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# NEWSLETTER from Susanne & Leif Madsen



#### **Christmas** greetings

From all of us at NLAI, to all the recipients of the NLAI Newsletter, we wish a blessed and happy Christmas. Let us spend time to meditate on the basic message of Christmas that Christ was born to bring salvation and deliverance to all who receive Him. May the Christmas holiday fill you with joy and excitement and give you time and opportunities to reach out to people around you. Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father for giving His son for our salvation!

We wish you all a happy and a blessed New Year. We rejoice and thank God for all of you who faithfully follow the work at NLAI year after year.

God bless you

Love from Susanne and Leif







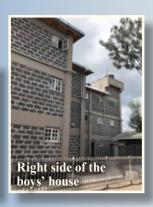
The school's celebration of Christmas and the end of the semester went smoothly and beautifully. All the children together with siblings and relatives, staff and guests enjoyed the day singing and listening to the gospel of Christmas. Both children and staff members received gifts and the day was finished off with a hot meal for everyone. The next school year begins in January 2018.

#### **The New Boys House**

The construction of the new house for the boys, which started in August 2016, is now fully completed. The house, which is estimated to accommodate approx. 80 vulnerable boys, is a home in a contemporary style with capacious rooms and up to date shower and toilet facilities. The house also has energy saving design and illumination,

contemporary laundry facilities, an eco-friendly sun heating system and an elaborate system to collect







Sitting room

rainwater, with a storage capacity of 66,000 litres. The construction is the final result, of team work between NLAI and a full team of consultants including an architect, an engineer, service technicians, a quantity surveyor, a competent contractor as well as friends of NLAI, such as David and

Janice Virgin and Soren Petersen together with Kennedy from NLAI. The building had the great advantage of help from professional plumbers from Denmark and a tiling expert from Australia who worked together with local craftsmen. The boys are excited and are looking forward to move into the new house. We only need some furniture and inventory items to be financed before moving in. This building is a huge answer to prayer and gives the boys and all of us a concrete example of how God, in His wisdom, answers our prayers at the right time.



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## Personal greetings

With Christmas approaching, we wish this feast to be a great blessing for you and your family. Thank you for your prayers and support to NLAI, which enable us to reach out and help the poor and needy in Kenya.

We have just finished printing 1200 Christmas greetings and 1000 thanksgiving letters to all those who donate, which will be sent together with the children's Christmas letters to those of you who sponsor a child or young person. We are touched to see how so many faithfully support these children financially. Along with the employees in Kenya, who do a great job, we have people from other countries who help in different ways such as in the office with many different tasks. The teamwork is successful because each and everyone, is doing his or her best, wherever there is a need. We pray for the Lord's blessing on everyone for your help.

#### André and Édima's wedding

On the 7th October, we had the great pleasure of being a part of the spectacular and beautiful wedding of our son and daughter-in-law.





#### New line and huge celebration service



This year brought a new opportunity for the 8th class students. They were offered education in music and song, additional bible studies as well as training in how to tell your life story and deliver a speech.

In connection to that all, the children at the school, together with their

relatives, were invited to a special Sunday



service. The young people and the children were involved the whole day. At the service they gave a biblical message to the audience

through songs and speech. After the service, a hot meal was served to the people assembled in the church, which numbered more than 1400 people. Altogether, it was a great day and everybody was thankful for a successful event.

We all enjoyed witnessing the

ceremony, where the young couple accepted each other in marriage in the English language, which is their new common language. Andrè is from Denmark and Edima is from Brazil. They now live in South Africa.

#### Future Newsletters to come out twice a year

Because of the high cost to print and send out our newsletters, we have decided to reduce the number of newsletters to two per year beginning from January 2018.

Letters of thanksgiving will still be sent out every six months. Furthermore, sponsors of a child or a young person will receive

a photo of their sponsor child together with our sponsor letter in the spring as well as Christmas greetings from the children and sponsor letters in the autumn.

#### Guests

This year David Virgin from Australia came over to Kenya several times to help with the boys' house. We are incredibly thankful for his help.

#### Karen Margrethe, Bodil, Elsemarie, and Kirsten from

Denmark have been to Kenya to see the work and help out, and through that, they have been a big encouragement to everybody.









#### From Jane, the headmistress:

The school has been through a busy time in the last three months mostly because the semester has been shortened due to the presidential elections in Kenya.



