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Most of these young people were not yet born when in 1998 we discovered Kadzinuni. You, our supporters are transforming their lives!

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On 11th February 2003 the Friends of Kadzinuni was founded, little did we know on that day how much would be achieved in such a short time? Our fund raising record shows that we have gathered in over £80,000 plus the long term commitments from individual sponsors for over 30 Kadzinuni children to attend secondary school. Our aim has been to help transform Kadzinuni

into a self sufficient wealth creating community; and with the opening of Kendrick's Clinic in 2007, the ever growing self help groups like the RCC and Ladies Groups it is clear that we are succeeding. This last five years has been an amazing journey for us, learning how to manage projects and deliver results in a community nearly 5,000 miles from the UK. If we walked away today it is clear that deep seated change has happened, but we're not going to walk away. We already have a number of new challenges ahead, such as the plans for a 12 bed day ward attached to Kendrick's. We hope you enjoy this short update on our work. Remember to check out our website, www.kadzinuni.org.uk we will be adding some more audio and video clips from our brilliant October visit soon.

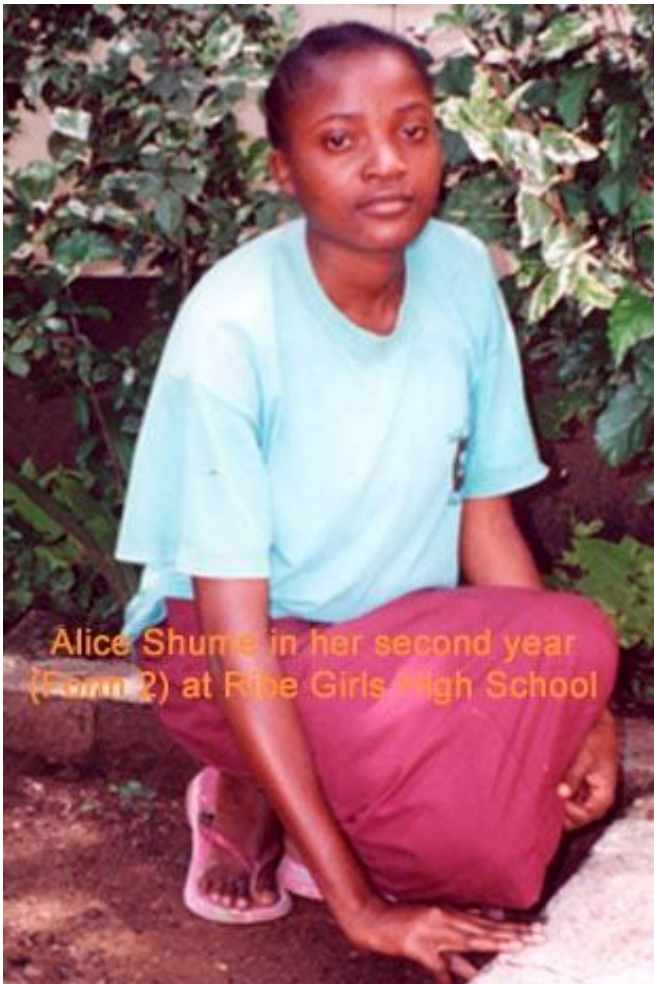
Nic and Elaine Seller, Co-founders

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Student Scheme update

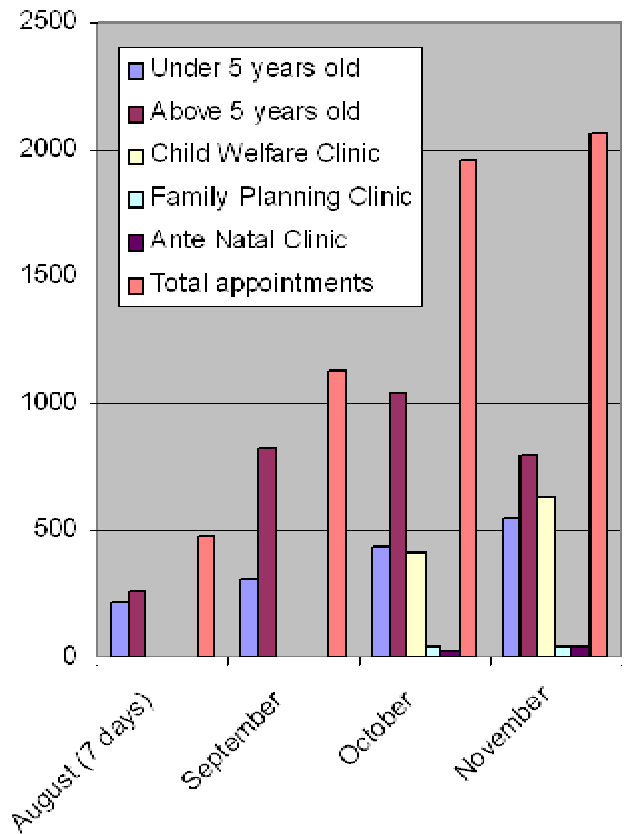
January is a very important month in the Kenyan education system. It is the month that new students start their 4-year course at secondary school. After working hard to gain sufficient marks in their final primary school exams, the best students gain places at National and provincial secondary schools, the best in Kenya. As you are reading this another 12 Kadzinuni children will be adjusting to being away from home at these boarding schools for the first time, feeling excited, nervous and I think a little homesick. In a few weeks they should receive their special Communication Packs and all being well sponsors will start to receive their regular letters. We may need a little more patience than normal whilst the politicians continue to try and resolve the post election difficulties, so communication may not be as easy because some of the students may actually be attending school many hundred's of kilometres from home. We are now seeking sponsors for students to start at secondary school in January 2009, you can support a student for as little as £12 per month (Gift Aided). E-mail friends@kadzinuni.org.uk for more details.



