



Kenya severely affected by the corona crisis

Like almost all other countries in the world Kenya has been hit hard by the corona crisis. In mid-March, only few days after Denmark closed down, Kenya was also very dramatically shut down. All schools, universities and colleges were closed throughout Kenya, and many public and private employees were sent home from work. Almost all stores and shops including the smaller local shops were instructed to close so the only stores left open were grocery stores. Since March people have been required to wear a mask when in public areas.

In addition, for three months there has been a curfew from 7pm to 5am the next morning. In June the curfew was changed to be from 9 pm to 4 am.

This has caused major problems in homes, not least financially because many have been unable to earn a living. The need is great in Kenya because there is no social welfare system or financial support provided by the government.

All of the NLAI staff are still receiving their salary and food packages have been provided for 724 families who have a child or teenager in school, supported by NLAI.



724 families receive food packets

The following 10 pupils began higher education in January 2020



Ruth - Christ Mission School. **Peris** - Vera Beauty College: Hair and Beauty. **Ann** - Comboni Polytecnic College: Painting and Decoration. **Samuel** - Mason and Plumber. **Karima** - Dykaan College of Professional Studies: Hair and Beauty. **Joshua** - Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology: Social work and Community development. **Daniel** - Comboni Polytecnic College: Mason and Plumber. **Collins** - Kenya Industrial Training Institute: Welding and Fabrication. **Alvin** - Computer programming. **Samwel** - Kenya Industrial Training Institute: Welding and Fabrication. Mercy, Clinton, Linet and Kelvin have all completed a computer course and are waiting to begin a new course when the college reopens. We hope that this will be soon.



One of the four new nursery classes

Status of Schools and education by 2020

103 pupils have joined kindergarten classes at the NLAI School and the NLAI Tumaini School.

10 spaces in other classes in NLAI School have also been given to new children.

In January 23 students joined various High Schools. This has been possible because of NLAI sponsorships.





Greetings from us

Susanne writes: Another wonderful trip to Kenya in February 2020

In February I had another wonderful trip to NLAI in Kenya with my sister Inger. Many people came as well

and encouraged both our children in NLAI and the staff. When visitors come, they realise that they are not forgotten or left alone in NLAI. This year David (from Australia) has visited as well as large and small teams of people from Denmark, the Faroe Islands and England. During our stay in Kenya in February my sister and I counted at least 50 different guests, so



Girls from the garment making class sing for the visitors



Party together with the visitors

there were many people to greet as well as spending time with the kids and the staff. It was a good time to take up-to-date photos and hand out new school uniform, shoes and bags to all of the children that NLAI supports at the various schools. Many smiles and hugs were given to many children as well. It's a big job, but it means a lot to me to meet with the kids. It helps me to remember what it is all about when I oversee the sponsorships at the office back home in Denmark. In February, we were fortunate that we were allowed to come close to one other, but as long as there is a risk of being infected by the covid-19 virus everyone now has to keep a distance. Whilst there we also joined many gatherings at the orphanage.

We visited school classes and met up with the young people in further education. It is encouraging to sit and listen to their life stories about how they came to NLAI many years ago and how many are now finishing school and high school and now moving on with a range of further education. To hear and witness what faith means to them and to see how



Sewing of uniforms



Distribution of Uniforms

they have grown in every aspect of their lives - both physically, mentally and spiritually - evokes great thanks to God for each one of them. From a point where their lives were about to fail they are today by the grace of God independent young people who stand with faith in their hearts and are ready to move on in life. Thank you so much to everyone who prays for them and financially supports them. It is amazing and we are deeply grateful.



Susanne together with some of the children



Young people who are in different trainings

Plenty of water at NLAI

Hand washing has become an important part of everybody's daily life including those at the NLAI orphanage. We are fortunate to have plenty of water from the ground from our own well. All of the children from the orphanage have stayed at the orphanage since mid-March, when everything was shut down in Kenya because of the fear of the covid-19 spreading.

