



Huruma Family Monthly Newsletter

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Tis The Season to Be Jolly.....

Merry Christmas everybody!

The long awaited season is finally here with us! We are so blessed to celebrate yet another Christmas with you all and we hope that God has preserved you all under the shadow of His wings.

This is one of the exciting times of the year for us here at Huruma. Talk about lots of play with schools closed, visitors coming in almost every other weekend with snacks and gifts for the children and of course looking forward to special meals and presents on Christmas day.

Our children could not be any happier to be able to celebrate Christmas like every other family. This has always been the heart and passion of our dear Mama Zipporah; to give the orphan children a place to call home and place to belong. It has been raining heavily the past few weeks and one morning Mama was very sad because it had been raining for three consecutive days and she thought about her children in the slums and how difficult it is when it rains.

In this edition of our newsletter our hearts are full of nothing but thanksgiving to you our partners and friends of Huruma. Every year you have fed our children and their families, educated them, clothed and given them shelter. You have made their world a better place and given them hope for the future.

For this we are eternally grateful to God for you! We hope that as you read this newsletter you will also join us in counting our blessings and giving thanks to God. To all our volunteers who took time to come and serve with

us in the ministry may God bless you! To all those who came and brought us donations in cash and in kind so that our children never lacked may you also never lack! To all our sponsor parents who have loved our children as your own may God shower you with His endless love and blessings.

To all our partners from Cornerstone Arizona, Liquid Church Australia, Canada and all around the world we wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016!

Huruma Family: From Mama's Heart to Yours

Beloved Partners and Family of God,

The Psalmist wrote, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits towards me? How can I repay Him for all His bountiful dealings?" As I sit down to write to you again this month I echo the same sentiments as the Psalmist for all the great and wonderful things the Lord has done to us this month. It's been one of the greatest month's for me and my children and to think that we have come this far fills my heart with gratitude to God because He has walked with us since the year begun. Immediately the Leigh's Blankie team left the Australian team pitched camp! I have been so blessed this year to host one team after another amidst traveling for fundraising missions. God has continued to renew my strength with every passing day and I thank God so much that by His Grace He has enabled me to come this far.

The Australian team did an amazing job with the adopt a basket program which has continued to grow in leaps and bounds. Every year our families get a basket of food for Christmas through the program at a colorful ceremony dubbed Huruma Fun day. Initially the program started with 40 baskets for our slum families and has this year grown to over 400 baskets. Parents came in huge numbers to receive their Christmas basket and we thank God for Pastor Murray and Caz Holmes lead pastors of Liquid church Australia for being a blessing to our families. We also know that the entire church, elders and friends of the church play a great role towards this program and on behalf of all our parents I extend our gratitude to them as well.



On the same month my children also had an opportunity to receive the gift of baptism. When I recently visited Australia one of the things that Pastor Murray and Caz Holmes asked to do during their mission to Huruma this year was if they could have a baptism service. When I got back home we started planning for it with the school chaplain and with the help of our pastor Jojo the service was successfully held with over 60 children baptized. It was a wonderful day and I thank God for filling the gap that was left by my late husband who used to fulfill this role.



To crown the month we also received donations from the Coca-Cola company of food stuffs, shoes and books for our children. We cannot thank them enough for their continued support over the years. As we begin the year 2016 our hearts are full as my children boast of a new pair of school shoes. What a blessing this is to us! I am reminded of a time in my life when I was struggling to put a meal on the table and in my pain I made a statement that my Kenyan people will one day feed me. I did not know that I was making a prayer and that God had heard me but looking back now and seeing all the donations that we receive every year from different organizations and individuals here in Kenya is a testimony of an answered prayer.

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Our children enjoyed a whole day of fun with Coca-Cola as they danced and shared their drinks with them. We also thank God for all my other local partners and friends who have been a blessing to us this year. I may not mention all of you by name but I pray that the God who sees what is done in secret will reward you all for meeting the needs of the orphaned. Because of you my children have not lacked a meal on their table, clothing and shoes on their feet. We make mention of you in our daily prayers and we know that God shall supply all your needs as well.



We are now bracing ourselves for the special season of Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have not stopped singing Christmas Carols in readiness for the jolly season! I am currently fulfilling my role of being a full time mother to my dear children who remain with me at the Home during this season. With only a few days to go and as the year draws to a close we cannot help but sing for joy in thankfulness to Him.

Special thanks to Cornerstone Church in Chandler AZ, who have stood with me through the straight and narrow and enabled me to give my children a Christmas gift in addition to a special meal.

Thank you for making the year 2015 a great year for us! On behalf of Huruma Family I wish you and your families a wonderful Merry Christmas and a very prosperous year 2016.

To God be all the glory!

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS!!

Sponsorship Desk: A Big Thank you!

Merry Christmas from Huruma Family to Yours,

What can we say our dear sponsor parents but to thank you for your love and unwavering support to our children. When the year begun I am sure that most of you had a lot financial needs and responsibilities to take care of but you still chose to remain true to your pledges and support for Huruma.

