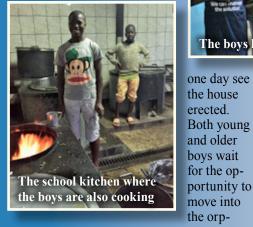
### NEWSLETTER FROM Susanne & Leif Madsen

## The boys' house



The boys in the orphanage are still looking forward to one day having their own house with space enough for all their activities. We believe that it is pos-

sible and encourage you to donate whatever you are capable of. All amounts, big or small, will be added to the separate account for the boys' house. Through our joined efforts we will



hanage. Regularly we are contacted by the police and public institutions to accommodate girls and boys who are in desperate need for help.

By helping one of these boys, you can make a big difference not only right now, but for many years to come. Your support may make a difference to a boy now or to many other boys who will come in the future.

As with the new school building, we offer everyone who donates £10.000 or more to the building of the boys' house, to have their name immortalized by

placing their name on one of the rooms in the house.



22 students

began their study at high school. Here in Kenya this is known as Secondary School. Their studies will be completed after four years. If they do well they will be able to move on to further education. In total NLAI supports 60 students in Secondary School.

18 of those who are supported by NLAI have graduated from Secondary School and are now ready to continue at the university or at advanced education 24 of our students are now studying at the university or at the technical college.

### New children at the orphanage

Since the publishing of our last newsletter, eight new children have come to the orphanage, and they are all in need of help and care. However they are settling in both in the orphanage and in the school. Please pray for the cure of their inner disturbance.





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## Personal greetings

### Visiting Leif and Susanne

During December we had all the children and young ones over to visit

our house so that they could be treated with Danish and African food and



the opportunity to play and have a good time to-



were gathered. Many of the young grownups, who had been raised at the

orphanage, came with their spouse and own children to celebrate Christmas together with us. The church, which

framed our celebration,



had been festooned with tables beautifully decorated for Christmas. During the night we had delicious food, fruit, cakes and candy and we spent time together singing and doing a variety of activities. Everybody received Christmas presents. We all had a wonderful night and the children

were happy with their fine Christmas presents.



gether. It was a wonderful thing to have all one hundred children and young ones to come and visit us. Because of



**Family** visiting

Our daughter Rebekka and Inger, the sister of

Susanne, together with her husband

dré together with his family



Rebekka

Steen and Poul Ejvind, the brother of Leif and his wife Kamma, came to visit us and they all attended the Christ-



the great number we had to spread the visit over three days, but all went well.



### **Celebrating Christmas** together with the New Life Africa International family.

We celebrated the 25th of December with the children at NLAI and more than 150 children and young people



mas celebration at the orphanage. Later on we all went to celebrate the new year together with our son André in South Africa and had a nice holiday together.



On the 4th of February we all went through a very difficult day, as our manager for NLAI, Crispus Mwakai, died from a disease. It came as a great shock to us all. It is a tremendous loss for his wife Irene and their four children. NLAI and the church have lost a dear

brother and coworker. Thank you for enfolding the family by your prayers. We also ask you to pray, that we will find the right person to fill Crispus Mwakai's empty place



Irene is left alone

with the four children, of whom the two eldest are studying at high school and boarding school and the two youngest pair of twins are in primary school. She stands alone with everything, including expenses for school payment as well as many more things. It may seem to be an overwhelming burden for her together with the loss of her dear husband. Thank you for praying for the family.

### **Visit from Lions Club**

On the 7th of February Lions Club Kenya came to visit us together with



a group of doctors. Among them were oculists who checked all the children from both the school and the orphana-

ge. It turned out that some of them needed glasses, which will be sponsored. Children with skin diseases and children



in generally bad shape were examined and given medical treatment. Medication of various kinds were given as well as help and proper counseling. We are very grateful for this help.



# Christmas celebration for the children at NLAI Tumaini and the New Life Africa

As usual this arrangement was a great day for all the children, the staff and relatives. More than 1000 people were present in the church, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas,



filling it to breaking point. The children sang and performed a nativity play and the NLAI-music-group entertained. At the end of the celebration everybody received a Christmas gift and a hot meal. As always this great day was filled with joy, exaltation and thankfulness. A big 'thank you' to eve-



ryone who contributed in making these days something special and something

the children will never forget. For some of the children it may well be the only Christmas celebration they will ever experience, because most of them come from poor homes.

