



Huruma Monthly Newsletter

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A Busy and Sunny September.....

Hello Wonderful Family!

Receive warm September greetings from us all. Just so you know it's been so hot and dusty here so warm is just a polite word for hot but all the same we are blessed of the Lord! As usual we thank God for giving us yet another privilege to write to you again this month.

We celebrate Gods goodness and faithfulness yet again as Huruma Family and as we share with you all the good things He has done may His Name be glorified all the more. Let's refresh our memory a little on the previous update. I did inform you that Mama will be travelling to Australia for the very first time on a fundraising mission. Guess what she did and she is back with a Hallelujah report! Catch more updates on her experience in the land of meat lovers as she now describes them in her section-Mama's Heart to Yours. Mama is also a grandmother for the second time. I promise you when it comes to Mama's stories you are in for a treat!

We have exciting news from the sponsorship desk. A lot has been going on in that docket in an effort to enhance relationships between our parent sponsors and our kids. We are glad to report that the response from parent sponsors so far has been positive and we look forward to more of that. This is also where we like to encourage feedback and in this section of the newsletter we will be exploring ideas that we feel will help us better improve your engagement with our kids. We are also making some tough decisions on this one and saying that sometimes tough love is necessary if our kids are to succeed both now and in future.

On project updates, the team from Feeding Mouths; Filling Minds finally made it to Huruma. We can never say enough of this project and it's no wonder that the fundraising team are such wonderful people. They came ready and set to work on site and you will be surprised to see how hard they worked despite the hot sun. For all this and more I encourage you to keep reading this edition of the newsletter....you cannot afford to miss a single detail!

We love you.

Huruma Family: From Mama's Heart to Yours

My Covenant Partners and Friends of Huruma,



Praise God this month! I pray that our good Lord has kept you all since I last wrote to you. I am well God has been so gracious to me and my children and I am ever so thankful to Him for His unending blessings over my life.

When I talk of blessings words fail me because it's not because God found me deserving of His blessings neither is it

because I am better than somebody else. It humbles me every day that God has chosen me as a vessel in His hand for His glory. It humbles me that He did not choose me because I am strong but just because He chose me. What an amazing God we serve that even when He has better options He would still choose me and you. This is what encourages me to wake up every morning and do what He has called me to do.

My month has been a beehive of activities with juggling between, hosting guests, being a mother, an ambassador in Australia, a new grandmother and everything in between. To start with I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who visited while I was away too bad I missed you but as I always say

Huruma is your Home regardless of whether I am in or not and you are always welcome.

Australia was an amazing experiences oh my goodness I love Australians! First of all I have never in my life encountered people who love meat as much as Australians. Every meal every single day is never complete without meat and I was telling my children that if meat could talk it would call Australians by name. I had a time of my life in Australia from boat riding to walks in the beautiful beaches, to living in my own rented apartment with the Pastor. I felt loved in so many different ways that it's hard to put it all down in writing. I did not know I was so important until people literally started bidding to have lunch with me-WOW! That to me was incredibly special, I felt dignified and celebrated; I felt their love for Huruma in such a special way. Special



thanks to Liquid Church for making this happen and for making my stay there memorable and comfortable may our Father who sees what is done in secret reward

you all in broad daylight.

I am back home safe and on arrival my bouquet of flowers was my grandson Joshua who was born that very morning just a few hours before I arrived. So I went straight to

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Hospital from the airport and oh the joys of being a grandmother. He is such a handsome little man and I thank God for blessing my daughter Caroline with this beautiful bundle of joy. Having been a mother to many all my life it has always been my culture to care for the newborns and nurse them in my own room until they are big enough. Now that I am a grandmother my grandson also deserves a treat so his mom and him are currently staying with me for a few weeks and I am loving every minute of it.

As I bring my long stories to a close I cannot forget to thank you our partners and friends for your continued support financially, in kind and through your prayers. We always thank

God for you and your love for me and my children will never go unnoticed. I know that you are praying for us and so are we too for that is the wind under our wings. We love you beyond words and may God bless you all so much and meet your needs according to His rich supply in Heaven.

