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Happy New Month Partners & Friends!

Welcome to this edition of our monthly newsletter! It's always a joy to write to you and we hope and pray that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones fine. The month of June has been yet another wonderful period and we thank God so much for His unfailing faithfulness and goodness that He continues to shine upon us every day. Our children are happy, healthy and full of life and these are all blessings to be grateful for with every passing day. They had gone on a short midterm break and are now back to school and carrying on with their studies.

During the month, the children were privileged to have different well-wishers visiting the home and we thank God that in His own supernatural way He has always sent people our way so that our children feel loved and are provided for. Among those who visited the Home, was Dr. Guy Djoken, President of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He learnt about us through an organization called Global Scribes which helped initiate Huruma Global Scribes Club.

The children and club members were ecstatic to meet him and have an interview session with him on different issues ranging from his view on world peace which is the backbone of the club to his favorite food. His words of wisdom and encouragement was a great inspiration to the children and we thank God that despite his busy schedule he still found time to visit our Home. We are also blessed to have volunteer teams from Cornerstone who started streaming in beginning mid-June. The first team already left and we just ushered in the second team. This is definitely one of the most exciting seasons of the year and we pray that as they open up their hearts to reach out to and love on our children that God will shower them with His unending blessings.

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We also have some new developments coming up in school this is all thanks to Susan Cousineau who is doing an amazing job in helping us strengthen relationships between teachers, students and sponsors with the sole purpose of improving academic performance of the children. Look out for our academic newsletter which we will be launching soon this month. The newsletter will specifically target academics and will be sent out to all sponsors with an aim of helping them monitor their child's performance throughout the year and see how best he or she can support their child to do better in school. We thank Susan for the wonderful job that she is doing in fostering this so passionately and effectively and we hope that you will all join us in supporting her for the benefit of our children. These children are our highest priority and the long term goal for Huruma is to lay a good and strong foundation that will prepare them for life outside the comfort of Huruma and a good education is paramount to this success.

We wish you a happy reading as you catch up with the latest news from Huruma Family!

Huruma Family

From Mama's Heart to Yours

Greetings from Huruma family! I hope and pray that God has kept you all and your families. God has been so good to us and I thank Him for preserving us all in His Grace. Last month was quite a difficult time for us and it was hard to comprehend the death of two people at the same time but I thank God that He gave us strength to accept knowing that everything happens according to His will. In that regard, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, your giving and words of encouragement, we felt your love and care all around us and may our good Lord bless you. Special thanks goes to Cornerstone Church Arizona and Liquid Church Australia for your generous contribution towards the funeral expenses your support enabled us to give Christine an honorable send off and as a mother I felt so good to be able to do that for my child. Her siblings are doing well and Monicas children as well we thank God that He has seen them through this tough time and we continue praying that they will never feel alone but that His love will surround and fill their lives every day.

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This month my heart is so full of thanksgiving when I look at everything that God has done for me and my children. God has continued to honor and grant us favor over and beyond our expectations. This month we were privileged to have Dr. Guy Djoken president of UNESCO visit our Home. He was on a mission to Africa and he learnt about us through an organization called Global Scribes who have a partnership with us. They recommended his visit to our Home and I was so humbled that he was able to make it because he is a very busy man due to his position. He was very impressed to meet the children and members of the Global Scribes club and I must say I felt very proud to see my children take lead in interviewing him. We gave him a tour around the Home to see what we are doing and he shared a few words of wisdom with the children. He encouraged the children to never say "I can't" and replace that with the words "I can" stating that nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself.



Mama Zipporah with Dr. Guy



Dr. Guy, Mama and Global Scribes club members

We also received guests from Cornerstone, Lydia Corbin and her team of three who volunteered at the Home for two weeks. In Lydia's words it was a small but mighty team! They organized a teachers conference and this time around catering was done in house and it was very successful. The second team is still with us they just finished a one week Kids Camp for the small children and are currently on Safari at Masai Mara. I thank God so much for everyone of you who reach out to come and help me enrich the lives of this children spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically. You are

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such a blessing and it's always a pleasure to have you come and spend time with us. I look forward to welcoming all the other teams that are preparing to come this year and those of you that are praying to come one day may God make a way for you. We love visitors here at Huruma and you are always welcome!