Thank you for going an extra mile amidst many other things unknown to us to give our children your very best. Thank you for giving cheerfully and joyfully towards their education. When we see our children graduate from Colleges and Universities with degrees and do so well we cannot help but thank God for you. We owe all those degrees to your sacrifice and undying love for us.

Thank you also for believing in our children and encouraging them to explore their potential. You have rekindled new hope, given them the confidence to believe in themselves regardless of their broken histories. You have been the family that they never had and have taught them the true meaning of love. You have taught them that family is more than blood and by doing so exemplified the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year alone by the grace of God and through your giving we have managed to educate a total of 152 children out of a total of 200 orphans in Primary and Secondary levels. In 2016 we have a total of 29 students joining different institutions of higher learning thanks to the College Fund.

As we reminisce on all the blessings this year we count you twice and look forward to the New year in 2016 full of hope! May God bless you and meet all your needs according to His riches untold and

continue to bind us together with chords of love that can never be broken.

Thank you for partnering with us to serve the vision of Huruma.

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Volunteer Experience



A note from Andra...

Dear Friends,

Oh goodness, where to begin? :) God is so good.

On November 8th our Leigh's Blankie Transition Team left for Huruma Children's Home in Ngong Hills, Kenya to equip 23 young adults to start life on their own. With the help of many generous families and the support of Huruma we supplied each student with a "Housing Kit" that included all the basic necessities for them to be independent. We spent our first week teaching them life skills like budgeting, negotiating in the market, maintaining healthy lifestyles and relationships and the importance of being in God's word each day. They also took a spiritual gifts class and determined the special gifts God has blessed them with. Each morning they received a yummy breakfast as we did devotions together. At the end of the week, it was move day. Can you imagine moving 23 orphans into tiny homes in a 3rd world country? Emotions flooded my mind just as I think of that day. After making their beds, hanging their curtains and making their house a home, their mother (Mama Zipporah) sat with them on their beds. She told us their stories in detail on how they came to live with her at Huruma.

Many of the students cried as she spoke of their parents who had died of HIV or were too ill to care for him or had ultimately abandoned them. Then Mama would cry over each of them as she poured her heart out to God in prayer, asking for His protection and thanking Him for His provision. Our lives will be forever changed because of this experience. What a privilege for our team to be a part of this important season of their lives. And what a privilege to do God's work. We were also able to see the group that transitioned out of the orphanage last year. The majority of them have held their employment at Huruma and have been coming to church each week over the past year. Mama Z is so proud of them and so are we!! She has communicated many times her gratefulness to God for giving us the vision of the Transition Project and how it has impacted the lives of her children in such a positive way. Praise God!

I want to personally thank you all again for your prayers, support and encouragement for the projects God has called us to at Huruma. And if you'd like to read about our day to day experiences during our trip and see a lot of fun pictures, visit www.leighsblankies.blogspot.com. I'd also like to invite you to an informational meeting in January for our Leigh's Blankie Sewing Team leaving for Kenya the middle of June! If you'd like more information, please let me know.

With much love,
Andra Good
Leigh's Blankies-Director

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A Note from Glenn on Adopt a Basket



Well, getting very close to the end, 3 days to go and we have just finished one of the most satisfying 2 days of my life, What has just taken place cannot be described in words, it cannot be shown in pictures it has to be lived. you will never experience true gratitude like we have experienced this past weekend.

425 food baskets were distributed to the areas most needy. Families from the slums local and wide came to Huruma dressed in their finest clothes to receive what they see as a blessing from God. This could not have been made possible without the extraordinary generosity of our friends and family back home, I wish I could bottle the emotion and bring it home to for you to experience, it was very over whelming. It brings home to reality when an 80ish year old lady with no teeth and a hunch back gives you a hug and won't let you go then asks for your assistance to put a 25+ kg basket ON HER HEAD so she can start walking it home....I won't guess how far that was, we seriously need to harden up this basket was a month's worth of food for her.



Caz Holmes: My favorite day of the year is when I get to hand out the Adopt a Baskets in Kenya to people who are struggling, on behalf of so many generous people. My heart is full!!



The Dam is Finally Full!!

We thank God for the heavy rains! This time around all that water did not go to waste and our joy is now complete. A time like this last year this was all bare land and we could not even plant anything because Maasai's used to graze their cattle there. Now our farm looks green with maize and beans and the stored water will help us a great deal come next year when the rains are gone.

The next step will be for us to roof the system by covering it with a shade net to reduce evaporation in January when it's usually dry and scorching hot. As usual we are grateful to our funding partners Feeding Mouths; Filling Minds for contributing towards this noble and transformational course.



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Final Note

There you have it! We have come to the end of year 2015 and we can confidently say that God has been good to us all! As we celebrate the gift of Jesus during this special season let us not forget that He is the reason our paths crossed and our hands joined. A true indication of His great love for all mankind that no matter how far and wide the east is from the west His love for us travels across the chasm to bring us all together and in Him we have become family!

We send you warm wishes of love and good tidings during this Christmas season. May the gift of Christmas fill your hearts and your families and the peace of God abound in your homes.

From all of us here at Huruma we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and fulfilled year 2016!

In His Service,
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Project Coordinator, Huruma Trust Fund



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