

Newsletter No 95

Latest news from the school and the situation in the village

As you all know has the African continent also been hit by Covid-19. All schools in Kenya are closed. For how long is presently unknown. This means that the pupils of St Christine stay at home with their custodians and they get no tuition now. The authority urges the schools to support the children's learning at home with material adapted to their age via different online platforms. This is not possible for the children in St Christine (and many schools outside the big cities) as they have no access to a Smartphone and even less to a computer. The teachers of St Christine try to support the upper grade students in particular with homework so that they will have a better chance to pass the exam at the end of the school year. The whole staff work in a daytime schedule from 8 to 16 in order to have people present in the school when the janitors are not on duty. This is important in order to avoid unwanted visits to the school. Many Kenyans are hard hit by the pandemic and have lost whatever small income they had. This means increased risks of theft and burglaries. Head master Calvince has established a work plan for the staff including cleaning the school, gathering trash, maintenance of the school grounds, lawns and garden, weeding and various repairs of buildings and the playground equipment.

The director of the area's schools has visited the school to check that the authority's directives are being followed, i.e. that the pupils stay at home and no teaching is going on. He found nothing to criticize in St Christine. In accordance with decisions made the schools remain closed for 30 days from May 4th meaning week 23 included. We don't know what will happen after that. KENYA PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (KPSA) keeps all private schools continually informed of what happens and decisions made.

Farming of corn and beans

Odada informs that the harvest of both corn and beans, which the staff planted on the ground he managed to lease on the school's account, looks promising. If it continues in same manner it will probably cover the school's need to the end of the school year.

Audit report from Kenya

Audit of the school's management is made. In connection with this, the auditor wanted a few clarifications regarding purchase procedures and bookkeeping. In these areas new procedures were implemented in the year and after the clarifications from the Foundation the auditor had nothing to criticize and the audit is approved. If needed the auditor supports and helps Calvince and Augustin in economic matters.

Annual meeting April 22nd

The meeting was held with a small number of people physically present and others participating via telephone. It is fantastic which possibilities the digital technology offers. Together with this newsletter we distribute records from the annual meeting, financial report from 2019 and budget for 2020.

The board consists of:

Bitte Brask chair personal

Erik Källström vice chairman

Julia Olson accountant

Ann-Sophie Schubert secretary

Marianne Zetterlund member and web master

Monica Tilstam member

Håkan Andersson alternate member

Frida Nilson alternat member

In the upcoming summer

We are in daily contact with the staff of the school and they send reports and pictures regarding the work done in the school. Calvance, head master, keeps us continually updated on directives and decisions by the authorities concerning the school, the students and the staff. Because of this we will continually during the summer publish current information and pictures from the school on our web page and Facebook

Finally: help us to help

The school is in big need of the support provided by the members of the Kisumu Association, friends and sponsors. One reason is that since we have not had any possibility to carry out the activities and events planned for the spring, the Association's economy is strained. In addition we don't know if there will be any changes regarding the semesters in the present school year. What we can expect is that especially the students in the eighth grade will need extra tuition when the schools open up again.

Finally we wish you a nice summer and hope that all of us will get some rest and that we can meet again and carry out our planned activities after the summer.

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.

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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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