As you go through the month of July please know that you are always in our prayers and we care about you so much. May God bless you in everything you do and may His powerful hand rest upon you always to guide and protect you and your families. My children send their love and greetings to you all and I hope that you receive them. Until next month let's keep praying for one another.

In God's Grace,
Mama Zipporah

Health News

The month of June has been happy and healthy! Once again we have not had any serious health cases except for minor cuts and injuries as the children run around and play. Two small boys got injured while playing at the swings and as a precautionary measure we had the swings removed and teachers were advised to keep a closer watch on the young ones as they play just to make sure that they are not playing dangerously or in a way that will hurt them....this is especially common with boys but oh well it's all part of growing up and as the saying goes, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." I wonder why the person who coined that saying had to use boys as an example...? Anyway that's for another day! Our HIV children are doing great. They are still continuing with their monthly clinic at Lea Toto and we thank God that they have not had any complications. Keep praying for them as they put up a brave fight everyday by taking their drugs and eating healthy to stay alive and happy. We are grateful to everyone who supports these dear ones and to Lea Toto for helping them with their drugs and counseling every month. Until the next update...here's to another happy and healthy month!

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Sponsorship Desk by Dorcas Wanza

Welcome to the sponsorship Desk June News!

This month mine is just thanksgiving for everything that the Lord has done. As you know the month of May was a difficult one for all of us here. We lost one of our sponsored kids by the name Christine Katungwa and our Social Worker Monica on the same day. It was such a big loss and a sad start of the month but we thank God that His Grace was sufficient. Allow me to take this opportunity to pass more condolences to Christine's sponsor Lelia Hattersley, I know she was so close to her having been her sponsor for quite a long time. I also want to thank you for the positive impact that you had in her life and for putting many smiles on her face here on earth. I urge you all to please remember Christine's siblings and Monicah's children in your prayers that God will continue upholding them in His Mighty hand.

We also thank God for enabling us to send all the June letters from our Kids to their sponsors and pen pals without experiencing any technical challenges. We were able to ensure a smooth correspondence between our children and their sponsors and we always thank God for you all. We are excited to have visitors coming from Arizona. The first team of volunteers left a week ago and the second team just got here. It's always a great joy for the kids to see their lovely friends and sponsors and I had an opportunity to meet with Ms Lydia Corbin who is the Sponsorship Manager at Cornerstone and discuss a few issues with her.

Finally, I just want to appreciate all our sponsors, for their prayers, financial support and for their unconditional love to our kids. Our hearts are full when we look at how much you have done and continue to do with so much love. May our mighty God bless you. We send our love and prayers to you and your families!

Lets meet again next month for more updates!

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Huruma School News

Greetings from Huruma School!

It's a pleasure to write to you again and we thank God for sailing us through yet another month. The month of June has been both busy and exciting. We have been working tirelessly to complete the curriculum so that we can create ample time for the students to do their revision. So far our efforts have been worthwhile as we have successfully managed to complete the form four syllabus which is one of the critical classes that we have this year and who will be expected to sit for their final high school examination towards the end of this year.

Having completed the syllabus, teachers are now focusing on training them to conduct their own personal studies using different revision books which are specially tailor made to help candidates prepare for their final exams. On 22nd to 24th June the children also sat for midterm exams before they went on a short midterm break to evaluate what they have learnt for the first half of the term. High school results are yet to be released but the primary results are out and most children performed fairly well. Teachers have reported a slight improvement in performance compared to the opener exams and we hope and pray that they will continue with the same spirit of hard work and determination in order to achieve even better results by the end of the term. They are now back in school and learning is going on as planned.

