



Kisima Child Care Academy

Fall 2016 Newsletter

Excitement was running high at Kisima Academy as they prepared for the arrival of Bonnie's group in July. The children always look forward to having visitors. This time Bonnie brought a group of 17 including five families. A diverse group, they brought many skills, many plans, and many gifts!

The two doctors held a medical clinic for all students and teachers. They were also able to treat many community members--a much appreciated service. Other members of the group presented a

seminar on attachment disorders in orphaned children and traumatized youth to teachers, an all-school seminar on health and hygiene, and separate small group sex education seminars for boys and girls in seventh and eighth grades.

The children were excited to receive shoes, new outfits, toothbrushes, and small toys.



The visitors also brought Frisbees, jump ropes, hula hoops, and basketballs. Everyone had a great time on the playground!



It was a wonderful, productive, and rewarding trip. So hard to say good-bye!



Gerri Zinn put together a great video of the visit:



[Click here](#) for the video!

Last year Bonnie and volunteers in Virginia started a community SuperSprint (a very short triathlon) as a fundraiser for both Kisima and a local preschool for disadvantaged youth (ACCA Child Development Center in Annandale, VA). This year over 100 athletes and 20 volunteers participated. Local sponsors covered all race expenses which meant that every dollar of the racers' registration fees will be donated. The funds are much needed and will be carefully used.



Although there has been great progress at Kisima there are still many needs to be met. A well-equipped computer room, more teacher housing, a school minibus, and more land are all badly needed. However, the greatest need and first priority is for a new girls' dorm to alleviate overcrowding and to provide a safe place for the girls as they get older.

Of course, individual student sponsors are always needed also. About a third of our 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders are not fully sponsored. If you would like to help one of these deserving youth continue their education and prepare for a productive future, please [click here](#) for information.

Sincerely,

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