

School supplies for Mvindeni Primary School



Mrs. Mwanajuma Rigga, head teacher of Mvindeni Primary School (Ukunda), busy with spending part of the sponsor money on hundreds of school books and stationaries in book shop Ameer Stationers & Booksellers (Mombasa). We have a full list of all the books we bought. This also includes the books which have to be delivered directly to the school on a later moment. These books are already purchased. Mrs. Rigga and Rose Anami will keep an eye on the deliveries.



School children watching the delivery of text books. In front the 70 atlases, 70 dictionaries and hundreds of reading books, donated by Pearson Education - Longman Schools Group UK



Unpacking boxes with school supplies, bought by Rose and Rene in Mombasa (see our web site for more details)



Field Manager Rose Anami (standing at left) talks with community. January 2005 - Mvindeni prim. school



We also bought 14 folding chairs, 6 twisting desk chairs, two desks, two bookcases, a battery for school radio and donated money to do something about the ceiling problem of administration.



The building is in a desperate situation; we decided to start building a new classroom for the amount of 300,000 KSH (extra classrooms will be 280,000 KSH). Constructor Wema House Building will be responsible for this.



Volunteer field manager
Rose Anami says:
Jambo!



<http://www.up.digitalschool.nl>

We also paid a visit to Bongwe Primary School, another school we want to help in participation with other Dutch people.



Ukunda Schools Project

<http://www.updigitalschool.nl>

The purpose of the web site "Ukunda Schools Project" is to raise awareness about Ukunda (Kenya) and to give others an opportunity to help the local Ukunda schools.

How it started:

During their vacation (summer 2003), Frank and René de Vries (Holland) paid a visit to an orphan's home and two schools in the village Ukunda, Kenya. They were touched by the difficult circumstances in which the teachers of the two schools have to teach and they decided to raise funds for the elementary schools.



Frank de Vries



Rose Anami agreed to join them in their efforts. Rose lives in Ukunda. She involved her sister Hilda in this project as well. To give the project more exposure, Frank designed the website "Ukunda Schools Project". Hilda wrote background information about Ukunda and Kenya.

Hilda Anami

Team (all are volunteers):

Frank de Vries - designer of the website
Hilda Anami - local news reporter in Ukunda
René de Vries - project manager
Rose Anami - field manager Ukunda
Joan Goble - U.S.A. schools advisor
Yvonne Andres - contact person Global SchoolNet (GSN)



<http://www.gsn.org>

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René de Vries & Rose Anami
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Results so far:

In April 2004 the web site was a winner in the annual Childnet Academy. We donated the price money to the project.



Some other examples: <http://www.childnetacademy.org>

- Haemstede Barger Mavo (Holland), the former school of Frank, made a donation.
- Primary school De Wadden (Haarlem - Holland) held a charity walk.
- Girls for a Change (CA-USA) raised money.

Till December 2004, we raised around €6,500.00 .

René de Vries and his wife Joke went to Kenya during the first week of January 2005. Rose joined them during this week and they bought school supplies and furniture for Mvindi primary school (see photo coverage on back of this information bulletin)



René de Vries buying text books in Mombasa

How can you help:

Our target is to help several primary schools in Ukunda and occasionally also individual students. We do not stimulate sending text books and other school supplies to Kenya (see bottom of this page). We think best way to help us is to donate money. If you want to donate money online, then surf to GSN's Just Give Page, fill in the donation amount and mention Ukunda Schools Project in the Designated donation field:

<http://www.justgive.org/giving/donate.jsp?charityid=3489&>

If you are unable to make an online donation, then contact René de Vries (project manager) to find out the best way for you to contribute to our project.

All donations will be mentioned on our website!

René de Vries and Rose Anami will buy the necessary stationaries themselves in Ukunda and / or Mombasa and they will deliver it personally to the schools.

E-mail: usp@digitalschool.nl

Sending school supplies to Kenya costs a lot of money. Normally airmail costs more than sending packages by boat. But if you send a package by boat, then the package has to be picked up in the harbor of Mombasa. You need to pay for picking up the package. You need to pay administration costs, a clearance officer, tax and if you are unlucky, you also need to pay storage costs to the harbor people. These costs can raise very high. Here is what happened to us:

During the award ceremony of the Childnet Academy invited guests donated pens, pencils, notepads and other stationaries (totally worth around €75.00). Childnet sent this package by boat to Kenya (shipping costs more than €100.00). However, the harbor of Mombasa does not want to hand over the package to us unless we pay an enormous amount of money (in November they already asked more than €400.00). Of course we refuse to pay and told the harbor manager that he can keep the package if we have to pay for this charity package. The Childnet package is still waiting in the harbor of Mombasa (January 2005).