**New Life Africa** 

Jane

children from each class who year. They all had a splendid

Top class graduation

official guests and other

guests. The children wore

special costumes. Again,

the arrangement served

as an encouragement to

relatives who mostly live

the children and their

uneventful lives.

enticement for the other students to be more serious about school.

#### Graduations

For the oldest students in Nursery School, the 'Top Class', a festivity was arranged embracing both the NLAI and the Tumaini School. The successful arrangement, with beautiful decorations, was a lovely setting for all the children, their relatives and staff as well as invited



#### The 8th. Class Prom

The prom and ceremony for the 8th class was touching and inspiring for both the students and the guests. All the students wore

special suits and at the end, every student received a candle lit by the teacher to pass on to the students from 7th class who were entering the 8th class. All the children will return in January to



receive their grades and be told whether they will proceed in college or attend a short education programme.

#### Scouts

Scouts from the NLAI School will attend the national games from the 4th to 8th December. They are hoping to win, as it will give them access to the East Africa competitions.

#### **Highest score student in NLAI School**

Philip Otieno earned the highest and best grades since we began the NLAI School - a result that made us very proud. He got 394 points on the 500 scale of grades. 17 of the other students got 300 points or more. We are very happy that so many are doing well and now are able to begin in high school.





#### Leading social worker, Kennedy, writes: New children at the orphanage

Two girls, Michelle and Ruth, have come to the children's home in the last few months. They are in need of

a sponsor. If you wish to help them, please send us an e-mail and in return, we'll send you their stories and photos.



### New children at the nursery schools who are in

need of sponsors Right now 32 children are signed up for the NLAI nursery and 19 for the Tumaini Nurserv to start in the beginning of January 2018. They all are without sponsors, so please contact us if you

feel an urge to help.



# New Children at NLAI School Nursery 2018

#### **Completed education**

**Children** at Tuma

Nursery 2018

Antony has completed his Social worker and Community Development studies. Caleb has completed his study as teacher. A big thank you to all who have sponsored these young people and



given them the opportunity to go to school and get an education. Today we can all delight in 'the miracle' that through teamwork between people from Kenya and other countries, young people are now ready to take care of themselves and even to help others.

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 be sure that we have received your payment, when you receive our Letter of Thanks, which we send twice a year. Otherwise, there may have been a misunderstanding. In that case please contact us.

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

## **International School**

This year there was an excursion to Gilgil, as a reward for those of the did best or made the biggest improvements during the day. Furthermore, it was an



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#### Presidential election in Kenya

The election has come to an end and president Uhuru Kenyatta has been re-elected. Now we are looking forward to a stable and quiet future for Kenya. During the election, the country experienced riots in some places and several people were killed in street fights. It is not going to be an easy job for the president to rule the country, but we hope and pray that peace will be restored and that Kenya is facing a bright future.



#### Manager Eric writes:

It has been a challenging yet encouraging year for me as manager of NLAI together with my team of leaders to manage all the daily activities and supervise and guide the 70 employees. But the Lord has helped us all and we give Him all the credit. Again this year, our programmes have been running successfully. It has been a

spiritual guidance. We teach

special satisfaction to see how the 8th class students have broken all previous grade records. This must be seen in the light of the children's background and the challenges they meet in their daily life. The 110 children in the orphanages are grateful for food, clothing and a home where they receive love and appreciation. Here they are taken care of, have time to do their homework and receive professional help in their vulnerable situations as well as





#### the children how to reach out to other people and join in visiting other orphanages and hospitals.

#### Rugby

A group of our young boys who play rugby visited Uganda for competitions and came out best out of 16 teams! We are very happy to recognize the talents of the children and we do our best to encourage them to de-

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See the account information in UK and Iceland at the website Updated information can be found at: www.newlife-africa.org http://www.facebookcom/newlifeafricainternational velop and use their natural giftings. Finally, we want to express the joy we feel at NLAI for the new boys' house. We all look forward to seeing the boys move in there at the beginning of 2018.

May God bless you abundantly.

Greetings with Luke 2, 11: "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord".

Yours sincerely, Leif and Susanne 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 $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ \$ 105 / £ 68 per month
Half support for NLAI Homes $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ \$54 / £35 per month
Support a student in High School/ practical training . $180/\pounds$ 117 per month
Half support for High school / practical
University and further education 4 sponsors x \$ 95 / $\pounds$ 65 per month
Crisis Centre (mother + child) 3 sponsors x $95 / £65$ per month
Mission work
Building projects
General support