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Farming Success!

A couple of years ago we started to support an initiative at Kadzinuni aimed at training local people to become much more effective as farmers... not just for subsistence but to start to build food production capacity and thus ensure food security for the community. This autumn we have continued to support this initiative enabling another 30 farmers to receive an intensive course. The land at Kadzinuni is fertile, yet since the community was established nearly 100 years ago the people have not had the education to ensure they use it to its potential. Now under the leadership of our friend Patrick Nyambu a transformation is underway.



Patrick with a fantastic crop of Maize, the Kadzinuni staple food

Read more on this inside... and also

***Clinic update... our first university graduate... the ongoing fight against jiggers
Craft workshops for girls and 2015 Ethical Gifts & Christmas Cards***



Healthcare at Kadzinuni

A new laboratory for blood tests

A great sign of the progress at Kendrick's Clinic at Kadzinuni is the support that the facility, formally now part of the Kenya Ministry of Health, (MoH) is beginning to see additional investment from local sources. When we built and opened Kendrick's in 2006, the MoH adopted the clinic, classed as a level 5 facility (there are 6 levels, with the largest city hospitals at level 1), and they immediately provided a nurse and clinical supplies to enable basic needs to be met which included vaccinations for children and treatment for most day to day ailments. Development of services has continued, with provision of emergency maternity services and at times a second nurse working alongside community members dealing with administration etc. Throughout that time we have provided funds four times a year for other non clinical supplies and equipment to ensure that Kendrick's runs smoothly, including latex gloves by the thousand, cleaning materials and even emergency water in times of drought or failure of the supply. Every month over 1,000 people make use of this free facility (once they have paid a one off 20 Kenya Shilling Registration Fee (about 15p in UK currency). Before Kendrick's existed such primary healthcare was a walk of over 3 hours from Kadzinuni!

Further progress has been made in the last couple of months as the MoH has now invested further by building a Blood Testing Laboratory which will greatly speed up diagnosis and treatment of many diseases, including malaria and HIV/Aids.



The new Blood Testing Laboratory, Kendrick's Clinic on the left

The ongoing battle against jiggers

One of the worst public health issues at Kadzinuni is caused by horrible parasitic insects which they call Jiggers. They burrow into feet (mostly children) and cause awful secondary infections. Sadly eradication of these creatures in the village is proving very difficult thus there is an ongoing battle to treat those infected and increase preventive education.



KILL THE JIGGER



The problem is common in the wider area around Kadzinuni and in terms of numbers treatment has to be undertaken by trained community volunteers so that the trained nurses can deal with the more serious issues requiring their skills of diagnosis etc. Left untreated children can suffer permanent disfigurement and even loss of their feet!

We have from time to time funded initiatives to treat Jiggers and will continue to do so. Jonnathan Ziro, our volunteer who runs Trevor's Library at Kadzinuni is a key trained volunteer for treating Jiggers, a most unpleasant task.



The next Jigger treatment programme will start in a few weeks time. We know that one or two of these photos are a bit unpleasant, but we believe in being open and honest about the challenges people at Kadzinuni face.

If you would like to help us fight Jiggers why not make a donation towards the next programme. You can

donate at MyDonate, an on line service provided free of charge by BT. Just click on the Donate button on our website home page at www.kadzinuni.org.uk



Educating Farmers... the only answer to food security

Since 2012 establishing a farmers' education programme has been a key priority for us. Community volunteer, Patrick Nyambu, who we have worked with on many projects since 1999, came to us requesting support to set up the Kadzinuni Field School Project. During 2010/11 we had supported Patrick to undertake some intensive agriculture training sessions, including a trip to the capital city Nairobi to attend training and a conference. These events set in motion a remarkable series of events that is bringing about a transformation at Kadzinuni.



The programme that Patrick proposed was to train at least 30 farmers each and also to provide some basic equipment and inputs... notably seeds appropriate to the environment and climate at Kadzinuni, fertilisers and basic kit like watering cans and wheel barrows. The training was scheduled so that once a course was complete the rainy season would be due enabling the newly trained farmers to get off to a flying and encouraging start.



The training sessions are held in the village with Patrick and some outside agencies, but supplemented by visits to the local branch of KARI (Kenyan Agricultural Research Institute) and

other local agencies. Training not only includes farming techniques, but importantly it covers the economics of farming and visits to farming co-operatives to learn about marketing their surplus crops. To date, with two years complete, over 60 people have become effective farmers, gaining certificates, which for many are the first recognition of any qualification they have ever received. In addition, through Patrick's enthusiasm and dedication relationships with other agencies have led to them receiving donations of equipment, such as a grain dryer.



