



Huruma Monthly Newsletter

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Holiday's Over.....It's Back to School this September!

What a blessing to be writing to you again that is always our favorite thing to do every month. Hello and welcome to this edition of our monthly newsletter. As I reflect on this edition I cannot help but sit here and wonder God where do I start because there is just so much to thank God for. It's one of those times here at Huruma when you look around and just say thank you God for your blessings on us.

Before I get carried away in this awe moment allow me to whet your appetite and stir your expectations a little. Firstly we feel so blessed to have had our Cornerstone family with us this year and the last team cannot obviously go unnoticed. See pictures of what transpired while they were here. As usual this edition is not complete without a few words from Mama...hers is always a long but very interesting story so stay with me on this one.

We are also glad to share with you the progress of Huruma Gatune Water Project. Remember we asked you to pray with us that God would bring that project to completion? Guess what our faithful Father heard your prayers and funding for phase 1 of the project finally came through! Find out how far we have gone with the project and all the wonderful people who are helping us with it.

From the Sponsorship Desk read about how you as a parent sponsor can get involved more in your child's life in order to help them become everything that God created them to be. We have all this and more in this edition of our monthly newsletter.

Until the next update dig your heels in!

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



Beloved Partners and Friends of Huruma,
Greetings in Jesus Name!

I am so delighted to write to you again this month sometimes I think this is the only time I get an opportunity to sit down relax and put my thoughts down as I reflect on Gods unfailing goodness and faithfulness. My heart is glad and I rejoice greatly in Him and in the call that He has gracefully entrusted me with. This month I honestly don't know where to start because It's been one blessing after another. First and foremost I want to take this opportunity to thank from the bottom of my heart our Cornerstone family in Arizona. Your presence with us this year has been amazingly beautiful and inspiring when the last team finally left we could not help but feel the huge void left by your absence. We thank God so much for you all Eric and your team you coordinated the College Retreat and High School Camp so well I loved to see you all planning and executing your activities so comfortably and at ease because that tells me that this

is your home too. I am also so blessed to be a proud mother of another graduate this year. My son Daniel graduated with a Bachelors degree in education-*second class upper division*. It was such a great moment for us I personally attended his graduation accompanied by our Matron and my daughter Catherine but unfortunately we ended up stuck in traffic the whole time because it seemed like all roads were leading to Mt. Kenya University that day. When he finally received his certificate he had to come and find us amidst the huge traffic and I told him I have to take him home because his brothers and sisters were waiting in anticipation to celebrate his victory with him. His family was very kind to release him and on arrival everybody broke into song and dance all the way from the entrance. It was jubilation, ululation and all things celebration as we thanked God for honoring us with yet another degree.



The grand welcome and celebration of Daniel

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I thank God so much for College Fund which was initiated by Cornerstone to help children like Daniel achieve an education and become a meaningful and great person in society. Every time I see my children join universities, pursue their education and come back home having succeeded I feel very proud and I thank God so much for your unwavering support despite and of your other needs. My prayer always is that as you meet the need of these children God will also take care of your needs and that your children will be loved just as much as you have loved mine and never lack a thing.

Proud Mama and her graduate son



Another exciting praise report that has brought me endless joy this month is the water project in Gatune. For the past two weeks I have been out and about everyday supervising this wonderful project that will no doubt subsidize the cost of buying food significantly. This is what makes me

so happy and to see it all come together so beautifully at such a time as this in this once open empty land that nobody not even the community thought anything good will ever come out of it is what makes me want to say Hallelujah all things are possible with God.



Mama officially breaks the ground in Gatune

I take this time to really truly appreciate Feeding Mouths; Filling Minds for their support in Phase 1 of this project that has enabled us to construct a dam that can hold close to 2 million litres of water purely for farming. When I first went to this land I got people to dig a small well so that i can hold some water and looking at it now I am convinced that the baby well was a sign of what was to come. You know sometimes God gives you a vision and a sign to prove His vision true and many times we miss it because we think the sign is our own making. Today that baby well stands as a testimony of Gods faithfulness that God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly over and beyond our imagination. In honor to God I am

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planning to have the baby well provide water to the community for watering their animals. We de-silted it and expanded it a little bit because the walls had started wearing out and I am also planning to have it lined so that it can hold water.

