NEWSLETTER FROM Susanne & Leif Madsen



Christmas Greeting

We hereby want to wish you all a merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

Let us rejoice together because Jesus came to this world to give hope and eternal life, for everybody who receive his wonderful gift. A great thank you to all of you, who so faithfully stand together with us to help so many children, youth and single mothers, who are in great need of help. We hope that you will rejoice together with us, about all the difference you are helping to make in so many people's lives.

Love from

Susanne and Leif Madsen



November 8th was a special day for The Filadelfia Church and New Life Africa International.

All schoolchildren and their loved ones were invited to church, where the children had to perform different things that they had prepared. It started with a service consisting of a short preaching and after that, we had

some information about the work in the different departments. We also prayed for all of the class 8th graders, who were having their final exams later in November.

After this, we had a huge program, which contained a scout parade, singing games, drama acts, acrobatics, performances by the school choir and much more.

We ended this festive day by eating a late dinner together, and all 1200 people had a warm meal.

Family Sunday, where the children are performing .





New Life Africa



Acrobatic

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With support from NLAI:

700 children have gone through elementary school and have finished their exams. 150 youth have graduated from high school. 40 have finished higher education in college. 15 have graduated from university. 270 youth have finished a basic sewing course. 30 have finished a four year sewing / designer course. 60 youth have finished the technical / practical education. At least 80 youth have grown up in the orphanage and now most of them

have a job and their own family.





We are so thankful to God and to everybody who is making it possible to help so many children and youth to have a better future.





News from UIS

We are fine and doing well in the ministry. We are thankful to God for his faithfulness to us and the work that He has started out here in Kenya.

Our children in Denmark and South Africa are all doing well and we are looking forward to spending Christmas in Denmark with our children and grandchildren. We leave for Denmark on December 21th and will return to Kenya on February 1st 2016. This way we have the opportunity to be a part of the festive graduations and Christmas celebrations in the NLAI Schools. During the last couple of months we have had many volunteers, visitors and activities. It feels like the time has just flown very fast.





The boy's house

The fundraising for the boy's house is moving forward, but there is still a long way to go. At this point, we need about \$140000 to

meet the budget. This means that starting the building process depends on how soon we can raise the money. If you want to help, you are very welcome to donate money by marking your payment "Boys house". We expect to start building in 2016.

Kotal budget \$370000 Still need: \$140000 **Raised money**

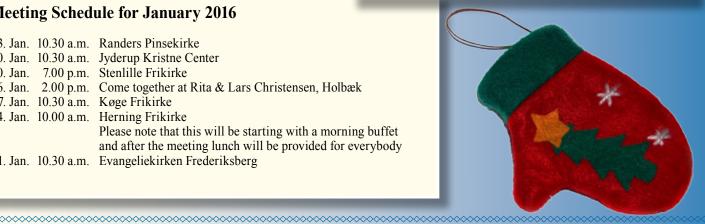
\$170000



Meeting Schedule for January 2016

3. Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Randers Pinsekirke
10. Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Jyderup Kristne Center
10. Jan. 7.00 p.m.	Stenlille Frikirke
	Come together at Rita & Lars Christensen, Holbæk
17. Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Køge Frikirke
24. Jan. 10.00 a.m.	Herning Frikirke
	Please note that this will be starting with a morning buffet and after the meeting lunch will be provided for everybody
31. Jan. 10.30 a.m.	Evangeliekirken Frederiksberg







A special week for all grade 8th students in NLAI

This week has been something special for all of our class 8th graders, who have taken their final exam. It has been a week of high tension, nervousness but also overwhelming joy, relief and pride. Graduation day on November 12th 2015 was a great day. First, we had dinner together with all the students, their loved ones, the guest speakers and the staff. Then we all gathered in the big hall in the church to wait

for the students to march in, wearing their beautiful garments and hats with glit-

ter around their necks while having a lit candle in their hand, dancing through the room to the tones of Carry Your Candle.

