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Photo edition from our visit to Kadzinuni

At the end of June, we were at last able to escape the heat of the UK and fly out to Kenya to visit Kadzinuni for the first time in ten years. This special edition newsletter is light on words but heavy on images; as they say, a picture paints a thousand words!



Track through the sisal plantation up to Kadzinuni



Meeting brilliant volunteers Jonnathan & Patrick. (below) Kendrick's Dispensary which we built in 2005. The Ministry of Health has now built a maternity unit and testing laboratory. All treatment is free.

The lab technician is Ian. He carries out on average 200 tests a day for seven conditions including Malaria, HIV, Covid, HIB & TB. This lab serves villages in a 10 mile radius with a population of about 25,000. Ian works full time without pay as he seeks final qualification for a job with the Ministry of Health. A real hero.



SERVICE CHARTER			0800HRS		1630HRS.	
SERVICE	COST	TIME	SERVICE	COST	TIME	
1. Registration		5 MIN.	1. Comprehensive Care Clinic and TB Services	Free	20 MIN.	
2. Consultation	Free	30MIN.	9. DTC/PITC	Free	30 MIN.	
3. Child Welfare Immunizations and growth monitoring	Free	30 MIN.	10. LLTNS	Free	5MIN.	
4. Injection	Free	20MIN.	11. Wound Dressing	Free	20 MIN.	
5. Dispensing	Free	20MIN.	12. Maternity Services	Free	Depending on Stayed Labor.	
6. Antenatal Care	Free	40MIN.				
7. Family Planning	Free	20MIN.				

Testing Lab



Maternity Unit



Volunteer Ian

Kadzinuni Primary School



KADZINUNI SCHOOL ENROLMENT			
CLASS/GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
GRADE 1	32	34	66
" 2	31	33	64
" 3	50	36	86
" 4	40	45	85
" 5	38	36	74
CLASS 6	55	38	93
" 7	38	38	76
" 8	34	36	70
TOTAL	291	316	607

607 children from age 7 to about 15 in 2022/23. Brilliant to see so many girls in all year groups, a huge change since we first visited in 1999.

Back then we met teacher, Mr Sirya. He is due to retire soon. Loved by the children. It was great to spend some time with children in Class 8 who take their exams in November.

Some of these young people will benefit from our Secondary School Bursary Scheme in early 2023.



Nic's Q & A session with Class 8



Kadzinuni now has a Secondary School. It is a four-year course and Forms One, Two and Three are progressing, Form Four will start in 2023. The school assembled for us and sung the National Anthem of Kenya. As they sang dark clouds appeared, so we had to quickly shelter in the staff room. Across the village folk would be so happy to get much needed rain for the crops. The school has been developed by Kilifi County Council after pressure from the leaders of the community at Kadzinuni.



Here we have two of the students from our first group of students to benefit from our Secondary School Bursary Scheme back in 2006. Leonard Lewa and John Tunje. We met them both at Shimo La Tewa secondary school in October 2006. More about John later (right in 2022, left in 2026).

Leonard, (left in 2022, right in 2006) has recently started a project in the village which he is funding himself. He reaches out to young people who do not complete their education and are rather disaffected. He has set up a small Maasai sandal 'factory' where ten young people make the sandals then take them to sell at the market in Kilifi. So far they have made and sold over 450 pairs and the young people are spending their time well distracted from the risks of crime, drug taking etc. What an astonishing young man!





Meet Patrick Nyambu, our dear friend of 24 years. Initially the volunteer administrator at Kendrick's for many years now he has been the driving force behind two key projects at Kadzinuni.

About ten years ago we funded a trip to Nairobi for him to attend agricultural training. Soon after he started to cultivate tree seedlings, thousands of them now planted all around Kadzinuni. This was then followed by him establishing a new social enterprise The Kadzinuni Farmers Education Project (you can find more about it on their own Facebook page.) So far, we have funded training for more than 200 Kadzinuni people in more efficient and more sustainable farming methods which has seen vast improvements to over 140 hectares of land.



One of the lady farmers explained...

'We love Patrick, because of him we have plenty of good food for our family with much left over to sell which means that I can better support my children to go to school'



Patrick has also been the leader for the Biochar project which we support but is driven by students at The University of Exeter. Patrick set up a Biochar demonstration for us before taking us to meet some of his 'farmers' at the site of the Kadzinuni Demonstration Farm. He is truly a Kadzinuni hero.