We are also fencing the land for security purposes because the last time i planted maize and beans and Maasai grazers allowed their animals to feed on all of them so I did not harvest anything. Now we even have a house there and a caretaker to oversee the premises. All this are signs that the vision is close to fulfillment. Thank you all for your continuous prayers I have sun tans but it's all worth it...I will do anything just so I can put a meal on the table for my children and make Huruma food secure. This is my long term goal. As I conclude I cannot forget to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, love and support. You

Sponsorship Desk

Are you a sponsor parent and are wondering how to get more involved with your child as a parent or are you thinking of sponsoring a child and have no idea where to start? If this is you then take a seat because this article is for you. Huruma sponsorship program was founded out of the need to help our increasingly destitute kids pursue not just an education but good quality education.

not only make me proud but you also make God look so good by clothing, feeding, educating and parenting an orphan child. I may not mention you all by name but I am sure God is smiling down at you for all your kind deeds. I always say there is no small act of kindness. May the God of heaven reward you by day and by night and open doors before you every step of the way. I am currently preparing to fly to Australia and be with our Liquid Church family end of this month at the same time we cannot wait to have the sewing team with us in the next few weeks. Our doors are always open to you and I hope and pray that all of you will keep praying for me and my children as we do the same.

**In my heart and prayers,
Mama Zipporah,
Director, Huruma Trust Fund**

Huruma Trust Fund is home to about 450 children with 250 comprising of resident children and 200 from the surrounding community. Out of those children only 140 are sponsored a clear indication of the huge need that there is at Huruma.

Why a Parent Sponsor?

Despite the good relationship between our children and their sponsors we feel that there is more to their presence than simply sponsors which is why this year we are

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changing the perspective and putting more emphasis on the former (parent) than the latter(sponsor). Reason being before you make a decision to sponsor a child you first become a parent to them but for a long time this important aspect has been overshadowed by the sponsorship role.

So this year we are flipping tables a little bit because we realized that the role a parent plays in their child's academics is very vital and how this is executed determines the overall performance of the child both in school and in future.

Gods call to Parents

In the book of Proverbs 22:6 the word of God says train up a child in the way that he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it. Meaning that as parents God has entrusted these children to us for us to train, nurture and grow them in the right way. It's a huge responsibility but here is the deal God will never bestow on us a responsibility that is unachievable. The problem is when we are playing this role so effectively sometimes our children don't turn out as we expected and as parents we feel disappointed and give up on them. Interestingly God in this scripture has only called us to train. He did not say or guarantee us that these children will not fall away but He did say that they will not depart from it. As Huruma sponsor parents we need to wake up to this call and be the parents that God has called us to be.

Good Gifts

A good parent knows how to give good and advantageous gifts to his children. Put your finger on the word advantageous! Huruma has always welcomed gifts from parent sponsors to their sponsored child with the sole purpose of encouraging and motivating them to work hard in school. With time this has been unknowingly watered down by our great love for them and the gift has since ceased to be advantageous and become a spoiler. Again we go back to rethinking and re-shifting our focus from what it is now to the basics which is tying it to academics so that your child knows that the gift comes BUT with an expectation. We have currently put in place a mobile phone policy because this has been and still is our greatest area of challenge. We need our kids to know that it's okay to have a mobile phone but it's not okay to keep it with you while in school and so we will appreciate any help we can get from you to help them understand this. So if we can all speak in one voice in fostering this approach we strongly believe that this is the best gift that any parent can give their child because it lays the foundation for a successful future. So as we love on these children let our love be anchored on the potential that we see in them and our ability as parents to draw that potential out of them to their advantage. The end result of all our efforts put together is a transformed generation that will make us all proud both now and for future generations to come in Huruma.

