

Soon Christmas is here and now candles, light shows and Christmas decorations enlighten the darkness. We attend Christmas concerts and run around to purchase gifts. For most of us this is a time of joy and celebration, but please give some thought to the children of S:t Christine at Kabondo. A small Christmas gift makes a lot of good and means much more for the children than what many of us can understand. Without our school those children in the village, who now attend S:t Christine, would face a very difficult future. Uganda's development is fast, but it doesn't come to everybody. It is very much dependent upon which tribe/group you belong to and in which region you live, so please give the children of Kabondo a Christmas gift through a donation to the society.

Presents to the children:

School uniform	SEK 120 per year
Books and utensils	SEK 150 per year
Food	SEK 175 per semester
Health care	SEK 500 per class and year

All costs are approximate as they are affected by the USD to SEK exchange rate.

Latest news from the school

Computer theft at the school – Present situation

Unlawful deeds are obviously not handled in Kenya the way we are used to see. The work is very slow and we have still received no information regarding the perpetrator(s). In my latest newsletter I wrote that some form of trial was to be held on the 10th of October. The latest news is that all personnel, which was summoned, arrived, but the police didn't. They are now summoned to a new meeting on January 1st.

Albinus Odada (born in the village) is now in Kabondo. He is very dissatisfied with police work and handling of the case and also appointed with the school's staff considering what happened. He tries to do whatever he can to bring the case to a solution.

The school's future

On October 21st the Society's board and representatives from the Foundation met to discuss the school's future. We had many good discussions, which among other resulted in a decision to operate the school in 2019 in the same way as earlier but also to work with the aim to find a solution where a more responsibility for the school will rest in Kenya in the future. As we have written earlier we are fully aware that the school will need our economic support also in the future in order to guarantee the needy children in the village a good and safe education. Today Albinus Odada is in the village. He participated in the meeting on October 21st and he is fully aware of the questions and challenges we are struggling with. This will hopefully give increased insight and better possibilities to find the right solutions to these questions.

This year's Christmas fairs

This year we participated in two Christmas fairs, Farsta Gård November 24 – 25 and Lilla Tyresö, December 1 – 2. Two completely different fairs, but both of them very nice. Lilla Tyresö was new to us, a nice market with nice small stalls giving the atmosphere of a small country fair. Our sincere thanks to the arrangers for good planning and pleasant treatment. Thanks also to all of you, both members and others, who came and shopped and by doing so contributes to the operation of the school.

Some odd facts

Wednesday December 12th is Kenya's independence day.

Then the independence from Great Britain in 1963 is celebrated

The Kenyan cuisine has strong influences from the Indian.

In the book *Fran Donsökaka till Maklobe i Bergsjön* you can find a recipe of Nyama choma (grilled meat), which is considered to be the unofficial national dish of Kenya, Mukimo (mashed potatoes) and Kuku choma (grilled chicken). If you want to try, you can also find many recipes on the Internet.

The ladle, which the woman carries in her hand, is an important tool in the Kenyan kitchen. It is used among other to "beat together" different kinds of mash, as for instance mukimo (means mashed). The picture is from the book *"Från Donsökaka till Maklobe i Bergsjön"*

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