There was absolutely no doubt that this day

was special for the relatives as well. Many of the students were the first in their family to ever finish an education and hereby the first in the family to have the pos-



The candle is given to the teacher for class 7

sibility of a real job in order to work their way out of poverty.

The ceremony offered both song and spe-



eches including a speech from our guest speaker Mr George Ontiri, who is Quality assurance and standards officer Nakuru Country. On the same day, the eighth graders passed on their candles to the seventh graders as a symbolic gesture, to pass on the responsibility to the next class 8th and to do their best.



The guest speaker at the ceremony

The ceremony was both beautiful and touching to all of us. The pictures show very clearly that the smiles on their faces were real. We wish all of our 8th graders huge congratulations for the goal that they have achieved and wish

them all kinds of happiness and blessings in the future.

11 youth have finished high school.

In November 11 of our youth finish four years of high school, with the support from NLAI. In February they will receive their final grades, which determines which education they can go on to join.























Enock is now an electrician

Enock came to us 12 years ago as an orphan little boy. Now he has gone through a three year education and is ready to seek work.

We rejoice together with Enock about how far he has come in life.



Christmas presents



Christmas is getting closer and so are the preparations. This year, like every year, NLAI is hosting Christmas parties for approximately 1500 people. The church will be nicely decorated and we have fun and listen to the gospel. New Life Africa Band will play Christmas music, we will sing together, and different shows will be going on. Children will show a Nativity play of the Christmas story. All of the children are getting a Christmas present and their loved ones are getting a bag containing flour for baking.

You can help make Christmas something special for the children

The best way of helping is by donating to our Christmas pool. Donations are being used towards a Christmas party and for buying Christmas gifts for the children. Would you like to help? You can mark the payment: "NLAI-Christmas presents" to account number: Bic. No. JYSP-DK2G, IBAN: DK7097120741793075

You can also support the work by buying Christmas presents for your loved ones that are made by the women in NLAI. We sell both jewellery and souvenirs on the webshop. You can find the link to our Ebay shop on NLAI website www.newlife-africa.org

A contribution for NLAI Christmas will make a huge difference for the children. It means a lot for them that they get to experience Christmas like many others.

Thank you so much for your support.



Beautiful handbag made out of coffee bags





Necklace

Updated Home page and new webshop for NLAI

The Danish and English website are now updated and working very well. Thanks to Viktor and Greta Dobai for the huge amount of work in setting up the English one and for Harald Gregersen for translating everything to Danish. Jimmy and Mike Kaas have done a great work to update the website. They have created a NLAI webshop, where you can buy different items from the jewellery and souvenir shop.



Important information for those who transfer money from foreign countries to our Danish account: The Banks IT- system has been changed and the swift code has been changed from JYSPDK21 to JYSPDK2G. Only the last digit has been changed from 1 to G



The children are looking forward for the Christmas party and presents

On December 25th we celebrate Christmas for all of the children in

the orphanage. Former children with their spouses and children and women from the Crisis Centre together with their children are also

This day is a day of joy and we celebrate with delicious food, gifts and celebration. Everybody puts on their finest clothes, we have a

Christmas service, and give presents to the children.

welcome on this day.

Graduation for top class at Tumaini near the dump site

On November 17, 2015 we had an amazing graduation party for the oldest grade in the top class at Tumaini Nursery school. There were many invited guests and it was a great day. The chief of the area

Children who have finished Nursery school

and photographed.

We also had a huge cake and

These children are from the

live on or near the dumpsite.

With the help of NLAI they

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guests from Denmark. The children from the nursery performed

songs, poems and readings. We heard many

speeches and after

this the children got

were congratulated

class

their diplomas, glitter

around their necks and

and several people from the education office were there with us together with pastors and some of the staff from NLAI. We also had some

Ruth

Little Ruth was found outside a primitive barn at the dumpsite, where she was living together with her mother and many siblings.

Ruth was malnourished and was not able to walk even she was 2 years old. She was welcomed into the Lunch program that NLAI was running at the Tumaini School and after less than a year she had gained a lot of weight and strength to walk







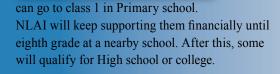
and she joined the baby class in Tumaini Nursery School. After 3 years she was among the 22 children who finished the Nursery school, and are ready to join class 1 in Primary school next year.