Drip feed irrigation system



By the start of the second year of the programme, in addition to the start up funds, we also funded a large but portable “tent” and some chairs so that field school combined theory and practical sessions held in the searing heat could take place in shade. In

addition, such has been the impact from a community development point of view; the Field School now has its own football team, increasing community social life. Whilst this is a “fun” activity, it also has a serious side as it helps to motivate those trainees who may be struggling and also we find that just the act of bringing folk together creates more community action.



The Field School project even has its own Facebook page where you can see progress. Just look for and follow

KADZINUNI COMMUNITY FARMERS EDUCATION PROJECT



The third year of the programme started in September 2015, so by early 2016 nearly 100 Kadzinuni folk will have become trained farmers!

Other news from Kadzinuni

University success

In late August we had great news from John Tunje, the young man who we have been able to support through his university course, after he did so well at secondary school in the Class on 2006. John gained a B.com (Hons) 2(i). He was very close to gaining a First! Congratulations John!



Craft Workshops for girls



When not treating Jiggers our Library volunteer Jonnathan has a special interest in encouraging girls to become economically

active. A few months ago we were pleased to support this by funding Craft Workshops, including beadwork and basket making. Empowering girls is helping transform Kadzinuni.

St James's Secondary School

The newly established secondary school, which previously shared class rooms with Kadzinuni Primary, is getting 4 new class rooms. The local community has gained this funding from Kilifi County Council, some 5.3 million Kenya Shillings (about £35,000). This funding success has been helped by the great progress made at Kadzinuni Primary which The Friends of Kadzinuni has done so much to support since 1999.

Cottee Cup 2015

The finals day of the 2015 Cottee Cup Sports tournament is planned for 26th September this year. The tournament has been expanded with qualifying rounds of Football and Volleyball taking place since June. This is the 5th year of this amazing event, run with support from John & Loraine Cottee from Keyworth.



Jonnathan with volunteers with new trophies and prizes for the 2015 Cottee Cup

Library Kivulis re-roofed

In the summer we were pleased to fund the re-roofing of the Library sun shades (Kivulis). These shades are vital as most days the sun beats down with temperatures of about 35°C.



Student Sponsorship Scheme

We have now supported nearly 120 young people from Kadzinuni to attend good quality secondary schools. The next group, The Class of 2016 will be selected for their bursaries after the end of year KPSCE exams in November. We hope to support another 10 students, giving them a life changing opportunity. If you want to join the scheme see our website or get in touch via phone or email.

Please consider buying some Christmas presents from our own Ethical Gift Catalogue this year! See it on line

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Solar Reading Lamps

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Happy Christmas



A gift of books

Happy Christmas



A baby receives life saving Re-hydration treatment June 2011

A gift to run Kendrick's clinic

Happy Christmas



A gift of sports equipment

Happy Christmas



A gift of a school desk

Happy Christmas



A gift of 5 Mosquito Nets

All Gift cards can be personalised

Kadzinuni

Christmas Cards

By Keyworth Artist

Oliver Lovley

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Design 1



**Track Through the Sisal Plantation
to Kadzinuni**

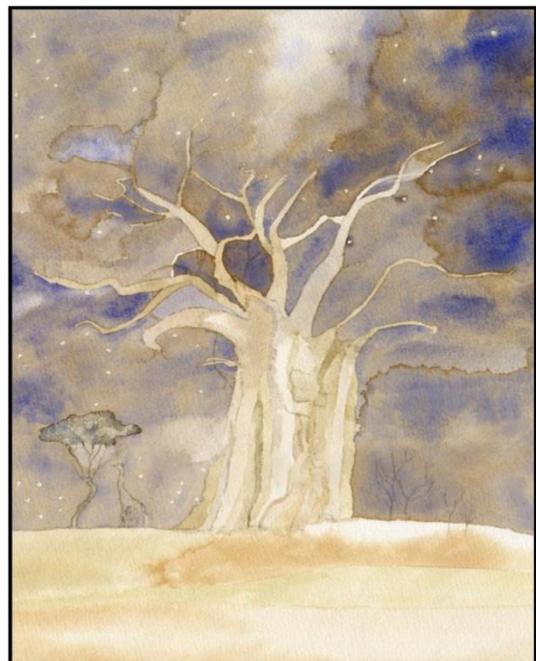
“Track Through the Sisal Plantation to Kadzinuni” - depicting the landscape close to Kadzinuni on a starlit night. The constellations of closely follow the view of the night sky over Kenya. Kadzinuni is situated on a ridge overlooking the Indian Ocean adjacent to the sisal plantation.

Pack of 5 £1.50

Pack of 10 £2.50

Pack of 20 £4.50

Design 2



Baobab Tree on Kadzinuni Ridge

“Baobab Tree on Kadzinuni Ridge” depicting the landscape close to Kadzinuni on a starlit night. The constellations closely follow the view of the night sky over Kenya. The huge and iconic Baobab trees can store up to 120,000 litres of water in their trunks enabling them to endure the harsh drought conditions.

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