

Dear adoptive parents, dear supporters and Narovinu Centre friends.

We would like to thank you one more time for your support in 2016. We are grateful both for your one-time charitable contributions of our projects in Kenya as well as your long-term support of children education via our program of Distant

Adoptions or our community centre Island of Hope at the Rusinga Island.

We were pleased to see your interest in our charity gifts from Kenya, that brought pleasure not only to your close relatives, but also to the children of Island of Hope, to whom we have sent all your donations. All products – coffee, tea, soapstone, gift parcels and certificates can be purchased at our e-shop during the whole year. (<http://www.centrumnarovinu.cz/ferovy-obchudek>). It is still possible to contribute to our fund-raising campaign to finalize construction of our kitchen and dining room at Rusinga Island. More information can be found at second page. We also bring stories of adoptive parents, that went to Kenya to see "their" kids and their family.

We wish you feelgood reading and the whole new year full of joy and strong stories.

On behalf of Narovinu Centre

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The SEMAFOR theatre for Centrum Narovinu

A benefit performance
SEMAFOR IS GREEN

Jiri Suchy, Jitka Molavcová and others



Foto : Dušan Dostál

**Thursday 12th of May
from 7 pm**

The SEMAFOR theatre supports education of Ashley Wambui from Kenya within the program Adoption of African children - long distance help project since

**100% of earnings will support the
community center Island of Hope on
Rusinga Island in Kenya.**

More information soon on our website.

Story from health insurance

Tungiasis - a typical disease of tropical and subtropical areas

During the 2015 medical checkup, Daudi Otieno (ID 41498) was identified and diagnosed with tungus penetrants(jiggers infestation) on both feet. The medical team had a concern and made a decision to extend treatment to the family members as part of eradicating tungus penetrants on their environment and as the best way of management. Since the situation was pathetic with massive infection and needed special attention and consideration, the mass treatment was done in two phases. Both the family and extended family also benefited from the exercise. The family was advised on how to prevent further infection and keep their environment free from tungus penetrants. The family is very grateful for the support they got from the medical insurance. They responded positively to the treatment they got and can smile at their feet again.



Irene Olali, Centrum Narovinu Nairobi



The health insurance program for children in the distant adoptions program is highly valued in Kenya. The costs for healthcare in Kenya are enormous, the families do not have financial resources for doctor's visits and children are left without quality treatment and health care. The next possibility to contribute to annual health insurance will be enabled from June 2016, the annual fees and terms remain unchanged also for this year.

Collection of the project "The Island of Hope" to complete kitchen with a dining room for 500 children from the Island of Hope on Rusinga Island in Kenya

Donate any amount and help us to brighten smiles on children's faces, for which already an egg and bread for breakfast and sugar in a tea is fulfillment of a big dream.

The project of "The Island of Hope" is home for 80 orphans and 320 other children from the poorest and neediest families of the small island in the middle of Lake Victoria, who attend the kindergarten and school here every day. Since February 2016 there will be students from a new high school which is just built as well.

The temporary kitchen is really not enough anymore, so the completion of the new kitchen and dining room has become a priority and it would be needed it to finish is latest in April 2016.

We managed to put together a financial amount for the construction which started in December 2015 from donations and charity events in recent years and sales of coffee and tea from Kenya. What is missing is the last amount of money that would allow the opening of the new kitchen and dining room for more than 500 small diners a day. Money for the equipment - tables, chairs, dishes, pots, boilers...

We are missing around CZK 200 000, - for equipment and successful completion.

Account number Centrum Narovinu o.p.s.
(Charitable Society): 19-1460510217 / 0100

Variable symbol of the project "The Island of Hope": 900

Thank you for your support.

Dana Feminová

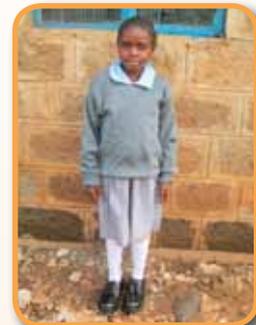
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The Club of Friends of Adoption supported Jackline Akinyi Ogunu



Within the first trimester of the school year, The Club of Friends of Adoption collected 3030 CZK. Jackline Akinyi Ogunu (ID in the program 51955) is the little girl chosen to be supported. Jackline is an orphan and has been living with her aunt ever since the death of her parents. Her mother passed away in 2007, her father following soon after in 2009. Her cousin Smokin is in the long distance adoption project as well. Jackline is



HIV positive and reacting to treatment very well. She enjoys reading and attends a Scout Group. The family of ten lives in a three room house of their own, made from sheet metal. The Aunt is a seamstress earning around 20000 KES (ca 5000 CZK). At home, they use charcoal for cooking, electricity for lighting and water from a pipeline. Jackline is in 8th grade and we are searching for a new adoptive parent for her.