### Christmas holiday for children at the orphanage

The Christmas holiday was a lovely time for all of us with opportunities for excursions and a mission trip for the teenagers and the young people. They participated with song and music, went sailing on the Lake of Baringo, visited a snake park and had a wonderful time together. The small children from the orphanage spent their holiday on a farm. It was a festive time to explore new surroundings in the country side.



They enjoyed the beautiful nature, the green grass, watching the animals, coo-

king over an open fire, washing their laundry in the river and learning to milk a cow. They





really had a wonderful week. Children from the orphanage also went for a swim nearby, in Nakuru, which they especially enjoyed because of the hot weather.

Celebrating New Year's Eve was also a success. Among other things we roasted goats over an open fire and enjoyed playing and singing together. We also had time to thank the Lord for his provision during the past year and time to pray for the oncoming year. They all enjoyed the evening.



## School start for all the children in the school and in the nursery classes

On the 5th of January the schools here in Kenya began again after the holiday season, and the children and young ones are now back in school, high school, college and university.

Proudly, the children in the nursery

classes came in their new uniforms with satchels on their backs.



Many children have joined classes with free seats. Many of these new children need help from sponsorships.

If you want to help one of these children, please contact us by email.

### Visitors at NLAI Martin Lutjuhann,

a former missionary and a member of the NLAI-board together with **Eivind Av Reyni** and his daughter **Sigrid**, stayed here for a



few weeks and worked together with us.

Jóna & Billy

Jona & Billy Hansen are here for three weeks, helping out wherever it is needed.



Jytte & Marianne just arrived few days ago and will stay for 2 weeks.

### A Team from Skovbo School

9 students and 4 leaders were here in February and made different arrangements with the children from both the school and the orphanage. With focus on culture

in a variety of contexts, the students met the Kenyan culture. It was



an exciting time for us all, and especially for the Kenyan and Danish young people.



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#### **Volunteers**



Leif and Laila together with their children, Eivind and Natasja, have been here for three months, and they have been a big help for all of us, especially for the sewing school: "Garment making College". Here they have helped out by renova-

All the girls are singing

The dress

making class

together with Laila

ting the place, buying new sewing machines etc. The students as well as the tea-



chers, Lynah and

Lucy, are very encouraged and have received many new ideas to craft new designs of handbags and garments etc.

They also held a workshop for the sewing school and everyone was presented with a gift.

Furthermore Laila has been of great inspiration and help to the song groups at the girls' home. Last Sunday all of them sang in the church and all were given new

garments as gifts from our volunteers. We are all going to miss them, but hope to see them again another time. May God bless them abundantly!

In December Kathrine and Simone were here



and did a great job helping out in the work with the children.



Karen Margrethe is back again and doing a great job.





Esther Friis-Nielsen has been her for a few weeks and has given new inspiration to the women at Kioo Lulu.

Latest incomings are four young volunteers, **Hannah**, **Jacobine**, **Johanne** and **Silas**, who all give a big helping hand.



#### Program for meetings in Denmark and the Faroe Islands

Contact person Jan Bjerre 40101110 03. May 10.00 Holbæk Frikirke 8 - 18. May Meetings in the Faroe Islands Tummas Jacobsen +298234828 See the program at the website 19. May 14.30 Betania Aalborg, Mellem venner Bodil Ditlev 31. May 10.30 Tønder Frikirke Leif Petersen 28565425 07. June 11.06 Haderslev Frikirke, Multihuset Raymond Marquart 41173700 09. June 17.45 Rotary Billund Jacob Kragegaard 22167005 Dan Sørensen 20764827 14. June 10.30 Aalborg Citykirke 21. June 10.30 Vadum kirkecenter Lisbeth Weidinger 98277143 28. June 10.30 Horsens Frikirke George Berthelsen 21746808

Greetings with Psalm, 46, 1: God is our refuge and strength, an everpresent help in trouble.

God bless your all dear friends

With love, yours sincerely, Susanne and Leif Madsen

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