I hope I did a good job in sharing with you my blessings this past month. Until next time...I'll be enjoying being a mother and a grandmother and I will be praying for you!

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



Sponsorship Desk

Esteemed Sponsor Parents,

It's often said that change is inevitable and necessary for growth. You cannot keep doing the same thing and expect different results. This is the reality that has been resonating

with us here at Huruma for the past few months now.

We have been asking ourselves what can we do different to add more value to the lives of our children in as far as their education is

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concerned? What are some of the gaps that need to be bridged in order to make Huruma children the pride of not just their sponsors but the society at large?

If you have been following our Academic bulletin you will agree with me that new modalities and tools have been put in place in an effort to enhance engagement and interaction between our kids and their parent sponsors. For those of who have been lucky to visit Huruma recently you noticed that our conversations with you were mainly focused on matters academics. I am glad to report that so far your response has been positive and very receptive. I watched sponsor parents hold academic follow up meetings with their kids and their teachers to discuss areas that their kids may be struggling with and how best to help them. I watched them set expectations for them in regards to their performance in school and I guarantee you that we are setting the bar high on this one.

It's all about going an extra mile to find out not just what your child is reporting or writing to you but what their teachers are saying about their performance. It's about goal setting with your child in exchange for a reward once they achieve that goal. I must say it was very encouraging to see some of the parent sponsors begin to take lead on this with their children and I take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your support and action to make this dream a reality.

If ever there was a time that these children needed our presence in their lives it is now! Huruma children's Home and School is the place of transformation for these kids but it will require us as the only parents that some

of these kids have ever known and will ever know to help them through it.

As you play your part we are also thinking of other ways to better improve your engagement with our kids. The Academic newsletter which is sent out monthly is one way among other tools that are in the pipeline like face times with them and their teachers, integrating your participation in existing programs like Men talk/Girl talk, mentorship clubs, Transition, Creative Arts etc.

We are asking you to rally around us in whichever way you feel can benefit the lives of these children. We recently had one sponsor parent volunteer to equip our Chemistry lab with money that she had fundraised from friends back home. This was one area that was much needed especially now when our grade 12 students are sitting for their final examinations. Now they can confidently walk into their once empty laboratory and do their experiments with ease because they have the equipment.

As we come to the close of the year we are looking to come up with areas of need that require utmost priority in school and see how we can make 2016 a better academic year than 2015.

We believe with all our hearts that this is what God has called us to do because if these children excel we excel too. If they become great men and women in our nation and beyond we get to ride on it too but the most important thing is not even for us to share in their glory but for them to make it in life. This is every parent's greatest joy and I believe Gods too as evidenced in His word in *Jeremiah*

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29:11-that His plans are to prosper us and give us a hope and a future.

The beauty of it all is knowing that as we serve these little ones we are serving our heavenly Father and advancing His kingdom because Jesus said let the children come to me for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

What a joy and a blessing these children are to us. I hope that you will all stand to be counted among those who not only put a smile on the orphaned but who also contributed towards making them somebody today and in future.

Only then will God reward us both in the present life and in the life to come.

I end with Mama's inspiring words that this vision calls us to be the voice for those too young.

We love you sponsor parents and congratulations for a job well done! We look forward to continuing our partnership with you.

God bless you!

Gatune Water Project



You've probably heard enough of this project but not so fast...we still have exciting developments to share with you this month. As mentioned in the

previous newsletter the team from Feeding Mouths Filling Minds finally arrived in Kenya as planned. Led by the President and Founder of the organization-Maria Nicholas Grooves they were ecstatic to see the progress that had been done on the project. Their arrival was just in time for Mama's return from Australia which made it even more fun and productive. As soon as they got to Huruma they were all set for the site visit as soon as the following day.

However it was not until on the third day that we were able to make the first site visit upon Mama's return. Accompanying them was

Water-Tech Innovations Kenya Technical expert Ronald Kamadi who supervised the entire implementation process of the project to completion. After an interactive project briefing and a tour of the project components the team of six got to work carrying heavy boulders for the construction of a smaller pond which Huruma intends to use for fish rearing.