Alice Shume in her second year (Form 2) at Ribe Girls High School

Clinic Update.....

Early in January we received further formal reports from Clinician Kennedy Ngala about progress being made at Kendrick's Clinic. The chart below shows just how much fantastic front line healthcare is being delivered. The numbers shown represent individual appointments.



Post election problems in Kenya

The last few weeks have been a truly difficult time in Kenya. The dispute between Government and Opposition sides is having a serious effect upon the Kenyan economy, in particular devastating tourism. Our friends in Kenya feel distraught but retain optimism. Despite some of the news reporting which has been less than accurate on a number of occasions our work continues without serious delays and great praise must go to our partners who are keeping up great work. Kadzinuni remains a peaceful place as is the majority of the country. We hope that the mediation that has started recently can be successful. Leaders Kibaki and Odinga have met and even shaken hands in public on the street in Nairobi, so perhaps a new stable government may not be too far away.

School Bags for Kadzinuni!

At the village school of Kadzinuni in Kenya nearly 1,000 children aged 7 to 16 attend each day. They have desks to sit at; they have text books for the curriculum all provided by The Friends of Kadzinuni. They work hard and now their school is one of the best on the Kenya Coast. Yes, this is a story of success! On our recent visit In October one young boy called Masoud approached us and asked "Please can you get me a school bag to keep my books, pens and pencils safe and clean"

We looked around. Hardly any of the children had anything more than a flimsy plastic shopping bag, most had no bag at all.

On the way home, passing time on the overnight flight from Nairobi, a plan was hatched by Elaine and now we need your help.

For just £3 we can provide a lightweight bag complete with some pens and pencils, but we can actually do much more. Ever since we have been supporting Kadzinuni one of the most biggest impacts of our work has been the increase in the community of having a feeling of increased self worth, created by them knowing that people in the UK know and care about Kadzinuni. They now believe that their village is an important place. This is the sense of community that exists all over the developed world; at Kadzinuni it is actually causing the kind of deep seated change that sees Kadzinuni people improving their own lives and becoming a self sufficient wealth generating community.

We need to order a minimum of 100 bags for an individual organisation (School, church, Community Group etc.) to be able to make this work. We have to provide 1,000 bags!

So, how do school bags help us build on this? It's really quite easy. The bags we want to provide will be special. Firstly they will carry the Kadzinuni School name, secondly they will carry the name and logo of the school or organisation who provided the bag and thirdly they will contain a photo and/or message of support from the person who paid for the bag.

These bags will be used but will also be treasured as precious evidence of the fact that Kadzinuni children are important to people in the UK! A simple yet powerful message.



Whilst we are aiming to provide most of the bags through schools and other organisations, we The Friends will buy a batch to carry our own logo to be sponsored by individuals outside of the groups who are supporting this campaign. You can order yours on the form with this newsletter.

Christmas Cards and Ethical Gifts

Our first serious attempt to raise funds through Ethical Gifts and our special Christmas Cards was a huge success with orders flowing in from October to as late as 23rd December – and all were delivered in time for the big day!

Ethical Gifts £1,572
Christmas Cards £650

We have stocks of Christmas cards, both designs, **The Kadzinuni Christmas Goat** and **The Kadzinuni Christmas Tree** should you wish to buy early for 2008 and of course our Ethical Gifts are suitable as a gift at any time of the year. You can see the catalogue online at <http://www.kadzinuni.org.uk/matuza.htm>

Latest funds sent out to Kadzinuni

Despite the post election difficulties in Kenya we have been able to stay in touch with our partners in Mombasa who have visited Kendrick's Clinic and Kadzinuni Primary School in January. As a result we have just sent out our latest funds for the following projects:

£1,500 to buy 80 desks
for 2 new classrooms

£3,000 to pay form the new
Girl's toilet block at school

£4,200 to cover school fees
For 24 students in 2008

£1,214 for various Ethical Gifts



Coast to Coast for Kadzinuni

Ben Waite and Nick Turnbull will be running the **85 miles** of Hadrian's Wall Path in a **single day** in June 2008 to generate funds to build a 12 bed day ward extension to the Clinic recently opened at Kadzinuni. Ben was a member of our Nottingham Robin Hood Marathon Team in 2006. If you can Gift Aid your sponsorship the Friends will get an extra 25%,



WE HOPE TO HAVE ONLINE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE FOR THIS
EVENT VIA OUR WEBSITE SOON!

www.kadzinuni.org.uk

Newsbits.....

New Friends in Cumbria

The village of Storth close to Morecambe Bay near Milnthorpe has become a hot-bed of support for Kadzinuni. Through Patricia and Brian Roberts with special help from local Postmaster Rob Crompton have really got this small community interested in the Kadzinuni success story. With some great donations and Ethical Gifts being provided in December 2007. Thanks go to everyone in Storth.

Crossdale Drive Primary School signs up for School Bag scheme

Thanks to Chris Conway, Janis Walker and PTA members at Crossdale for choosing to join our innovative School Bag scheme... only another 8 or 9 organisations needed so that we can provide 1,000 school bags for Kadzinuni!

Another attempt to win the Keyworth Village Quiz starts 28th January

Nic, Keith and Sarah Jamieson plus Andy Baines once again try to win this big local prize, no cash just kudos and great publicity, even if the scorer still can't pronounce Kadzinuni after 4 years! Keep trying Cath!