

# **Huruma Family Monthly Newsletter**

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#### **Greetings from Huruma Family!**

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I take this opportunity to welcome you to this edition of our monthly news! Huruma family is doing fine and we are so grateful to God for His love, care, provision, protection, good health and for the wonderful smiles that each of you in your own unique way put on our children's faces every day. As the saying by Maya Angelou goes people may not remember you for what you say or do but they will always remember how you make them feel. There is no greater feeling than to know that you are loved, accepted and special and this is exactly how you make our children feel.

So much to catch up on this month... but first and foremost allow me to start you off with a word that has been in Mama's heart for the past month or her golden verses as she likes to call them. Psalms 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Every time Mama shares her golden verses they are always inspired by her journey of faith and her walk with God. It's always a reflection of a before and after; a testimony of Gods faithfulness and a resounding AMEN into the future that lingers ahead.

As you read from us this month may your faith be lifted to see beyond where you are now and to dream beyond your imagination for this is the testimony that Mama shares with you all through her vision for Huruma Children's Home.

We are just getting started....stay with me as we dig deeper into the gist of this phenomenal testimony from Mama's Heart to Yours and so much more as you read on!

## Huruma Family: From Mama's Heart to Yours

Beloved partners and friends,

It brings me great joy to write to you every month. It's my prayer that our good Lord who has preserved and kept us has done the same to you all. Before I share what's in my heart with you allow me to start by thanking you all so much for standing with me all this while. You have been a source of strength in so many ways and this vision would not be complete without your support and prayers. This season is a very exciting time for me and my children as I reflect on everything that God has done and the far that He has brought us. What started as a little mud hut to a small room squashed with so many children today stands as a real home. At the time many people would laugh at me when they saw the mud hut I was calling a home, my children were jigger infested and we did not even know where our next meal would come from. When I started the school our first academy was a small wooden classroom and today we have proper buildings that can hold 30 students per class. My children were sharing beds and today they each sleep on their own comfortable bed. It's for this reason that I am so happy that on July 30th I will be celebrating 15 years since we started building and 27 years of God's faithfulness. It will be a day of thanksgiving to God because He has truly been Ebenezer in my life and despite the many challenges that I went through He has walked with me to

date. So on 30<sup>th</sup> of July you are all invited to join us from wherever you are those of you who will be able to come I want to welcome you personally to share this great joy of celebration with us. For those of you who are far away and will not be able to make it I know we shall be together in spirit but I want you all to know that Huruma family loves and appreciates you all so much and there is not a day that goes without us making mention of you in prayer to God.

I also thank God for the great team that is helping me plan for this special day. It's a group of women who have walked with me through thick and thin and understand the history of Huruma. Susan Cousineau was also part of the team before she left and she will continue working on her part from Canada. I thank God for surrounding me with helpers who are offering their time, wisdom and resources free of charge so that this day can be a success.

I also thank God for corporates that have contributed in cash and in kind to the growth of this vision. You have all played an important part in the lives of my children and it's our hope that you will also join us in this celebration. I am praying that God will help me finish the remaining parts most importantly construction of a brick wall around the

premise to strengthen the security of my children. By Gods sufficient Grace this celebration will kick off the construction of the wall all donations raised on this day will go towards this project so we are trusting God for bigger things and taking a step of faith by laying the foundation of the wall.

I could go on and on about this day because I am so excited but I also want to share with you another highlight of my month. You know even the Bible says that blessed is the man whose quiver is full of children. I count myself blessed this month because yet again one of my child this time a girl made me proud as she graduated from African Bible University.

I went all the way to Uganda for her graduation because hers is a story of great trial and triumph. She was born and brought up in the Muslim faith. When her biological father died, the mother remarried again to a stepfather that became her biggest nightmare. One day when she was 6 years old he beat her so badly tied her arms and feet and hang her up on a tree like a sack for two days. That is when she was rescued and brought to our care. Her scars run deep but today she bears my name Zipporah Wanjiku and stands as a testimony of courage to many including her brothers and sisters here at Huruma. She graduated with a degree in Theology and Communication and it's my prayer that one day her story will be an encouragement to many.



So you can see that this is my season to celebrate and give thanks to God for the many things He has done. I am also happy to be hosting Cornerstone teams of volunteers in a few weeks to come! I know we will have a great time and I welcome you all to this great family you have been a blessing to us and I look forward to seeing how God is going to use you this year.

As I come to the end of my message this month may our good Lord bless you all so much. Remember that I pray for you often and you are always close to my heart.