Thus also gave them an opportunity to get a feel of the construction of the pond which was at the dam lining stage. Thanks to team work the pond was lined and boulders placed all around to hold the liner in place within a very short time. Maria who had visited the area a few years back when Mama was still trying to locate where the land was, was very impressed with the progress that had been done. At the time it was almost close to impossible to get to the land because there was practically no road and they had to navigate their way through bushes and shrubs to get through but only to a certain point.

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This was no longer the case and it was amazing to see how fast the area has opened up since then. What's more the project which is already a success is envisaged to bring many more blessings and developments as evidenced by the quality of work that has been done there. Community members have been streaming to the site to check out the project and are very impressed with the technology.

For FMFM, their greatest joy is to know that another community will be birthed through the project and water scarcity will soon be a thing of the past when Mama starts harvesting water in the systems. Even better, once the water is harvested Huruma can start growing their own crops to help subsidize the cost of buying food at the institution. Currently Phase two of the project has been completed and we now await the predicted Elnino rains so that we can start harvesting our first rain water. Phase 3 of the project is also on the pipeline and some of the key components includes:

- Establishment of 1 acre garden under drip irrigation for horticultural production
- Drilling borehole water with a water Kiosk for supply of clean drinking water
- Lining of Mama's baby well and roofing of both structures to maximize water holding capacity

Thank you FMFM et al. We love you to pieces



Final Note

For the first time I had an opportunity to walk in Mama's shoes for two weeks while she was in Australia and I can tell you for sure that it was not a walk in the park. Talk about waking up to children cases every morning waiting in line for me to hear them out sometimes all day. One minute you are settling this and the next minute it's this other thing in between another one crops up. Wow my plate was so full at some point I wished God would give an extra pair of ears, eyes, mouth, feet and hands or just an extra pair of me haha. On the brighter side of it waking up to the sound of worship music every morning as the kids prepared for morning chapel signaled the dawning of a new day. No matter how tough the previous day was I could not help but thank God for yet another opportunity to fulfill His purpose knowing that He gives us new strength for every day.

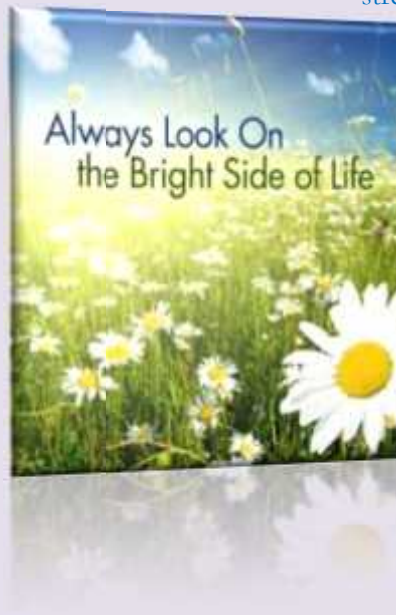
Sometimes we find ourselves stuck in our yesterdays and end up missing out on the joys of today. Every day has its own share of challenges but look on the brighter side you are still here and that's because you made it! There is always

something to smile about, a new experience to experience and new huddles to overcome but in all these times one thing stands out--how you end and beginning your day. When you end your day with God and begin a new day with Him you can be sure it's gonna be a great experience. Even when the skies are grey you will always draw strength from Him and find something to laugh about and thank God for allowing you to experience life hand in hand with Him.

All in all Mama is back up and running like her usual self, she has not rested one day since she got back here and her world just never seems to stop! Again I don't know how she does it but it definitely feels good to have her back home.

Before I bring this to an end I cannot forget to thank you all so much for your love, prayers and support. You are an amazing family and a treasure in the hearts of our children. Thank you Australia for spoiling our mother and treating her like the queen that she is. We look forward to hosting you and Leigh's Blankies team from Arizona soon. It's gonna be a full house of fun and serving!

**In His Service,
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