As a result of the shutdown and in order to protect the children, only a skeletal staff has been at work. So far, no one has been infected at NLAI homes. There has been no infection of any of the children or staff in the schools either, for which we are very grateful. Due to the rapid shutdown of the community, we have not seen many covid-19 cases in Kenya. Please pray that the virus will not spread when the authorities begin to reopen the community. A poor country like Kenya does not have a health system that would be able to handle a pandemic outbreak of covid-19.

The children at the orphanages are doing well. Activities have been arranged for them as well as programmed schedules so that they know what is going on. They only enter the school yard to play and do sports, but no one is allowed to pass the main gate and then enter the school area. Therefore, it has been and is still a special time for everyone and they look forward to the time when the community will reopen.

Canceled meetings mean lesser sponsorships

From January to March we had the pleasure of having meetings in Blåhøj, Aalborg and Næstved.

Because we have not been able to have meetings since March there are still many schoolchildren, high school students and young people in education who are not covered by sponsorships in NLAI. We never have sponsorships for all of the children when we take them into schools or the orphanage, but usually we get the vast majority covered during the year.

We thank all who have helped to find people who are willing to become a sponsor of one of our NLAI girls or boys, but there are still many children who are not sponsored yet.

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Help us to find new sponsors and supporters

Please tell your friends about the opportunity that they could have to make a difference for a poor girl or boy in Kenya - for just £12 a month.

A sponsorship of £43 per month will cover the costs for one child in school.

Partial sponsorships such as £23 or maybe £12 per month are welcome too.

The total expense per month for a child in the orphanage is £85 and for students in higher education or at university the cost is £145 per month. Every amount given can be divided into smaller amounts, and any kind of sponsorship will be appreciated.

The funds are not spent on the children's families but are used exclusively to cover the expenses of the children's schooling and education. NLAI runs two schools and all expenses are financed by NLAI alone as NLAI do not receive any governmental financial support.

Extent of the expenses:

The expenses comprise of all salaries, expenses related to minor renovation, food and various new acquisitions.

There are also travel expenses to cover travel connected to school competitions, sports and scouting. NLAI gives full provision for young people to attend high school, college, university or other education. NLAI covers every need connected to teaching such as accommodation, food and transportation.

The orphanage for boys

Since our last newsletter, seven new boys have moved into the orphanage.

At present 64 boys have their home in the boys' orphanage. Of these, 40 of them attend the NLAI school and live permanently in the orphanage. Twelve of the older boys from the



New boys at NLAI orphanage

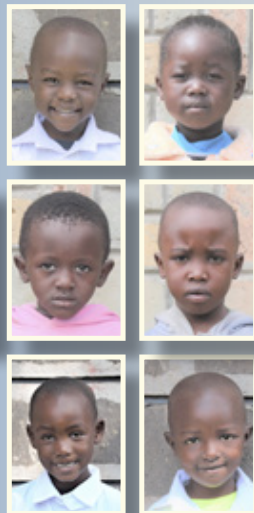


Some of the small boys playing with Lego

the orphanage, who are grownup, study and live in a dormitory having their expenses financed by NLAI.

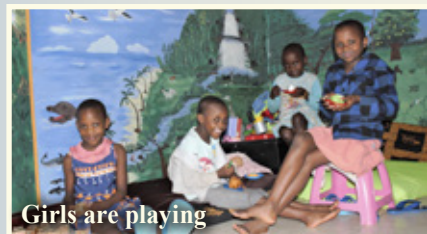
orphanage attend public school and usually only stay at the orphanage during the holidays but during the Corona crisis, they have stayed full time at the orphanage.

Twelve other boys from



There are 5 new girls at the orphanage

Currently 61 girls live in the girls' orphanages. 34 of the girls are attending the NLAI school and stay at the orphanage permanently. 16 orphanage girls go to High Schools where they live, returning to live at the orphanage during the holidays.



Girls are playing

11 of the orphanage girls are grownup and in college or university living in dormitories.

