCHOOL - D+
- 16.ELIZABETH KATANA – CHUMANI SEC. SCHOOL – D+
- 17.ERASTUS MWANYAMBA – CHUMANI SEC. SCHOOL - D+

Mtondia renovation project

We successfully completed the Mtondia Primary School renovation project last May. Please find attached herewith pictures of the buildings before and after the completion of the renovation project.

In total, we built 3 new classrooms and an office for the head teacher and his deputy, renovated 6 classrooms and a workshop. We also provided 100 desks. Pictures of happy students in the new classrooms sitting on the new desks are also attached herewith.

For the successful completion of this project, in a special way, we would like to thank the Calgary South Rotary Club and the Wild Rose Foundation, without whose immense contribution, this project would not have been completed. In no less a special way, too, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Greg Martin, who never tired in coordinating this project with me.

And to you all - Friends of the Northern Magic - we could not have better words to express our deep feelings of gratitude; thank you and thank you very much for all your support.

Sincerely,

Andrew.