Garment making students graduating

Nine garmentmaking students graduated after 4 years education in sewing and designing garments. That means a lot for these young people



graduating after 4 years training



Scout competition

Jóna on the right, who have

found sponsors for the whole

and the second

In November NLAI's scouts went to the national competition in Nairobi. Our team was third in a competition with 35 participants, and we are so proud of that. In previous competitions, on lower levels, they became no. 1.



who do not have a secondary school education, but now have an education that can provide them a job and an income or the skills to help them to become selfemployed.

In connection with the graduation, a fashion show took place, showing some of the nice dresses that they have made at the Garment making school.





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New schoolchildren, who need sponsors

At the beginning of every year, about 60 children start school in the two schools that NLAI is running. About 37 children are in the NLAI School and about 23 children are in the Tumaini school near the dumpsite. This year we started the intake in November to register children for January. Sadly, we could only ac-



cept 1/3 of the approximate 180 children who applied to the schools. There are different conditions that have to apply before a child can join our schools. One of these conditions is that



they need to be unable to pay for their own education. In many of the cases, the social workers visit the homes where the children live to

be sure that the conditions are bad and to make sure

that these children are in great need for help. NLAI is always in great need for new sponsors, because the needs are so big.

At the bottom on the back page of this newsletter, you can see how much it costs to sponsor a child at different levels. You can also read more about it on this website: www.newlife-africa.org

Right now NLAI is supporting:

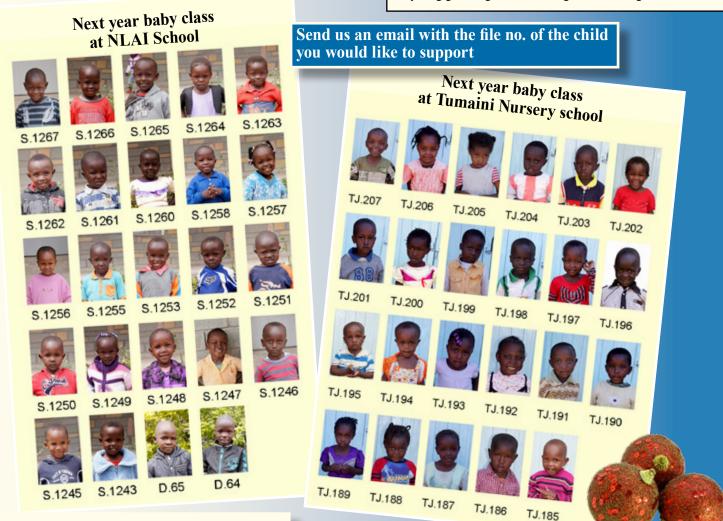
111 children in the orphanage.

520 children at the NLAI School.

62 children at the preschool, Tumaini, near the dump side. 110 children at other schools including a lunch program. 60 children in high school.

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21 youth in college and 10 youth in different universities. 30 young girls in garment making school / designer school.



Soon the banks in Denmark will no longer cash cheques

From the middle of 2016, it is no longer possible to cash cheques in banks in Denmark. Because of that and because it is very expensive to do telegraphic transfer from abroad to Denmark, NLAI do now have a paypal account, that can be used from everywhere in the world: newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com It is also possible to pay by credit cards through the homepage: www.newlife-africa.org

new children, 2 brothers and a girl, to the orphanage here in NLAI. They were in a desperate situation and needed protection.

Recently we

received three

New children on the orphanage





Volunteers and guests

For the last couple of months we have had several people coming to help in the ministry for short or long periods of time. Thoranna and her husband Steingrimur from Iceland have been

here for 2 ¹/₂ months. Thoranna, who is an educator and a nursery school teacher, has helped in the school and at the Crisis Centre. Steingrimur, who is a minister, has preached in different churches and helped in the kitchen with cooking for the 550 people that eat in the NLAI School every day.