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Thank you for Partnering with Us

It's often said that one can chase a thousand and two ten thousand. This is what we all at Huruma are calling for as we serve these children. That we all speak in one language and that in partnering with us you will not only be fulfilling destinies but that you would also stand tall and proud to be counted among those who went an extra mile to not just sponsor an orphaned child but also parent them as is Gods will for you. To all our parent sponsors out there and to the soon to be we thank you so much for being there for our children when no one else was and is. We hope and pray that this

Health News

We are happy healthy and safe this new term! When our kids go for holiday we always pray that God will bring them back to school safe and sound and this month we are happy to report that they all came back as fit as a fiddle ready to take on the new term. The weather has also been very favorable lately so we have not had any colds and flues except for the usual small cuts which are inevitable with kids. It's always interesting to watch the little kids come to Mama or the office when they have a small injury or scratch mostly on their hand and they walk in with a sulky dull face. The minute they are attended to they forget the whole thing and quickly go back to their play groups. We cannot forget to thank our

journey will enlighten your hearts to know and feel the love of Jesus in ways that it has never been revealed to you before and that every step you make alongside your child will be worthwhile both now and in future. For more details on how to become a parent sponsor kindly check out our sponsor manual by visiting the link on our website below:

http://www.hchngong.org/huruma_docs/_sponsor_manual.pdf

We love you sponsor parents God bless you!

Cornerstone family for all the medical supplies donated to our children this year including dental care supplies. May the God of heaven richly bless you all for caring with such love about the health of our children. Because of you our children can walk around with happy healthy smiles.

Our HIV kids are super good! Thanks so much to Lea Toto for the good job they do to provide counseling and medication to them without fail every month. You are such a blessing and may God renew your strength so you can keep serving even more passionately.

Until next time...we count you all a blessing!



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The Next Big Project

Too much to write on too little space! We have been blessed this year to start off Huruma Gatune Water Project. Lots of progress has been made since the project commenced on 25th August 2015. The project which is funded by Feeding Mouths; Filling Minds was flagged off at a beautiful ground breaking ceremony held at the site and implementation has since been on-going. We are especially excited about the intent of the project which is to enable Huruma grow our own food a vision that has been in Mama's heart for many years. To tell the story better here is the on-going project in pictures. I hope you join us in celebrating the goodness of God in that He makes all things beautiful in His time.



Ground breaking ceremony and excavation begins...



The project supervisor herself positioned to get the job done



Installing the liner was a tough job...together we stand divided we fall



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There you have it! We cannot wait for the team from FMFM to get here in October and we appreciate them so much for making this dream come true. We also thank Water-Tech Innovations Kenya for their technical support throughout the implementation process and we look forward to seeing the completed package. In the words of Gatune community members, *"a bright light has come to our village and this can only be a sign of better things to come."*



Our President's Award kids and Transition on site



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Prayer &

Thanksgiving

Oh Lord we pray:

- For your care, protection and provision
- For a grateful heart for all your blessings granted to us
- For good health, sound mind and strength for everyday
- For a heart to serve with passion the gift of your children given to us
- For your wisdom, guidance, knowledge and understanding in service to you
- For clarity of thought and a spirit of excellence over our children
- For your blessing upon those who commit to be your hands and feet at Huruma

With thanksgiving:

- For every blessing that you have generously poured on us
- For all that you've done, all that you are going to do and promised to do
- For your great love for us felt, seen and experienced through our partners
- For every meal, clothes to wear and a shelter over our heads
- For the gift of education to become who you created us to be
- For the gift of life and the privilege to be called your children and;
- For the gift of Huruma family

~~~For all this and more Lord we pray and thank you from the bottom of our hearts ~~~

College retreat and High school camp were a success



Final Note

I am currently reading a book titled Colors of the Spirit by Dorothy K. Ederer and its basically telling different stories of life through the eyes of a rainbow. I stumbled upon this chapter on the color Orange which is symbolic of a spirit of courage and one specific chapter talks about the courage to follow your dream. My heart stopped at this one quote, *"If we all lit just one candle, what a bright world this would be."*

I am reminded of each one of you and the contributions you've made to help the children of Huruma fulfill their dreams and see their lives change from destitution and despair to success. And the most beautiful thing about it is that the impact is not only felt here and now but is resounding and reverberating even in generations to come. What a blessing you are to Huruma!

Thank you so much partners, friends and all our well wishers. Huruma family loves you to pieces, we are praying for you and your families and thank you for giving an orphan child a chance to fulfill their dreams. You are the candle that makes their world bright

**In His Service,
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