

# DARE TO DREAM



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## Business training:

The last business training was in September, but I haven't updated you on how it all went. So here is a short update on that.

September 30th – October 2nd we had our last business training of the year. With 15 participants we had one fired up group, who wanted to learn. They gave the teachers a hard time with all the questions that they had. The teachers were of course able to answer most of their questions, because of their personal experience. During the training we've handled topics like; networking, product pricing, customer care, environment and business, bookkeeping and so much more. Also during the breaks we told them to be discussing and encourage each other.

The group had a nice mix between young and old, women and men all with different businesses. I believe that this helps, because the teaching that was done was basic and could be applied into any type of business. Also they were able to give each other examples from their own field of expertise. We could not have done this training or any of the previous trainings if it wasn't for some of your donations. These trainings are not expensive because of our partnership with the Ministry of Trade, but I wouldn't be able to pay it all myself.

Thank you for your generosity!



## The Dreamers:

Besides Hellen and Mr. Obago we also have Mr. Opiyo now who has been able to receive a micro loan. This loan, added to his own savings, has got him a small motorcycle that he will be able to use to taxi people around in the area. Both he and his wife are so grateful for this opportunity and Mr. Opiyo's smile said it all when we signed the papers. People who made a donation to this are being thanked from the bottom of their hearts! Hellen's farm is still doing an amazing job at constantly producing different vegetables, because of her water pump. Every time we go and visit her she has been applying the advice we had given her the previous visit. This woman is so smart and driven, that it keeps surprising and encouraging me every week.

Mr. Obago's farm is also doing great, right now he is waiting for another mango harvest. But in the meantime he is also growing tomatoes and spinach on his new plot. Mr. Obago normally sells grafted mango tree seedlings, but the grafting went wrong and now he lost a lot of seedlings.

The list of people is slowly growing, you are able to find some more people on our website under The Dreamers, so keep your eyes open, share it with your friends and together we can change a families' life.

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## Profiles:

### Profiles

As you might know, we have a page on our website named: The Dreamers. On this page we have different profiles on people who are in our program. It gives you a summary on who these people are, what they do, and how you can help them. I just wanted to put two profiles in this update and ask you to consider helping them. Even 25 Dollars/ 20 Euros can help us to give their dreams back.

At the bottom of this page you'll find the profiles of Shadrack and Nyechebe Group.

### Back 'home':

After being in Kenya for 10,5 months, it is time to go home and spend time with family, friends and support raise. I'm very much looking forward this time. It has been an amazing time in Kenya, but to be honest, I'm also very ready to spend time at 'home' with friends and family.



At first I'll be spending 1,5 months in Los Angeles, USA. While I'm there I'll be meeting with different people who are supporting Dare To Dream or are thinking about it. It will also be a time of reflecting and asking advice from various people that I know of will bring a great contribution to the development of the program. In January I'll be going back to Holland to do the same thing over there. I'll be spending time with family, friends, sponsors and possible sponsors.

### Evaluation:

It has been a year and a half since I first came to Kenya and there have been so many things that have happened. On the website you are able to find an evaluation. This evaluation is based on the feedback I've gotten from SEEK leadership, The Dreamers who have received a loan, and also my own view. The evaluation will give you a good view on how it is going with the program, and use this evaluation to improve the program.

During this time of the year, a lot of people are being conscious about what they're thankful of. For me one of the things I'm thankful of is you. I don't know how I can make it any clearer to you, but without your support Dare To Dream and I are not able to do the work in Kenya.

Thank you for supporting us with financial support, but also those who support us morally, Thank you!

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 <p><b>Nyechebe Group</b></p> <p><b>Various Businesses:</b> Fisherman, fish selling, small shop owners.</p> <p><b>Loan use for :</b> Expanding current businesses to a level that produces a stable income.</p> <p><b>Status :</b> Application approved, awaiting funds Total amount needed: \$880,- / €660,-</p> <p>"We dream for our children to not expect as much suffering and for them to be educated enough to live in a position to help others."</p>  	 <p><b>Martin</b></p> <p><b>Beekeeper:</b> Managing bee hives, extracting honey, packaging and selling honey</p> <p><b>Loan use for :</b> Purchase of 5 hives, packaging material, increase honey stock</p> <p><b>Status :</b> Application approved, awaiting funds Total amount needed: \$1145,- / €855,-</p> <p>"I want to be the first in the in Mbita district with Bee/Honey business, but also be the best. With this I want to set up a business that will provide all my families needs."</p>  	 <p><b>Shadrack</b></p> <p><b>Farmer:</b> Tomatoes, greens and banana's</p> <p><b>Loan use for :</b> Seeds, water pump, pipes, employment of workers.</p> <p><b>Status :</b> Application approved, awaiting funds Total amount needed: \$875,- / €650,-</p> <p>"I want my children to finish school and create a better future for them, and the rest of my family. We have had of hard enough already, it is time to change."</p>  
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