

DARE TO DREAM



Dear Friends and Family,

This last year has been a very fruitful year for Dare To Dream. We would like to share with you some of the high lights of this last year.

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Hand it Over

As many of you know we started this year knowing that we were going to hand over the project to SEEK (Suba Environmental Education of Kenya). This was a very exciting thought because this was the first location where we started and would be the first location where we would hand it over. In these last, almost, 3 years we have shaped the program to serve the community at its best and we are now ready to step back and see the program run on its own.

The Dare To Dream program runs on the foundation of Connecting, Investing and then Releasing. We then shape it to how it serves the community in the best possible



way. And now that we have laid the foundation, and shaped it, it is time to hand it over.

Staff Member

If we are going to hand over the program, then who is going to run it? Well since we have been working with SEEK there will be one person from SEEK who will work with the program. But then besides that we also have someone from Dare To Dream. This year we have received over 20 applications for the job. And we narrowed it down to one person; Elizabeth. She will be a paid staff member of Dare To Dream and will be helping us run the program in Mbita.



Self-Sustainable

Now that we have handed over the program and have hired a staff member, we realized that we now have two locations to run and that we have a salary to pay. We have been doing this with the designated, general and my own personal donations. But this is not the way we want to continue. For that reason we have been thinking about a way to become self-sustainable.

We want to do this by starting a farm. On this farm we will be growing onions and beans. We have scheduled them in such a way that we will be able to feed the market all year long with these vegetables. To run this farm we will be hiring a local and give him or her a full-time job. The proceeds of the farm will be funding a large part of Dare To Dream Mbita.

If you are willing to support Dare To Dream, you can make your one time or monthly donation to:

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Teams

Every year we have received teams from Youth With A Mission from Los Angeles, and that has been a huge blessing to us. Even though there is not that much work to do with the actual Dare To Dream program, we have plenty of other work that can be done in the community. With these teams we have been able to build aquaponics systems, water tanks and irrigation systems, chicken coups, put up fences, handing out shoes to children, paint the oncology ward at a hospital, and much more. The teams that we host and lead come along side of organizations who are here long term. They were there before the team arrived and will continue the work when the team leaves. The work that these teams can do is to help out these organizations and help them serve the community. We have seen great things happen with these teams and with their help we have been able to bring a change in the lives of many people in Kenya.

This year we reached our 100 business and we are seeing more and more businesses who start to apply the things that they have learned in the training. Those people are taking the success of their business into their own hands and we see it work.



Micro Loans

The people who have gone through our business training and have been applying the things they have learned they have received a micro loan application form. A lot of people apply for this, but not everyone receives a loan. Some people are just not ready yet to receive a loan, but so far we have been able to give out 15 loans. We have seen these businesses expand, grow and most of them be

Business Training

After we connect with people who want to bring a change in their lives we invite them to our business training. This training is set up in a way that these people will learn more about how they can manage their businesses in a better way that they may increase their income and become more self-sustainable. These business trainings we organized this year with the Ministry of Trade and also with Hand-in Hand Eastern Africa.



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successful. We have also had one who was not successful, but we continue to advise this person so that he will learn from his mistakes.

At this moment we have one person who is still waiting to receive a loan. His name is Geoffry and he would like to expand his business to fix motorcycles. If you would like to help Geoffry and his family please visit our website and consider making a donation:

www.projectdaretodream.com/the-dreamers

Plans for 2015

The year 2015 will be an incredible year! In this year we will continue to mentor the Mbita project and start the new farm there. We will continue to be a part of the Suba Lakers Football club, but we will also start the program with a new organization.

The next 3 years we will be working together with an organization called CMN (Church Missions Network). CMN is an organization who focusses on training pastors, supporting small churches and feeding the orphaned and the widowed through these churches. At the moment they support 100+ churches in Kenya. CMN would like to start a micro finance program that will serve the pastors and their churches. This is where Dare To Dream comes in.

With our foundation of Connecting, Investing and Releasing. We will then shape it in such a way that the program will help CMN serve their Pastors and churches.

This organization is based out of Kisumu, which is 4 hours away from Mbita. I will be moving to Kisumu and once in a while I will go back to Mbita to see how the program is going there.

Kisumu also holds a few other opportunities for us to serve the people of Kenya. One of them is to help at a children's home (orphanage), and the other is to visit the children at the children's hospital and play with them while they are going through their treatment.

Like I said this next year holds a lot of exciting things for us and we are excited to see what will happen.

www.churchmissionsnetwork.com

Other Than That

There are plenty of other things that have happened this last year and way more things that will happen next year. To know what is happening in Kenya with us you can follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or sign up to receive our updates.

We say this a lot, but that is only because it is true. We are very thankful for your help and support. All the things that we have been able to do in these last few year we could not have done without you help. So thank you for believing in our vision and helping us to empower the families in Africa, so that they are able to provide for their families and the orphaned.

May this next year be successful and that this will be a year where you are able to pursue your dreams! Be a change in your community and share the love with the people around you.

Let us be different than the rest of the world, let us not be scared of what the world may think of us, but may we be bold in loving this world into a better place. Let our actions speak louder than our words, and be blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.

Love and Blessings,

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