

DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and Friends,

The end of the year is coming up again this will be the last regular update before the end-of-the-year report comes. I hope you will enjoy reading this as much as we enjoyed doing the work.

In this update you will find the following:

- Pastor Visits
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- My New Friend

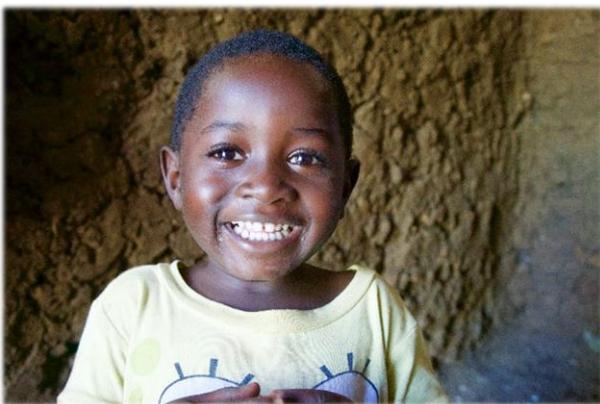
Pastors Visits

In September we were able to have our first business training for the pastors of Church Missions Network. CMN is the new organization that Dare To Dream is now working with. *(If you would like to know more about CMN please check our previous update).*

During the training we were able to have 10 pastors attend from the Kisumu area. After the training we leave about a month time between before we start the visits. The first week of November was time to start these visits.

It was really good to see all the pastors again and see how some had made progress simply because of the training. During the visits we asked them what they had learned in the training and show us how they are implementing this. One of the participants, Janet, she's the wife of a pastor. When visiting her she told me about what she had learned. She learned that we need to be faithful with the little that is given to us. So she started taking better care of her chickens, and now the chickens had multiplied because she gave them a better shelter, better food, a clean area to live in and all this caused to chickens to rest and produce more. Way to go Janet!!

We have given the pastors their loan applications and will see who will be ready to receive a loan in January, 2016.



Sewing Training Visits

This summer we were able to train 24 women in business management. This was in preparation to the sewing training that would follow 2 weeks later. A group from The U.S. (Sewing for the Nations) came to teach 20 women on sewing and help them set up to start their own business. During my visits I found so many women with a smile on their face as they told me how good they were doing. Many of them have had to buy new materials and a lot of them have started making products that they were not even taught to make. The women have been able to put food on the table, pay for school fees, and one was even able to buy the first mattress that their house had ever owned. Amazing right?!

I was able to give them a little bit more guidance and advice in business management like, record keeping and costing and pricing.



Business Training in Mbita

November is the month we have our second training of the year in Mbita. Our trainings are so much in demand that they are always fully booked.

Since I moved away from Mbita I have not been in charge of organizing these trainings any more for Mbita. Our staff member, Elizabeth, has been taking care of this. Our goal is to have these trainings partly funded by our Onion farm, but that is still a few months away from now. So for now we still rely on the donations of others to fund this. The November training has been primarily funded by an accountant firm from The Netherlands. Thank you for your great support and who knows the firm will have to take on some international clients soon.

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New Loans Given Out

When we train people it also means that we are giving out loans again. We have been able to give out loans to Carolyne, who owns a mobile money transfer business (M-pesa), and Michael, who runs a small road side restaurant. It has been great to see businesses expand and become more successful than they already were. It is amazing what a motivated person can do with a (to us) small amount of money.

Also the great thing about this program is that when people are making their repayments it allows us to use that money again to empower the next business. This is also helping business owners to feel good that when they make their payments they are also helping others in their business success. And this in a culture where it is 'normal' to pull down those who are more successful they you.

There is one more person to whom we would love to give a loan to his name is Shadrack, and he has a maize grinding business. If you are interested in funding the loan, or maybe making a contribution please visit: www.projectdaretodream.com/awaiting-funds



My New Friend

Some of you are following my and Project Dare To Dreams steps on social media, some of you are not. (I highly advise you to start following us though). If you are following us you might have seen a pictures of a sweet boy named Moses.



One of the organizations that I have been able to get to know through CMN is Miracle Power in Awasi, Kenya. Miracle Power is an organization who focuses on empowering pastors, widows and orphans. They have a children's home are taking care of multiple children there. A few months ago the local police came with a 3 year old boy who was neglected and left in the middle of town. The police trusts Miracle Power and handed the boy over. After going through the right procedures we got to find out more about the boy. The father left him and mother dropped him at grandma for her to take care of him. Only grandma is barely capable to take care of herself and a son of hers with special needs. So the boy had been malnourished, and neglected, locked inside the house during the day and never really stimulated to walk or speak.

Now that he is being taken care of by Miracle Power, he has been getting physiotherapy and he can now lift himself up and walk again by leaning on something. He is starting to speak and repeat words, and looks healthy. Most of all he is smiling and laughing, and it is contagious.

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Too Much to Tell

As always there is so much that happens here in Kenya, from Matatu rides to amazing people. Like I said before if you would like to be more up to date on our daily events, then I would encourage you to follow us via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

Also again I want to thank all of you who are monthly supporters and one time donors. Because of you were able to employ 8 people now, do these business trainings, follow up visits and love on and influence children like Moses.

I, and the people here in Kenya are very thankful for your financial sacrifices.

Love and Blessings from Kenya,

Bob de Groot



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