For more information, click on the link below. <http://www.centrumnarovinu.cz/adopce/seznam-deti?dite=51955>

Club of Friends of the adoption

Do you like our project for support of children's education in Kenya but your current situation does not permit you long distance adoption of a child? You can still help through The Club of Friends of Adoption. Comprising one-time contributions, this fund supports children, who lost their adoptive parent, and enables them to complete their education – finish primary school or continue with their high school studies. Expenses related to transfers to colleges and technical institutes as well as education for children who have been in the program for a long time and are still waiting for support, are all also covered by the fund. Simply everything needed for the successful progress and completion of education of the children in our project Adoption of African Children – the long distance help project.

You can either make a one-time transfer, or send sums regularly or irregularly throughout the whole year. The account number is 19-1460510217 / 0100 KB, Prague 5. The variable symbol for The Club of Friends is 800. Thank you in advance for your help and support. Centrum Narovinu



News from the community center Island of Hope on Rusinga Island

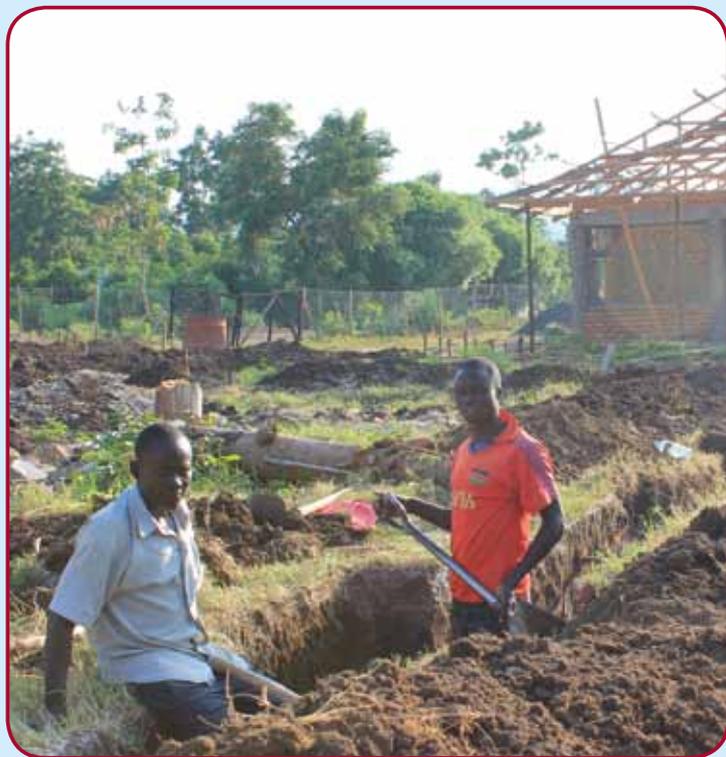


Cage fish farms within the Island of Hope, where 15000 tilapias are since July 2015 in the six floating networks. The first harvestings are expected in February 2016. Fishes will contribute to increase economic and food self-sufficiency of the community center, where up to 400 children eat daily.



The teacher Vincent in his class. He is trying to enrich his classes by interactive teaching methods that he drew while visiting schools in the Czech Republic.

Photographs of the construction of high school. The project is co-financed by Slovak Agency for Development Cooperation Slovakiaid.



kitchen groundwork



the first classrooms building - there will be labs and one classroom



Girls' dormitory



boys' dormitory

The Island of Hope arises slowly, gradually and mainly thanks to enthusiasm for the thing, volunteer work and generosity of various donors. The project was created, developed and conducted in collaboration with local people since the beginning.

The wide local community took this up and is actively involved. Join in!

Stories of Adoptive Parents

Travelling to Kenya to meet the adopted children

Meeting Rose

In 2015, we decided to adopt 5-year old Rose from Rusinga Island. We had been planning to visit equatorial Africa for quite some time, but only after we had adopted Rose, our plans became more concrete. In the past, we had adopted a different girl from India through the project of long-distance adoption organized by another charitable organization. When she grew up and didn't need our help anymore, we decided to join in the project of adoption organized by Center Narovinu. We appreciated that Center Narovinu, unlike the previous organization, makes it possible for the adoptive parents to go visit their adopted children. So, in the fall of 2015, we decided to make a trip to Kenya to visit the school Island of hope and meet „our“ Rose...