The project started several years ago as a collaboration between the Exeter branch of Enactus, (a global student volunteering programme) and The Friends of Kadzinuni. The Biochar manufacturing process, demonstrated at Kadzinuni. Coconut husks and other agri-waste is burnt in the specially designed furnace. The fire is killed off and the husks ground into a powder. Next, a casava porridge is used as a binding agent before the briquette press is used to produce low carbon emitting fuel for cooking to be sold at local markets. Some of the Exeter team are planning to visit Kadzinuni in September. To find out more use the link below to access the project website.

BioSmart

www.enactusexeter.com/biosmart



Our visit concluded with an important meeting between ourselves, two of our partners Daniel & Nabil from the Rotary Club of Bahari, Mombasa, volunteers from Kadzinuni, Patrick and Jonnathan, plus a number of our Bursary Scheme Alumni. We discussed the future, gaining an understanding how through the Bursary Scheme the capacity of Kadzinuni to develop has been enhanced and how the Alumni will increasingly play a part in selecting future Bursary beneficiaries. Here is a bit more on some of the Alumni...



Dominic – Class of 2009



Ernest – Class of 2012



Lee – Class of 2014



Justus – Class of 2007



Sophia – Class of 2007



Ronald – Class of 2009



Onesmus – Class of 2006



Leonard – Class of 2006

Whilst we were there we also received many messages from other Alumni, including Kenny Lewa, George Tunje, Lillian Haro, Purity Ningala, Nickson Mwamlanda, Salim Munga, Emmanuel Shume, Gladys Kalama. Many sending us more details about their continued progress.



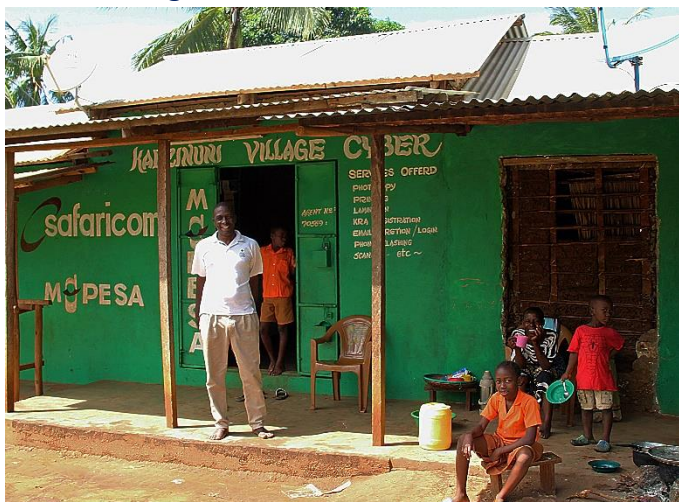
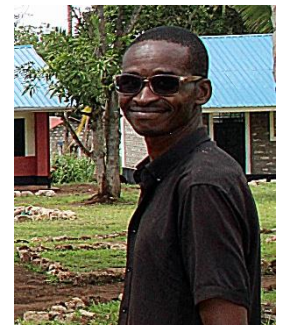
These young people have all acquired great skills, most attending further or higher education courses in many different disciplines. Many of these young people, though now in their 20s and 30s have matured and really do understand how important education is to the future for Kenya.

Like our graduates here in the UK, not all end up in a career exactly matching their studied subjects.

Special mention also to be given to John Tunje (left with his family). John is now working for the Kenyan Government as an Internal Auditor, focused on Anti-corruption duties, has set up a WhatsApp group for Kadzinuni Alumni and worked hard to help arrange the meeting and contact with those who could not attend.

Justus, pictured on the previous page, must also be recognised as he works as a Police Officer in Turkana County, hundreds of miles north west of Kadzinuni. He booked a week of leave from his job to come to see us!

Jonnathan Ziro, (right) the volunteer who manages the Community Library we built back in 2005, remains a key advocate for education and works tirelessly. At our meeting he explained the importance of mentoring of those in Class 8 – a task that some of the Alumni will take on going forwards. Without him many of our community projects would not have happened. He was also critical during the **PROTECT** Kadzinuni COVID-19 health education programme in 2020 and 2021 ensuring that the most vulnerable in Kadzinuni were supported so well. Alongside Patrick he organised the manufacture of masks and distribution of soap gel and handwashing stations.



We didn't get name of this man. We passed by his kiosk/Cyber Café on the way to see Patrick's farmers.

He went out of his way to talk to us and it was a very humbling experience as he showered us with thanks for all that The Friends of Kadzinuni has done. We pass on his thanks to all who have helped us over the last 24 years.

A Cybercafé in Kadzinuni? This just shows how far the development of the village has come.

PS – Many congratulations to our wonderful Hon. Patron (now) Dame Joanna Lumley OBE

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