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NEWSLETTER from Susanne & Leif Madsen



One of the boys

from the home

Children at the orphanages



Often the boys and the girls that we help at the NLAI orphanages come from the streets, where they have lived for several years. Usually this is because they have been sent away, or they have run away from their homes mostly due to poverty. Some have been abandoned and have no adults around to support them. Others have been brought to NLAI by the police, having spent some time in a juvenile prison in Nakuru.

Care failure and neglected children

Also some of the boys and girls come to NLAI due to lack of care, incest or physical abuse or because the people that they have been staying with are unable to take care of them due to their own poverty. In many homes or should we say 'the small room that comprises their home' it can be hard to feed everyone in the family which could consist of 8-10 children, as well as mum and dad, or a single mum or grandmother. A small income has to cover the costs of food, rent, clothing and school expenses.

More relatives die

It is not unusual that a parent or an uncle, aunt or grandmotherwhere a child has stayed - to die from AIDS, other diseases or in traffic accidents.

Children from NLAI School

Some of the boys and girls who now live at the orphanages were

previously students at the NLAI School and came to stay because of domestic circumstances or because their parents were imprisoned which means that they could no longer stay at home.





Placement after court case

When something such as the above mentioned happens or when other terrible things happen the authorities get involved. After a trial, the children are handed over to the NLAI orphanages for care, protection etc. This means that at NLAI we are also

responsible for bringing the children to school and for providing for other kinds of education to prepare them for a life on their own when they grow up.





Personal greetings

Once again we would like to thank you so much for your faithful support of the work of NLAI. We are amazed to see how God supplies the needs over and over again in the work to help other people.

Trip to Denmark and England



Wedding

For the time being we are in Denmark. We had the joy and privilege of celebrating the marriage of our youngest daughter Rebekka and Daniel Knutzen. The wedding had been prepared over a long time and was magnificent and elegant.

Susannes broken foot

Unfortunate, Susanne broke her foot, the day after the weeding and has to walk with a foot/leg supporter and crutches for at least 2 months.

Meetings

"Fangekoret", a famous choir of

prisoners captained by Louise Adrian performed a concert at Holbæk Frikirke and the profit was donated to the new Boys' House.

On the island of Jegindø, Kirsten and Kjeld hosted a meeting for people who would like to know more about the work of NLAI. We spent a lovely Saturday

together with a good number of people. Next year the info-meeting will be held in the city of Randers, a more central location. We also made a trip to the is-

land







Bornholm where we first visited the Rønne Pentecostal Church at their annual congregational camp and later on Nexø Frikirke. We enjoyed lovely fellowship with our friends there who welcomed us with great hospitality.

In June we will travel in **England** for twelve days with several engagements which we are looking forward to. Please see the programme on our website.

Early this year Emma and Zine volunteered at NLAI for two months helping out in various ways at the school and at the orphanages.



Again Kirsten and Erik were here for a period of seven weeks to assist in the office.



When home in Denmark they also assist with different kinds of translation, which is much appreciated.

Jona is doing a great job with the spon-

sorships and came to assist us in March. Karen Margrethe came as usual for about two months to assist especially



with the small children from the orphanage but also with the



women and the children at the Crisis Centre and the Kioo Lulu workshop.

Odsherred Boarding School



At the beginning of April, a team of 23 students and 3 teachers from Odsherred Boarding School came to visit NLAI. Back at home in Denmark they had prepared various educational materials to be used in the classes at the school. They delivered interesting lessons providing an exciting education. They also performed different games together with the children, which was a great experience for both children and adults

During their visit we had a special Sunday for the children, where the children and teenagers from NLAI participated with songs, music and testimonies. Several young people told of how they began school under the big tree in the Filadelfia Church compound in the early days of NLAI and what they are doing now

that they have completed their education. One is a college teacher and another fills a leading

position at a large hotel in Kenya. They all expressed their gratitude to God first of all, but also to NLAI and the many sponsors who made it possible.

Johnny and Celeste from Strandby, DK visited us too in April and saw all the projects.