With All My Love,

Mama Zipporah

## Sponsorship Desk: What's New?

Dear Sponsorship and Penpal Family,

We greet you all in Jesus Name. We have had a small change in the sponsorship desk that some of you might already be aware of. It's a good change and a sign of growth because as the grass gets greener on one side it also opens up opportunities for others. This month I would like to utilize this opportunity to inform you of changes in the sponsorship personnel. We now have a new person in charge of the sponsorship office, she has been with us for about two months now her good name is Miss. Esther Maina. I know most of you have been corresponding with her via email but I thought it would be nice for you to also know the face behind these emails. So far I believe she has been keeping you accommodated and well taken care of in as far as the sponsorship docket is concerned. We have also been



receiving emails from some of you regarding our sponsorship policy which is also changing as we keep growing. On 1st of May Cornerstone in partnership with Huruma organized a project briefing forum that brought together Cornerstone partners and it was communicated that we are changing from the term Huruma Sponsorship to Huruma Project Donor. Why? Because we are looking at the bigger picture so that your donation is not just specific to one child but that it supports the basic needs of all children at the Home. In other words we want you to be part of those who are collectively making a bigger impact. So please I want to assure all our partners that your donation still counts only that your monthly or one- time gift will be for a common good.

We however encourage pen pal relationships so keep writing to our children they love writing to you and it gives them a sense of belonging to know that someone cares and loves them. Finally, we thank you so much sponsor parents for your commitment, love and prayers. You make life beautiful in so many ways and our children adore you beyond words. Until next time....sending a million hugs your way!!

## Project Updates: Securing Huruma Children's Home

Huruma Children's Home has been growing in leaps and bounds and as the vision expands we have to think about a sustainable future for the many children who know and call this place home. A homely environment gives a sense of security by providing care and shelter, food and education. It's a place of

belonging where you walk in to comfort, peace and security. This is why securing Huruma is our highest priority at the moment.

## How Are We Doing That?

For the past fifteen years all of Huruma

fundraising has been going towards buildings at the home. Now that the children are settled in their dorms and have a comfortable place to sleep Mama feels that there is one very important missing part for it to be a complete project. It is for this reason that on 30<sup>th</sup> of July as we celebrate God's faithfulness we will also launch the construction of a brick wall to surround the premises. The project

has been tailor made to cater for the safety needs of our children by incorporating surveillance systems, suppliers entrance, razor wire among other utilities. The whole project will cost us 140,000USD and to start off all donations raised on 30<sup>th</sup> July will go towards the project.

#### You Can Be Part

Near or far you have an opportunity to be part of this project. You can send your donation through all our international

partner organizations namely:
Cornerstone Church in Arizona, Liquid
Church in Australia and Huruma Children's
Trust Canada. You can also email us at
hurumawall.project@gmail.com for
further information and direction on how
you can be part. We will keep you posted
on any upcoming developments
pertaining to the project as we move
along.



### **Events Notice Board**



On 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 6-9pm Feeding Mouths Filling Minds is inviting you to an after work party fundraiser towards phase 3 of the Gatune Farm **Filling Minds** project. Currently, we have been able to construct a raised tank tower and buy a 10,000-litre water

tank that will be mounted on the tower soon for supply of drip irrigation water. This event is important because we are working towards achieving food security for Huruma in the long term by growing and producing our own food. We thank FMFM and all their supporters for their commitment and giving on this project as we secure Huruma Children's Home.

To read more about the event kindly visit FMFM facebook page follow this link: http://feedingmouthsfillingminds.usg.list-

manage.com/track/click?u=4800cdf5d10cde538da8e7cdc&id=90c4fe3cb0&e=9db5fd646b

#### Have You Saved the Date?

We are only one month away to the most exciting event of the year! God is the reason for the celebration He has walked with us a mighty long way and on this day we shall gather together to say THANK YOU for 27 wonderful years of your faithfulness! You cannot miss it for anything, you cannot say that you were not invited so SAVE THE DATE!!!!



## ALL STAFF TEAMBUILDING....

In an effort to promote a team spirit, we introduced teambuilding activities in all our monthly staff meetings. Susan Cousineau who was a missionary here was helping us facilitate and when she left we kept the ball rolling. Here are pictures from our last meeting as teams engaged each other in a Tag of War. Just so you know Mama's team won and they had a special treat.







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That's all we had for you this month. Join us again next month to catch up on our latest news and updates. There is never a dull moment at Huruma.

We love you and are praying for you!

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