Moving on to more exciting news! We had a team of volunteers from Cornerstone Church Arizona and they organized a two day teachers conference. We had an amazing time sharing and learning from one another on a wide array of topics ranging from goal setting, how to become better teachers, organizational skills both in the classroom and as a person among others. We also enjoyed a special treat of chips and chicken for lunch prepared by our very own chef at the Home and the conference was very successful. To wrap up the second day we went out for yoghurt and ice cream. We thank Cornerstone volunteers for thinking about us and for the wonderful work that they are doing to make Huruma a better place by sacrificing their time to train and equip our teachers with new knowledge and skills for the benefit of our

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children. In addition, we are grateful to Mama Zipporah for her support and love through the years and for trusting us with her children.

As we embark on the second half of the term as always we need your prayers that God will give us wisdom and strength to play our part as teachers and grant our children clarity of thought and understanding so they can excel in their academics. Until the next update may our good Lord bless and keep you all.

Global Scribes Club

Club members had the privilege of hosting the CEO and President of UNESCO Dr. Guy Djoken on 26th June 2015. The students had an interactive session with him and conducted an interview on him about his personal background, his contribution to world peace and how he was able to overcome his childhood obstacles and rise to become who he is today. He was a great inspiration to the children and we thank Global Scribes Organization for coming up with this such a great initiative that has provided an opportunity for our children to meet such great people.

Presidents Award Club

Members of the club were awarded with Bronze and Silver certificates by the Presidential Award office. The next award will be gold and members of the club are scheduled to participate in a five day camp at Aberdare ranges near Mt. Kenya in order to qualify for the gold certificate. The certificates will be issued at State House by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya. This is yet another great opportunity and we thank God that our children are part of it.

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The Next Big Project

In 2009 God touched a man of God by the name Pastor Allan Kiuna during a church conference that Mama had attended and he donated 5 acres of very good land in an area called Gatune to the Home. This is a blessing that has since grown from little to becoming much and God has expanded and increased us beyond our imagination. Since then Mama has managed to acquire another 10 acres to make it 15 acres and we believe that this is just the beginning, God has plenty more in store for us!

We all know how much Mama struggles to feed her children and it is for this reason that this project is so close to her heart. Her dream is to develop the land purposely for farming so she can grow maize and beans for her children an idea that is expected to reduce the cost of buying food significantly. The most amazing thing is that when Mama first went to the place there were practically no roads and it was extremely difficult to access the land. In fact a story is told of how one time Mama went with some visitors to see the land and it rained so heavily that they got stuck and had to spend the night there thanks to one old lady who was kind enough to let them into her house. Now the roads have been done all the way to the farm and this is such a great relief and a blessing from God.

In addition God confirmed His promise in scripture that our boundaries will always fall in pleasant places. It so happens that the area has been earmarked by the government for the construction of a bypass road and a modern railway just adjacent to the farm and this means that the area will open up drastically in terms of all things development in the near future. This is all the doing of the Lord and it is truly marvelous in our eyes!

Gatune is characterized as a semi-arid area that borders Kajiado County, an area that is predominantly inhabited by the pastoral Maasai Community. The soil is very fertile but water scarcity is the greatest challenge. People are forced to walk for many kilometers in search of water for domestic, livestock and agricultural production. Climate change has also led to diminishing sources of water making rainwater the only alternative source. However majority of the people there live in a state of desperation

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and hopelessness due to the many challenges that they face and women are left struggling to fend for their families and put a meal on the table. Mama envisions the project as a source of hope that will bring a new awakening to the communities around by demonstrating rainwater harvesting as an alternative source of water for agricultural production. With the little knowledge that she had she excavated a small shallow well to trap surface runoff and the well still stores some water when it rains.