The Prison Choir

Rebekka & Daniel



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Life at the orphanage

Now and then, people from Kenya come to visit the children. Within the last 3-4 months people from St. Paul University came and spent a good day together with the children. Recently a lady, Leah, paid a visit and donated a generous gift to the work of NLAI. Also a group of students from a high school came to spend some hours with the children helping them in their daily duties, playing with them and just having a good time. Another visitor, who had been raised at another orphanage and completed an education, shared about how he had also published his own book. His story was of great inspiration to the children and the young ones.

News form the school manager

The children and the teachers are doing well. The children's ability and creativity skills are developing increasingly. A few teachers have left the school but new teachers have been employed and have brought a breath of fresh air to the school. Sports and creative disciplines such as song, music, drama, dance etc are a big part of life in school. Right now the athletics take up much of their time. The children are doing incredibly well within three sports so they compete eagerly









with other schools. It is exciting to see the big variety of skills and talents in the children. Sport etc. helps to reveal their potential and strengthen their confidence and even boost their literacy abilities.

If you switch bank, please remember to transfer your NLAI donations/ sponsorship to the new bank. Unfortunately not all sponsors are aware of this. You can make sure that your payment has been complete when you receive our Letter of Thanks twice a year. Otherwise, there may have been a misunderstanding. In that case please contact us. Følgende linje skal fremhæves.

New E-mail address for our Mission Treasurer in Denmark: Willy Højgaard ymission@betania.dk

The Crisis Centre

15 women and 15 children stayed at the Crisis Centre in 2016. Right now 9 women and 8 children reside at the centre. In 2016, 6 women were successfully integrated into the local society. Two of the women have signed up for the sewing school and are now being educated. They successfully passed the first year examination. One of the women is training to be a hairdresser and another



young woman has finished class 8 and hopes to begin in high school.

The children at the crisis centre of school-age go to the NLAI School. The women are having therapy and

consultation in groups as well as individually. They participate in cleaning and cooking at the centre which in turn help them later on to function in their own home. The conversations and the counselling help them to re-enter society to live on their own. Some of the young women are attending school for the first time. Others learn how to crochet, knit, make soap, tend chickens and do gardening. It all helps in the daily work. Furthermore, the women go to church to learn more about the Bible and God and to strengthen their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

David John

David John, a retired craftsman, came all the way from Australia to help tile the walls and floors in the boys' house. They didn't manage to complete the tile work, in the period he was around, but a great part was done. He gave some of the local craftsmen instruction in tiling to make sure that



they could continue the work to a good quality.



David Virgin from Australia was also here again to help with the boys house.

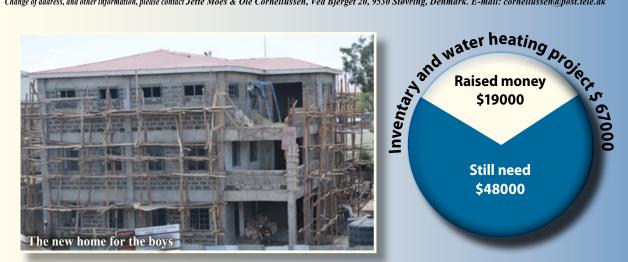


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THE BOYS' NEW HOUSE

The construction of the new home for the boys is



progressing well. Now we see the full shape of it and the roof has been fitted as well. Inside the building. the floors have been paved with beautiful tiles and in most bathrooms and toilets

the walls have been clad with tiles as well. The new kitchen has also been clad with tiles to make cleaning easy. The plastering of the dormitories, the dining hall and the living room are almost completed and are now drying before the final painting. The exterior walls are being pointed and the windows completed

and painted. Day by day, we are witnessing the progress. Of course, there is still a lot to do before we can see the big building process complete.

We enjoy seeing the miracle of the dream of a big new house for the boys come true and we look forward to see it completely fulfilled. Here

unwanted boys, who were never appreciated, with pains and scars of rejection will thrive in healthy and beautiful surroundings.

Final greetings with the words from Philippians 4,19: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Yours sincerely Susanne and Leif Madsen

One of the bathrooms

Please pray for a peaceful election in Kenya on the 8th. of August 2017

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Half sponsorship in primary school
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Support a student in High School/ practical training . $180/\pounds$ 117 per month
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