

Upcoming events in the Association before Christmas

Even this year the association will participate in two Christmas fairs. We start with the Fair at Farsta Gård on November 23 and 24 at 11:00 – 16:00.

One week later we are represented at Lilla Tyresö's Christmas Fair on November 10 and December 1 at 10:00 – 16:00.

Also this year we sell various crafts made by members and Kenyans in Kenya. Among other things you will find various Christmas items, homemade jam, marmalade and chutney, African gems, quilted baby comforters, makeup bags, textile bags and much more. Take this opportunity to buy Christmas gifts and at the same time support the orphans at St Christine School.

Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård

November 23–24 at 11:00–16:00

This year we are on the ground level in the barn, the big building to the left in the yard.

Traditional Christmas market with crafts, food etc.

Pony rides: 12.00–14.00.

Arranger:  Aktiv Global Konferens

Farsta Föreningsråd

Farsta Ängsvägen 16-22, 12346 Farsta

Christmas market on first Advent 2019 at Lilla Tyresö

Dates: November 30 and December 1

Time: 10-16

Address: Kyrkvägen 5 135 60 Tyresö

Security is high in the exam tests in Kenya. Just as in Sweden the national tests are distributed in sealed envelopes and guards, who are not employed by the schools, survey that everything is done correctly. The students' individual results as well as the school's will be published in our next newsletter and will also soon be available in the school's web page www.kisumu.se

Latest news from the school:

As we have written in earlier newsletters the number of contributions from the Association's members has decreased in the last few years. The school's rescue was the larger contributions we received from "IBM supports the world's children", "Handelsbankens fadderbarnsfond" and different groups within Rotary and other bigger private gifts. But without the contributions from our members we won't manage, so please help us to find new members and other persons who may be interested in sponsoring a very good and important school, which makes a huge difference to the children of Kabonda.

For this reason we attach a letter from the school's manager, Ulla Andersson Sturaeus

To all members of the Kisumu Association, 2019-11-09

St Christine School's future existence is threatened!

St Christine School has 2019 existed in 15 years as a free school for many of the orphaned children in Kabondo. Since the start in 2004, as an average, 30 pupils per year beginning in 2012, have passed the elementary school exams KCPE. The school has been among the best in the region for many years, and a few pupils reached the top KCPE results among the around twenty schools in the region. Through the years only very few (a total of 3 – 4) didn't reach the grade level needed to qualify for continued education in secondary school. Many have also started and completed secondary school, in many cases with sponsoring from families in Sweden or local scholarships. Some have even continued studies at university level with economic support from Sweden.

The younger pupils have competed successfully in drama and music, even at the national level.

In other words, St Christine School has become very important for the children and families in the village, who lack economic resources to let the children get an education, which in the best cases, leads to a job. One proof of this is, among others, is that the children's custodians provide as much corn as the school needs, which is a great help in providing meals for the children each day.

In the last years we have unfortunately met setbacks as fraud and theft of resources intended for the school's operation and theft of 25 laptop computers. In all these cases personnel from the school were involved. The students' results have, in spite of these sad incidents, still been among the best. We have now rectified this by dismissing some staff, replacing the school management and implementing even stricter purchasing control. We are sorry to say, that we have not received any support from the police as we have reported the case for theft and fraud. Kenya is a country with big corruption and those who have the means, can buy themselves free.

All this has led to big costs for the school, which in turn reduced our bank accounts in Kenya as well as in Sweden. In the last year we had a few big sponsors, and their contributions were absolutely vital for the possibility to continue the operation of the school during the year. The membership donations declined considerably during the year, which is worrying when looking towards the future.

With this letter I therefore beg all of you members to continue supporting the orphan children with Christmas gifts and continuous monthly donations to the Kisumu Association. Also, visit the Association's Christmas markets in Farsta and Tyresö. For further information, see the association's web page www.kisumu.se.

Many warm greetings from Ulla Andersson Sturaeus, manager of St Christine School.

Last:

We hope to see you all at our Christmas Fairs.

Greetings

The board/Bitte Brask

Gifts for celebrations, in memoriam and other donations

Do you wish to give a gift for a celebration or in memory of someone? Send your donation to one of our accounts below and a mail to us at gava@kisumu.se. State purpose, the name of the person to whom we shall send our thanks and who the donors are. We will then send a thank you-card with the names of the donors.

Swish-account: 1236 072 698

Bank giro: 5734-8534

Plus giro: 17 62 64 – 0

For IBAN-number contact our accountant Julia Olson, julia@kisumu.se to get the Society's account number and IBAN number in Handelsbanken

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