The school itself is located about 15 kilometres from a bridge along the lakeshore. After a little bit of initial confusion, we were driven there on dusty roads by a local motorcycle/taxi driver for about 50 Kč. At the school, they had already been expecting us, and we were accommodated in a nice house with a private bathroom very close to the lake. After we got settled we found out that we arrived just in time for the first school day. We were quite an attraction for the local children. The school complex is located by the lakeshore and it consists mainly of classrooms, teacher's rooms, dorms and a little kitchen. There is no dining hall for the children; they eat wherever they can find a place to sit. There is a new building being built behind the kitchen that will serve as a high school. On the school premises, there are also a few smaller ponds that are used for fish breeding, a poultry farm, and a few vegetable gardens that are used to supply the school kitchen. During the tour of the school, we handed out candy to the kids, which made them really happy. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough for everyone but at least all the youngest kids got some. But the chil-



dren got even more excited about other gifts that we brought them- a football and a Frisbee. „Our“ Rose was initially a little scared of us which was quite understandable considering it was her very first school day and at the same time two white strangers came to look at her. Her initial fear turned into real horror when we walked her home after school to meet her parents and give them a few little presents. She probably thought we wanted to take her home with us, poor thing. Rose's parents had already been expecting us. They were altogether really nice. They even prepared a delicious Nile perch for us that Rose's father, who is a fisherman, caught himself. At that point, Rose slowly started to understand, that we were not going to take her home with us, on the contrary, that we even brought her some presents. For the first time, something like a forced smile appeared on her face. We spent about two days on the island playing with the kids, walking around the island, fishing, and talking with the locals. For most of them, meeting white men was still quite unusual, but they were all very nice. Towards the end of our stay, even Rose got used to us, and at the time of our departure she even ran out of the classroom to say goodbye and thank you to us which was very brave and also incredibly cute of her. During the whole stay on the Island of Hope, all the local employees were really nice and helpful with everything that we needed. We got to see with our own eyes and also hear from the school headmaster Josh, that the money we send to support Rose's education are really used for this very purpose.



From the beginning until the dream came true

When I was a young volunteer for Humanist Centre Narovinu in 2008 I invited Martina Slavičková, the main coordinator in Slovakia at that time, to a grammar school in Liptovský Mikuláš to lead a seminar about development cooperation, global issues and projects of the Centre Narovinu. I had no idea what kind of impression it will leave in my classmates. They came to me with an idea to adopt a child in Kenya together. At first I wasn't really excited about this idea even though it was a great thought. It meant a big responsibility for a group of teenagers without steady income. After several days of thinking we finally decided to financially support Victor from Nairobi in his study at primary school. It's been 7 years since then. We all went to different universities or jobs and that's why I support Victor by myself with occasional help from my old classmates.

Victor expressed a hope and prayers in every letter to be able to see each other face to face. This desire was mutual and God heard our voice when SlovakAid Agency approved a project of Slovak organization (Dobrá novina) which chose me for three months volunteering in Kenya. I will always remember that sunny Sunday in June when I first saw the 21 year old boy Vic-



tor coming to meet me with the local coordinator Elias. It was a little embarrassing at the beginning. Thousand questions which I had in my head just disappeared. I wanted to enjoy the exceptional moment – my dream has become a reality.

Our first meeting also meant a first time in shopping center for Victor and a first time when he ate pizza. This day was full of new experiences for both of us. We finally had the opportunity to tell each other everything we couldn't fit into our letters. After few hours we said goodbye, we exchanged our phone numbers and agreed on trip to the center of the city. Despite the fact that Victor grew up in Nairobi he's been in the city center only once.

I left Kenya with a lot of different feelings and impressions. One of them was kind of a mixture of satisfaction and pride. Victor is the only one from his family and his neighborhood who made it to the college. He studies electrical engineering. He has his own dreams, visions and plans. Victor wants to return what he received and help to the others. He works really hard and he says that nothing will be achieved by sitting and complaining. He is a young man in the right place.

Even though I had some doubts 7 years ago, today I don't regret at all that my classmates talked me into the adoption and we became a part of a meaningful project like Long distance adoption. Many thanks to all those who contributed to Victor's study – Martina Slavičková and other Czech and Slovak coordinators of Centre Narovinu.

Jano Jaňák

Both contributions were editorially shortened due to limited space of the bulletin. The entire story is available on the website www.adopceafrica.cz





FAIR TRADE SHOP

GIFTS WITH STRONG STORY

Product are bought directly from Kenya's producers. Incomes will support children from Kenya's community centre Island of Hope.

Pass it on!



Coffee, tea, soapstone goods, gift packs and certificates

Presents from Kenya can be purchased and ordered via our e-shop during the whole year

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