Fortunately in 2014, Mama made contact with a rainwater harvesting technician who was involved in implementing rainwater harvesting projects and she benefited from a 50,000-litre rainwater harvesting structure that is lined to control water loss through seepage and roofed to prevent evaporation. Having learnt of the technology Mama felt the need to scale it up in order to maximize production and achieve the desired result. She shared the project concept with partners and friends of Huruma and this year an organization called Feeding Mouths, Feeling Minds has come on board to help fund phase 1 of the project which intends to construct a system that can hold upto 1, 000,000-litres of water. Mama also plans to adopt drip irrigation in order to help in water management and prevent wastage because every drop counts.

At the moment plans to fence the land is on-going and we are hoping to put an electric fence all around to keep off animals and especially monkeys which are very common in the area and are notorious for destroying crops. Fencing poles are currently under construction and will be erected soon to pave way for the start of the project. We also thank God because we recently got a permit to drill a borehole for the supply of clean drinking water. Mama intends to have a water kiosk in future to sell water to the community and hopefully help solve part of the water crisis while at the same time generating some extra income for Huruma. The dream is far from being realized but we are glad that we are making progress and we know that with God all things are possible.

Please keep this project in your prayers that God will make a way for it to happen far beyond what we are envisioning right now and bring it to a fruitful completion. We know that He makes all things beautiful in His time and while we are waiting to celebrate the complete package we will give thanks for every step we make as we

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move along. As always, we will keep you posted on the progress and may God bless you as you keep this wonderful project in your prayers.

Children's Voice

A Day Well Spent with Dr. Guy Djoken By Susan Njeri



Susan poses for a photo with Dr. Guy

It was pleasure being with him-it took her time preparing for the day but sincerely it was not in vain. Interacting with him was the best I had from him. It was nice talking to him regarding as while I asked him if he was to be an animal for one day which animal he would be and surprisingly he said an eagle because it goes to wherever it wants to go and is kind. My sister I wished to be a lion like a lion is determined to getting what he/she wants. All his encouragements were good. It was good to hear of his background since it was encouraging. He is so humble and sunny he is an example to many and he will be a hero someday. We hope to see him again and get more of the fun we had.

Quotes from Dr. Guy

- ✚ Never lose hope. I have seen wealthy children who are miserable and unhappy because they have no hope
- ✚ Believe and you will achieve.
- ✚ Never apologize for dreaming big. If your dreams don't scare you it is not big enough
- ✚ Faith and the power of dreams overcomes all obstacles in life

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Prayer & Thanksgiving

Prayer Items for the Year 2015

- Pray for Gatune project
- Pray for financial provision to meet all the financial needs
- Pray for continued provision of food
- Pray for Cornerstone Volunteer groups that God will use them greatly in their missions this year and grant them safe travel to Kenya and back
- Pray for all our children as they study hard in school
- Pray for our form four students as they prepare for Mock exams
- Pray for good health for our children
- Pray for our staff as they serve these wonderful children
- Pray for renewed strength for Mama as she carries this great vision

Thanksgiving

We thank God

- For enabling us to see yet another new month
- For enabling us to meet all the funeral expenses for Christine and Monica
- For providing for all our financial and basic needs
- For good health for all our children
- For granting Cornerstone Volunteers safe travel
- For granting us favor before Him and before men
- For all the visitors who visited our Home and gave generously to our children
- For all our partners for your continued support
- For you who is reading our newsletter for being a friend of Huruma

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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That's all we have for you this month. We hope that you enjoyed reading from us and catching up with all the news updates from our end. I recently read a very inspiring quote that I thought I should share with you..That *the happiest people are not those who have but those who are thankful.* Imagine how happy we all and the world would be if we only kept an attitude of thanksgiving. Many times we tie our

happiness to material things and think that the more we have the happier we would be but the magic is in being thankful for everything and at all times every single day. It's no wonder the Bible tells us in the book of Thessalonians 5:18 that we give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

As you thank God for His blessings this month remember that it's Gods will for you to be happy and the secret to true happiness can only be found in thanksgiving. We always thank God for you and make mention of you in prayers and we know that our good Lord will bless you with every good and perfect blessing as you pour yourself out as a vessel in His Kingdom.

In His Service

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