

# DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and Friends,

It is time again for another update. There have been a lot of different happening here in Kenya good and less good, but I'll explain that in this update.

## Teams:

During the month of August we have had 2 teams coming to Kenya both for around 2 weeks. The first team that we received was a very talented group from Nashville. The people on this team helped us prepare a march throughout Mbita with music, drinks, cookies and much more. All of these things brought many smiles to many children.



*One of the children at the March*

We also went to Mfangano (an island not too far from Mbita) with two people from the team. We went here to see how some of the widows were doing and how the houses are that were built for them. We also went to five different schools to see how some of the children are doing that are being sponsored.



*One of the widows we visited*

The other team that we were lucky of receiving was another team from Nashville. This team was as well amazing and helped us with so many things. This team has helped us host between 600-700 children. SEEK has done this many times, but said we can't do this anymore without help, we call Children's Fun Day. Then this team came and was willing to help us with the planning and organization of this day. The day itself was a great success! I was a part of shooting on goal and men I thought it was going to be an easy one, but these kids shoot hard. I thought they were trying to kill me.



*One of the children and I dancing*

## Winners of Tree Growing Competition:

A part of what SEEK is doing is having the schools that we teach at grow trees on their property. In this area deforestation is a huge problem. So we are trying to teach the children the importance of growing and keeping trees. That's why we started a competition, who maintains the best trees will be the winner. The winner of this year went to Kakamega, which holds the only rain forest here in Kenya and has over 400 different species of birds. The 2nd place winner went to Ruma national park, the only place for the Roam Antelope, and 3rd had a camp here on our base, where you can find the only Bob de Groot from Holland in the eastern part of Africa.



*One of the SEEK staff teaching at a school*

## Kisumu:

The day after my birthday I was able to go to Kisumu and have a 2 day rest at a hotel. I had a day of rest here on the base, but even on a day like that I don't really rest. So I went to Kisumu and had two amazing days there. The other Kisumu part that I want to share with you is a possible intern/partnership with an organization there. This organization has programs for street children, take

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some children in their home and then connect with the parents or family members to start counseling and placing the children back in their homes. This comes close to my vision and therefore I want to connect with them as learn from what they have been doing so far. After I have been there for a while I will be coming back here to Mbita to start/continue with my vision.



*Children I met in Kisumu*

## **Suba Lakers:**

A few updates ago I was writing that I started helping a football club here in Mbita for girls. The team has made it into the national league Division 1, which is one level below the premier league. Now that the founder/head coach went back to the US for support raising, I step in the help more with the club. Now I am helping the Kenyans organize everything here and guide them, so that they are able to take over this club in the long hall.

We have been playing 4 matches now; we Won 1, draw 1 and lost 2. Right now we are 4th in the league. The team is doing great and we are all being challenged in our game and organization skills. It is such a blessing to be a part of this team. I can see that this club doesn't only help in their football skills, but also in their character.



*Line up and player check*

## **Stop:**

I thought I will save the one bad thing for last. This has to do with the micro loans.

I have been talking with many people about my vision and asking them for advice. So far everyone loves and supports my vision, which is a huge blessing. The bad thing that did come out was that I will need to be registered as an NGO before I can continue with the micro loans. I also will need to be looking into any licenses that I might need. So I have been going to the people that I have been talking too about possibly helping, to tell them that I need to pause with what I'm doing.

This has been a humiliating time for me and had to realize how stupid I have been in that area. I should have known better and researched it more. Because right now I had to disappoint people. I have told them that I will continue coming to them and asking how they are doing. The moment I'm able to help them they will be the first I'll help.

I thought that because I was dealing with only small amounts and only a few clients I would be ok to do this, but it's not. I will keep you updated on how things are progressing. My apologies to you as well, I'm sorry that I'm saying something and then not being able to keep my word.

## **Prayer Points and Requests:**

These are some things that I could use your prayer and support in:

- Favor and guidance and a lot of wisdom (from other people).
- Open doors for getting the NGO status.
- Extra finances for getting the NGO status .
- Financial supporters, preferably on a monthly base for personal support.
- People that can help me with getting the NGO status and maybe other licenses.
- Encouragements by email, letter or any other way.

Love & Blessings,

Bob de Groot

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