



Huruma Family Monthly Newsletter

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Happy 2016!

Hello everyone! We are back again in yet another New Year and we are so thankful to God for bring us to 2016. It is our hope that you are equally excited to be here at such a time as this. We are believing God for greater things than last year we continue to trust and depend on Him to do what He has graciously called us to do.

As usual we start off with our first section from Mama's heart to yours. From spending Christmas with her children and special friends to a double blessing in the New year as Mama celebrated her birthday on 10th January.

On the sponsorship desk we are beginning this year with our hearts in the right place and we are trusting God to help us walk the path of His call to us as sponsor parents. We also keeping our conversation on the discipline of our children going. Together we can be the difference that we want to see.

On Project updates read about our priority project this year. We are believing God for bigger and greater things this year and I know that if He has put it in our hearts to do it He will make a way. On the same note we have also shared with you our volunteer needs/areas for the year 2016. May God bless you all as you plan to come and become a blessing to our children.

In December last year we were blessed to have Pastor Jojo visit the US. Although he was on holiday he also had an opportunity to be a guest speaker at a fundraising dinner for the newly launched College Fund Program. We are excited to roll out this program which will help so many of our children get a college education. Learn more about the program dubbed "I am Huruma College Fund."

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

Happy New Year Great Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with your families and loved ones. I had a good Christmas celebrating with my kids and two of our good friends, Susan Cousineau and Mary Liz who had an opportunity to experience how Christmas feels at Huruma. I thank God for enabling me to give my children a special treat for them to enjoy Christmas and feel the love of family just like any other child.



As I set out to begin this new year I thank God so much because He has also added me another chapter in my lifetime as I celebrated my birthday a few weeks ago. I have been so spoilt since Christmas with all kinds of gifts. My birthday was the cherry on the cake! It almost felt as though everyday came with a surprise. In all these times I felt loved and cared for in a very special way. You know sometimes when you spend all your life giving yourself for others it's easy to lose yourself and forget that you also need to take care of yourself. But I thank God that He has placed special people in my life to remind me that I am appreciated and celebrated. Thanks also to all

those who sent me their messages of love via email and face book, I may not mention each one of you by name but I am truly humbled by all your messages.

Some of my older children who left the Home many years ago came back to celebrate my birthday with me. Most of them are now married and have families of their own but my greatest joy was when they asked me for my blessing because the blessing of a parent is second to God. It feels good to see them come back and appreciate where they came from having made it in life. This is my prayer for all my children, to see them become responsible and productive people in life who are able to raise their own families and give them a decent life.



Celebrating my birthday

Now we are back to school and I have dubbed this year "The Year of Seriousness" We are all working together to enforce a culture of discipline in school with the aim of raising the standard of our school. When God entrusted these children to me He also gave me the mandate to nurture and grow them in the right way and as His word says

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train a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

In this regard I am requesting that you kindly stand with us in prayer as we bring these children up, pray that God will give us wisdom, knowledge and the strength to carry on with this mandate faithfully just as He has called us to. Pray that our children will enjoy good health this year so that they can be strong to concentrate on their studies. Finally I want to thank you for your love and unfailing support for me and my ministry. This year by God's Grace we've been able to successfully launch 29 students in different reputable Colleges and institutions of Higher learning through support from Cornerstone and the newly established College Fund. This is a miracle in itself because as of December last year we did not have the funds to get all these children

to Colleges by January. But we chose to believe God and stretched our faith like Abraham did and we saw God provide enough for them to get started and be enrolled in school. We are still believing that this same God will provide enough funds for them to finish their education. Again I ask you all to pray for the College Fund that God would touch the hearts of many to give towards this fund and open doors beyond our wildest dreams as we take the leap of faith. To find out more about the Fund and how you can donate kindly visit their website at: <http://iamhuruma.org/>

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



Every child got a Christmas gift



Spot their new Christmas outfits

Sponsorship Desk: Trust God To Make it Happen

Here we are again sponsor parents! God has blessed us with another new year. I take this opportunity to welcome you all to journey with us again this year as we fulfill what God has called us to do. For some it's another opportunity to parent our adorable children and for others it's time to hear God and jump on board. Whatever this is for you we can trust God together to make it happen.

All our children reported back to school safe and sound and have settled back in their classes to begin another year of hard work. Thank you so much to all of you who sent them letters of your love and thoughts as they celebrated Christmas and even those that we have received this month. For those who went to spend time with their relatives and guardians we kept their letters for them and made sure that they got them when they opened school. Their faces light up every time they receive a letter from you.

Keep encouraging them and praying for them. It may sound as a small thing to do but sometimes it's all that's needed to make them become that person that you want them to be in future. Isn't it a blessing to know that you are part of that foundation and God's plan for their lives and that every word you sow into their lives is a seed of hope and greatness? You are truly blessed!

We pray that God will renew your strength and provide for your every need as you meet His this year. We know that sometimes it's not easy but I

remind you that all you need to do is look up to the one who called you into the lives of these children because He is faithful to bring it all to completion. I know some of you are trusting God to make a way for you to come to Huruma this year. Please know that we are standing together with you in prayer that God would grant the desire of your hearts for we know that in His time

He makes all things beautiful.

As our children embark on their studies we are also rolling up our sleeves to get to work. Our theme this year is "Year of Seriousness". We are happy to report that from the conversation we've been having with you since last year we are starting to see remarkable improvement in academics and the

overall discipline of the children. We are getting there one day at a time and future looks promising.