The families are desperate

Usually, NLAI tries to help one child from as many different families as possible rather than helping many children from one family. In this way at least one child from a family can get a good education and is able later on to help to support their own family.

This is why NLAI are in contact with a total of 724 very poor families who are in desperate need of help.

In many of the families that we help, most adults only work from day to day if they are able. Many have lost their jobs because of the corona crisis and are now desperate for food. We know that an even greater burden now has been placed on the poor families as their children cannot go to school anymore where they used to receive a daily meal.



Many poor families live like this

NLAI distributes food products to the families

The first distribution of food to these families took place at the beginning of May and distribution of the second package took place at the beginning of June. The packages will also contain soap. This has not been an easy process and both the police and the authorities

were involved in the distribution in order to ensure that all precautions were followed concerning social distancing, wearing of masks and hygiene etc.

Because NLAI has a list of all children and of all of the families who have children in our schools, it was easy to identify those that were entitled to receive the packages.

Both the government and all who have received the aid express great gratitude for the distribution.

We hope to be able to make a similar food distribution at the beginning of July and August and maybe even for a longer period. Of course, the extent of the distributions will depend on the size of the donations we receive for this purpose.



Food packets, ready for distribution

Attention: receipt of the newsletter

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail or if you no longer want to receive our newsletter please let us know by sending a mail to: nlai.nakuru.kenya@gmail.com

Change of bank

When switching bank please remember also to move the transfers to your sponsor child in NLAI to the new bank. We find that several people are not aware of this.

Approx. two times a year you will receive a letter of thanks. If you do not receive it and you have given money, it is probably due to a mistake or an error, so please contact us for correction.

New Life Africa International, Ved Bjerget 20, 9530 Støvring, Denmark

Change of address, and other information, please contact Jette Moes & Ole Corneliusen, Ved Bjerget 20, 9530 Støvring, Denmark. E-mail: corneliusen@post.tele.dk

If you would like to help us to give more food supplies to the 724 families, you can please donate any amount to the following accounts and mark it: "NLAI, emergency assistance"

New Life Africa International UK, Account Number: 92018411, Sort code: 40-18-22

Contact: Roger Batchelor: 1243950465

New Life Africa International in Iceland acc. 1109-05-411999 – Kt. 620180-0259

Contact: Hvitassunnukirkjan Keflavik, Kristinn Asgrimsson. simi. 8630134

Major renovation of the girl's home and installation of solar heaters



Girls House



Renovation of the old Boys house

At present, the old boys' house is being renovated and additional bathroom facilities and toilets build in preparation for the girls to stay there temporarily while the girl's home is undergoing major renovations.

As we wrote in the last newsletter, a new water tower will be needed to connect to the solar water heaters, as they will be placed on the new roof of the girls' house.

We are still raising funds for this major project, so if you would like to support this particular renovation **please label your deposit: "Girls House"**.

Greetings with Isaiah 12, 2:

"God is my salvation, I am safe, I do not fear."

May God protect you all

Yours

Susanne and Leif Madsen

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In Denmark:

Account name: Betania Kirkecenter's Ydremission.
Write also: N.L.A.I. - Swift/BIC code: JYSPDK2G -
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Bank Name: Prime Bank Ltd., Nakuru Branch, Kenya
Swift Code: PRIKENX - Bank Account: 2001116476
Account Name: New Life Africa International - Currency: USD

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You can support the work in different areas or sponsor a person

Support a child in primary school	\$ 55 / £ 35 per month
Half sponsorship in primary school	\$ 29 / £ 19 per month
Support a child in NLAI Homes	\$ 105 / £ 68 per month
Half support for NLAI Homes	\$ 54 / £ 35 per month
Support a student in High School/ practical training .	\$ 180 / £ 117 per month
Half support for High school / practical.	\$ 90 / £ 60 per month
University and further education	4 sponsors x \$ 95 / £ 65 per month
Crisis Centre (mother + child).	3 sponsors x \$ 95 / £ 65 per month
Mission work	any amount is welcome
Maintenance & operation	any amount is welcome
General support	any amount is welcome