

DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and Friends,

It is time for the first update that I'm writing you from Kenya in 2013!

Made it back:

On January 14th I left again for Kenya. After spending time in Los Angeles, CA and Holland, it was time to head back to Kenya. I first flew to Istanbul, Turkey and had a 22-hour lay-over. I was able to spend a good amount resting and seeing the city. Then I continued to travel to Nairobi, Kenya. I arrived there in the morning and immediately took a bus for 8 hours to Homa Bay, there I took a car for another hour and a half, and then finally arrived back in Mbita.

When I arrived many people welcomed me, unfortunately they weren't waiting for me, but they were having meetings for the primary elections. But still it was a nice welcome!



One of my welcomes to Kenya

Fruits from our business training:

Before I had left I organized a training for business owners. We had people come and teach them about the basics on how to run a business. People seemed excited and thankful when I left, but my return and follow up would really prove it. I talked to many people that had followed the workshop and told me how things have changed for them. But one that I'm the most excited about right now is this elderly man, who has a small farm. He grows mango and papayas and has watered them all by hand.

When I came back to visit him, I saw something had changed in his eyes. His smile was big and his eyes were full of life. He told Nic (SEEK Staff) and me about the changes in his life and on his farm. He told us that he now recognized how much money he had been wasting

and now that he has changed the way of his bookkeeping, he has been able to save money.



We have a company in Holland who is willing to donate money toward this project. The company is called 'Bakker & Schilder Transport'. For more information on this company you can visit: <http://www.bakker-schilder.nl> We have made a video and will put it online as soon as we can.

Moved into the community:

I have been living now in the community. It is a two-bedroom house, living room and pantry/kitchen area. I must be honest with you, I do have to get used to living in community, because the other day I went to my bedroom to grab a book. As I turned around, there they were, three children just standing in the middle of my living room, grinning. My response, 'ok,... Why not'. I sat back down on the couch and started reading my book. The children came and sat next to me and just sat there as I was reading my book.

One of the reasons for me to move out in the community was to get to know how people live here in this area. And that has definitely happened already. On one afternoon I heard a crying sound right outside of my window. I looked out and there was a small boy crying sitting on the side of the road, trash all around him and no one there. I wasn't sure on what to do, to be honest with you, but I went out and saw that by the time I was outside someone took him to the boys home. It made me sad, and at the same time it made me realize the reality that this boy was lucky to have a home. Not all children do. I wasn't able to do anything at that moment, but I know why I'm here, to be a person that does look out for the little ones sitting next to the road.

My mom is visiting:

My mom has been with me for the last week and she is going to stay with me for one more week. She has been going with me and has been doing all the things that I normally do here in Kenya.

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YWAM LA:

As many of you know I spend almost two and a half years in LA with the organization YWAM (Youth With A Mission). The time that I have spent there has been a huge part of my life. I didn't just learn many things there, but I build many relationships there with people that have impacted my life in great ways. When I left for Kenya I hoped that I would be able to continue having a relation with the YWAM base. And now I can. YWAM LA is going to send an team of 9 people to Kenya for 10 weeks. I'm very excited about this. It's going to be legendary!



Ongoing and Upcoming:

- One that I'm excited about is that my mom is here! She is going to stay with me for two weeks in total. She will be going along with me in the things that I normally do.
- Another one is that I'm organizing another training for business people. After the great success from the last one, we want to continue with organizing these trainings. The training does cost money and I would like to invite you to invest in this training. The cost is normally 1000,- Kenyan Schilling (€8,- or \$11,-) per person. This is then for three days including the guest speakers, three meals, thee and juice. We would like to make it a little bit more accessible for people, but we don't want to do it for free. Therefore the participants will have to pay 500,- Ksh instead of 1000,- Ksh. Will you please consider making a donation of €8,- or \$11,-.

You can make a donation using Paypal (bob_de_groot@hotmail.com) or to 30.56.31.020 t.n.v. Bob de Groot, Business Training.

- We are also continuing with the football club, and we have won a tournament this last weekend in Homa Bay. I'm looking forward seeing all the girls again and continue training with them. We will have a training weekend with them next week before the elections.

To read more about our little champions, click this link: <http://www.subalakers.com/2013/02/little-champs.html>



- The elections are coming up this coming Monday (4th of March). During this time keep Kenya in your thoughts and prayers, since the last election there were many riots.

There are many other things that are going on right now, but for those you can, follow me on Twitter or on Facebook!

Thank you all for reading another update and supporting Dare To Dream and me. It is always a great encouragement to know that people are supportive.

I would also like to give you an opportunity to become a part of the work here in Kenya. You can do this by donating on a monthly base to support Dare To Dream. Please consider this.

For more information please click this link: <http://www.projectdaretodream.com/english-sponsor-letter.html>

'Dreams pass into the reality of action. From the actions stems the dream again; and this interdependence produces the highest form of living.' - Anais Nin

Love and Blessings,

Bob de Groot
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