Thank you for helping us serve you by working with us to better facilitate the process of handing over gifts to your children. We hope we can continue with the same process this year. On the same note we are still encouraging that all communications between you and your child be done through the sponsorship office for credibility and accountability purposes.

We pray that this year will be a wonderful experience for you as you open your hearts to serve with us.

Sending our love and hugs....



The LORD says,
"I will guide you
along the best
pathway for your
life."

Projects 2016

Huruma family is grateful to our partners who have continually supported and given towards different projects in 2015 and over the years. Last year thanks to a team from Cornerstone we were able to begin the construction of a parking lot within the administration area which we hope will be fully completed this year. Within the same year we were also able to construct a rainwater harvesting system at our land in Gatune for purposes of farming during the dry season when there is no rainfall. We thank God for our Funding partners from Feeding Mouths Filling Minds for their support in Phase 2 of this project which included excavation and lining of the dam.

This being a new year we have a number of projects that we are trusting God to help us start working on. With the growing number of children entrusted to and cared for by Huruma one of our priority projects is to construct a perimeter wall in order to properly secure our premises. Our greatest responsibility to these children is their well being and security within the school and the Home is paramount to their wellbeing. Lately there has been a growing concern on the safety of our children owing to an increase in children caught sneaking out into the neighboring community despite the presence of 24 hour security guards. This behavior poses a great risk to our children because it also shows that anybody can easily gain access from the same loop holes that they are sneaking out from. For this reason

we've been forced to go back to the drawing board and think of security measures that can be put in place to effectively address this problem. One of the things that is already underway is installation of a surveillance system to help monitor the activities of the day within the compound both in school and at Home.

In addition to that we have also conducted an estimate to determine how many lorries of boulders will be required to construct a concrete perimeter wall and found that we will need 250 lorries to secure the whole compound. This is huge but then again is anything too hard for our God? We are putting our faith out there and taking God at His word that He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above ALL we could ASK or THINK according to the power that works in us. So we've got the power in us and we are asking you to believe God with us on this one in whichever way God is leading you to.

We thank God for the Transition team who have been helping us reinforce some of the weak points and closing up open spaces around the fence. They have been doing an amazing job but it's time to believe God for more!

May God bless you as you pray and believe with us. Together we can do it!



Sections of the current fence covered with Iron sheets



Volunteer Project Guide #2016

In 2016 we have also put together a list of areas that we feel are of priority need this year to help volunteers plan their activities ahead their visit to Huruma. For those of you who are planning to visit us this year we look forward to your coming and your contributions towards any of this areas will be valuable in making our school a better place than it is today.

PROJECTS:

E-learning Software training for Teachers
Professional development courses for Teachers
Teachers Washroom
Teachers Classroom Desk with locking Drawer
Teachers Classroom Chairs
Outdoor Steel Garbage Cans throughout Huruma
New Classroom Desks
New Classroom Chairs
Classroom & Staffroom Lighting
Staffroom Chairs

Staffroom Shelves
Classroom Shelves
Science Lab stools
Science Lab Shelves & Cabinet
Library Windows
Library Recording Desktop
Computer
Electricity Restoration in Library
Computer Lab Tables
Computer Lab Chairs
Computer Lab Computers
Staffroom Clock
Classroom Clocks

Electronic School Bell
Staffroom Updated & Painted
Classroom Blackboards Refinished & Framed
Blackboard Ledge installed for eraser & chalk
Hooks in each classroom for hanging school bags
Paint Computer Room
Paint Library
Paint all Classrooms

FUNDING INITIATIVES

Presidents Award
Soccer Team
Scouts
Creative Arts
Pastry Program
Sewing Program
Tutoring Program (in top 4 subjects)



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I am Huruma College Fund

The College Fund is a program of I AM HURUMA which is a non-profit organization that was founded to assist orphaned children of Huruma get College education. The program was founded by Brenda Banda, a dear friend and volunteer of Huruma whose passion for Huruma started when she first travelled to Kenya with a team of volunteers who organized a sports camp for High school children. Little did she know that she was setting out on a journey that would change her life forever.

Last year Pastor Jojo, a former child and beneficiary of Huruma travelled to the US in December and had an opportunity to speak at a fundraising dinner organized by Brenda that brought together a group of people from the corporate world. He shared his story living and growing up in Huruma and his passion to come back and serve at the Home as a resident pastor. He is currently juggling between school where he is pursuing a second degree at Pan Africa Christian University and giving back as a big brother and an exemplary role model to his younger brothers and sisters at the Orphanage who look up to him with so much pride and respect.



Pastor Jojo (second left) with Brenda (right)



Pastor Jojo on the far right

On behalf of Huruma Trust Fund and the children supported by this ministry we would like to extend our gratitude to all those who came out for the fundraising dinner. Your presence and contribution towards our children's education is invaluable. This year we have rolled out the program with the first group of 13 students joining Colleges here in Kenya. This is a dream come true and I guarantee you that you are changing lives from miles away beyond your imagination. We can only hope and pray that God will continue to grow this program and that in the near future a story will be told of young men and women who made it in life through your support.

Join us today...there is power in numbers!
<http://iamhuruma.org/> God bless you mightily!



Final Note

We have come to the end of our updates this month. We can never thank you enough for your love, support friendship and prayers. We have come a long way together and we thank God for the opportunity to begin again this year. We believe that God has gone ahead of us and ahead of every plan and be it big or small we can trust God. We are looking forward to a great year and praying that God will see us through every step of the way.

I would like to end this edition with the words of Paul in Philippians 4:8-9;

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

May the God of peace keep and guard your hearts until we meet again on our next update!!

In His Service,
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