Dina and Jimmy and their two children plus nannies Rikke and Catharina arrived in September. **Dina** has been a huge help in the office and Jimmy has been busy helping with the webpage and creating an online shop for NLAI, which is very time consuming work. Jimmy's brother **Mike** has been here for about two months and has been taking



here for a shorter amount of time in order to help where needed such as Line and Julie from Copenhagen and Solveig from Horsens and Bodil from Copenhagen.



We are so happy that Karen Margrethe and Jóna & Billy are back in Kenya again. They are all a huge help.







pictures and videos for the webpage and others. Maria from Mexico has been a volunteer here for two months and has helped with many different things.

There have been many people









Rugby trip to UK.

Once again, we had 10 boys and 2 teachers from the NLAI School traveling to England to compete in rugby matches. They were all invited, so everything was paid for, including visas.

They are very good at rugby and therefore an organisation in England called Tours Aid invited them along. The organisation helps poor children from different countries come to England and play rugby, and to see London too.

They went to Danes Hill School and stayed with parents of children from this school, as their host families. When they came back to

Kenya, they told us all about their exciting experiences of visiting England. All of the host families



have written Emails about how amazing it was to have the boys staying. They said that they already miss them and that their houses now seem so empty.

We are so happy that the boys from NLAI School were so well behaved. They even sang and had devotion time with some of the host families.

A big thank you to everybody who made this trip to be successful.





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New sponsor prices

Because of huge price increases in Kenya, we are sorry to inform that we have to raise the prices for sponsorships, which has been the same for the last three years. The price increase for the sponsorships is at 8% per year, which is below the general price increases here in Kenya (has been about 10% for some years)



On the back of the newsletter, the new prices are written and more details are on our webpage.

We just want to mention the most used ones here:

New prices from 2016 for supporting a child in school is \$ 55 per month and includes: Education, uniform, shoes, bag, books, school trips, health

check and medication plus meals two times a day. To support a child at the orphanage the price is \$ 105 per month and includes everything the child needs in a practical matter plus a warm home with love and care. The increase is going to start from January 2016, but is of course only for those who want to raise the price. If we do not hear from you before the end of February 2016, we assume that you accept the new prices.

If you do not want to continue to pay the new amount, but still want to continue with the old amount, we kindly ask you to let us know on either e-mail susannemadsen@newlife-africa.org or you are welcome to call our mission treasurer Willy Hojgaard in Denmark, tel. +4575353058. If this is the case, we will try to find a sponsor who can pay the difference.

To support the ministry you can send payment to: In Denmark: Account name: Betania Kirkecenter's Ydremission. Write also: N.L.A.I. - Swift/BIC code: JYSPDK2G - IBAN no. DK7097120741793075

If you want to make payment to a bank in Kenya: Standard Chartered Bank, P.O.Box 10, Nakuru, Kenya. Account name: New Life Africa International, Account No.: 0102897963100, Swift Code: "SCBLKENX"

Or you can send a check by mail to: Betania Kirkecenters Ydremission Marked (B.G.M. or N.L.A.I.) C/O Willy Hojgaard, Sondermarksvej 307, 7190 Billund, Denmark E-mail: Ymission@stofanet.dk

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See the account information in UK and Iceland at the website





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Thank you for all your prayers and support

May God bless you

Greetings with Luk. 2,14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.

Love from Susanne and Leif Madsen

You can support the work in different areas or sponsor a person
Support a child in primary school
Half sponsorship in primary school
Support a child in NLAI Homes $\dots \dots \dots$
Half support for NLAI Homes $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ \$ 54 / £ 35
Support a student in Garment making \$80 / £55
Half support for Garment making
Support a student in High School/ practical training \$ 180/£ 117
Half support for High school / practical \$ 90 / £ 60
University and further education $\dots \dots 4$ sponsors x $95 / \pounds 65$
Crisis Centre (mother + child) 3 sponsors x $95 / \pounds 65$
Mission work
Building projects any amount is welcome
General support any amount is welcome