Newsletter FROM Susanne & Leíf Madsen

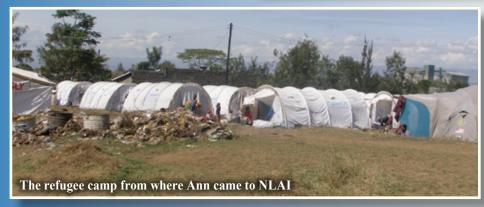
From a life of poverty and without hope to a life as nurse



Ann Njoki Due to the Kenyan civil war in 2007, Ann Njoki lost her parents and was brought to a refugee camp with thousands of people. The government asked NLAI

to take a number of children from the camp and Ann was one of them. At first, everything seemed hopeless but after a while, she continued in secondary school and college and after that, she began to study to become a nurse. Today she has completed her studies and is now employed as nurse at the Kijabe hospital. She is very grateful to have reached this fantastic situation - from a life of hopeless to a life full of hope as an educated nurse. Her faith in Jesus helped her and many other young people to carry on.





New sponsor prices.

At the back of this magazine, you will find the new prices for sponsorships. Thank you to everyone who makes this work possible through sponsorship and donations. We hope that you will be able to raise your payment to the new



rates. If you want to remain at the present rate, we are still very grateful for your support.

High School students have started their first year

22 students, who are sponsored by NLAI, started their first term in High school in February.

Thank you so much to those of you who make this possible. Not all children have been able to progress to college, but three years in nursery school and eight years in primary school have given them a valuable foundation for life. Many of their parents only went to school for a few years and some of their relatives never went to school. Many students from the eighth grade are far better off than their parents.





















High School students



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News from us

Personal news

We arrived in Denmark on the 22nd December and celebrated Christmas together with our children, sons in law and grandchildren. It was a wonderful experience to meet all of them again and enjoy the fellowship. In between



our meetings and conversations, all over Denmark, we appreciated the hours and days that we could spent together with family and



Leif is speaking about the work

friends. We had a good time with meetings in Denmark and it is always a pleasure to see all of you. It was exciting to meet those of you who already sponsor a child and to experience your sympathy with the child. In the meetings, many people signed up to become a sponsor of a child. Furthermore, we are very happy to have received mails from people who want to help.



Leif and Susanne back in Kenya

The children and everybody at the NLAI compound here in Nakuru, Kenya gave us a warm welcome. It is always a great joy to come home and see that everything runs smoothly when we were away holding meetings.

All of our leaders and employees are doing a great job. They all do their best to make things function. We are proud and thankful to see their zeal and vision for the work at NLAI. They know that they are





educating and shaping the generations to come and they are good role models.

Visit from our son André

We were very happy when our son André and



his girlfriend Edima paid us a visit. Apart from having some days off, they viewed the work and spent time together with children from the orphanage, who told them about their background and sang for them. They had a good time together. Last time André was here was 3 1/2 years ago. He was overwhelmed by the sight of the new beautiful school and all the improvements that have been done. At the same time, he was impressed to witness the skilfulness and wholeheartedness by which the staff at NLAI carried out their different tasks and how they loved the children and the teenagers. It is always a great pleasure when our children visit us and we have time to share lives. Here in Nakuru, they had their home for many years. Here they grew up and went to school. Together we have so many precious memories from both days of hardships and fantastic days with great answers of prayer. When our children lived here in Kenya we made it a priority to spend time with them on their days off. We often went on camping trips together but they also joined us on our campaigns in the countryside. Those were days of many good experiences that tied us together as family.

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

The Boys' House

We have moved a big step further in collecting money for the building of the new Boys' House.

Since the last newsletter, we have received quite a good amount of money. Once we have received \$ 26000 more to enable us to begin building, we then need a further \$ 78000 to make ends meet.



All the blueprints have been made and we have applied for building permission. This normally takes a few months so hopefully it will soon be approved.



Various companies are making estimates on the building project. Provided we receive enough money, we can begin to build within a few months.

If you would like to help make this dream come true and thus help many more boys in hopelessness to get a new life of purpose and hope for the future, please send a donation. If you mark your payment "boys' house", the money will go directly to the building project.

You can help one of the small children by donating an amount

34 children have started in the baby class at the NLAI school and a further 24 children have started in the baby class at the NLA Tumaini school.

We still need some sponsorships. It will be much appreciated if you will sign up for a sponsorship at a monthly cost of \$ 55 or for half a sponsorship at \$ 29

Every year we let new children into the nursery school, even if not all are covered by sponsorships, as the need for help to the poor children is desperate.

Out of 180 children who applied, we were able to admit 60. Most of the remaining 120 children were not admitted to other schools this year because they could not afford the expenses required by other schools.

If a child cannot begin in nursery class, they will not be able to continue school later on. Therefore, this is a necessity.

If you want to support us in helping children and their families please send us an e-mail and let us know how you want to contribute and we will be very grateful.



Christmas party at the Children home

Celebrating Christmas at the orphanage

On the 25th of December all the children, the staff and some of the young people who were raised at the orphanage celebrated Christmas together. Also women and children from the crisis centre joined the celebration. They all had a great day enjoying the fellowship starting with a Christmas service and later on they were treated with

good food and delicacies. They received additional Christmas presents, so this day was one to remember for the rest of their lives.

Thanks for additional help with the Christmas gift.

A great thank you to those of you who sent extra money to cover the extraordinary expenses needed for planning this won-

derful





holiday. Thank you so much for your contribution.



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From school under a tree to become a High School teacher



Prisca is one of the young women, who began school under the tree where NLAI began working more than 20 years ago. She originally came from a very poor area and could not attend school because her family could not afford the expense. Therefore, she came to NLAI in order to go to school. She finished secondary school and college and continued her study at the university. Today Prisca has qualified as a High School teacher for which she is very thankful. She has already been employed.

Christmas celebrations at the school

In December last year, we once again arranged Christmas celebra-

tions at the NLAI school near the dump site. The celebrations were for children sponsored by NLAI at other schools and for those at the NLAI School,



which has 520 students. We had a fantastic day with more than 300 people at one school and 1300 at the other school. Everyone got a hot



meal and a gift. The children received a Christmas gift and their relatives received a gift to take home together with some food for Christmas.

Many came and brought their relatives on this big day. The whole place was decorated for Christmas. The old Christmas tree, made of plastic, was found and raised and beautiful ribbons and decorations were attached. The children performed a nativity play about the birth

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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:

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of Jesus, the music group from the school played and the school choir sang. The story of Christmas was preached and the message of how Jesus came, as the light of the world was received by both the children and the grownups. It is wonderful to receive and experience personally. Being a school based on Christian values, we hold these gatherings in great esteem at NLAI.



New Life Boys Home and Girls Home

Five boys from the boys home and five girls from the girls home have begun High School.

The children are well and enjoyed the holiday season in December. They spent the holiday at Nyahururu, swimming, playing and doing several other activities in a "Fun"- land. A group of teenagers and young people participated in an evangelistic campaign in Sigor, Pokot about 300 kilometres from Nakuru. They assisted in various ways. Others joined a youth camp in Kisumu.

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Thank you very much for making it possible to help so many people in need. May God bless you!

Greetings with: Psalm 138, 8: Your love O Lord, endures forever.

Love from Susanne og 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\$29 / £19
Support a child in NLAI Homes $\dots \dots \dots$
Half support for NLAI Homes $\dots \dots \dots$
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 4 sponsors x $95 / \pounds 65$
Crisis Centre (mother + child) 3 sponsors x $95 / £65$
Mission work
Building projects any amount is welcome
General support any amount is welcome