

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to bring you recent updates from Koinonia. Thank you for your wonderful support and your journeying with us. You are making a positive impact in the lives of these children. We pray that you continue to be blessed by the Lord our God. We still welcome anyone who would like to get involved through reference or directly, in the worthy cause of sponsoring a Koinonia child in donations or assistance in any other way to please get in-touch. Our theme this term is "I am created to be a creative servant", to help the children realize their unique God given talents and abilities in society. Please remember them in your prayers. Thank you.

Parents meeting about ACE programme

The Parents meeting about ACE programme was held at Kyuna on the 25th of January. The attendance was good and the parents were very happy and encouraged to continue supporting their children as more clarity was shed about the system. The first guest speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth who was accompanied by her three children shared her testimony. She encouraged parents on the foundation of ACE while Mr. Joshua, the Emerald school principal gave Sheila and Lamuel former students at Emerald school a chance to share about their experience. The

Koinonia students were very inspired and we do look forward to having them also inspire others once they finish school.



High School Girls Skype Call with Japanese Students.

"On Thursday 29th January, 2015, the high school girls had a Skype call with girls from Tamagawa Seigakuin, a Japanese girls school. It was fun and exciting for us because we have never Skyped before. It was a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to talk to students from another school. Thanks to Mrs. Ichihashi, Miss. Chantelle and the teachers from the other school as they organized the day, time and place. It was a great success! We exchanged several ideas about ourselves that included:



names; we told them ours and they told us theirs, we shared about our talents which were almost the same; some wanted to be musicians or artists and others writers. Also, we came to know that they go to school by train and we told them we go by bus. We were happy to know that we were in the

same age group as they were and that we wore similar school uniforms. Even some of their names were similar to ours! During the call, we learned that the time in Japan is six hours ahead of our time and the weather there is much colder than it is in Kenya. Another thing we learned was that they eat different food from what we eat in Kenya. They also use a different system of education than Koinonia. What an amazing time we had! We are looking forward to another call like it."

Written by Grace

Kids Go Tech

Kids Go Tech is a program run by Fun Kids and it's geared to expose kids to technology. Koinonia students have been getting scholarship to participate and so far we have attended it for three seasons, and thirty Koinonia students have been able to participate. It's quite an educative program nurturing innovation; a tool we really need in our society. Fourth week of this month, The Kids Go Tech Director Ms Ciiru, and her colleague visited our school and had an interview with some students who attended their program and later implemented what they learnt in their homes. Alex, grade 7 students was able to use this knowledge and installed an intruder detector gadget at their door at home. Ms Ciiru, the Safaricom Senior technician, and their colleagues visited him to see and to encourage this young boy at his home in Kibagare. This is what Ms. Ciiru had to say: **One of the best afternoons of my life!!! Spent it visiting Alex at his home ...So humbling... It left me speechless.**



He has innovated security solutions in his home as a result of the Kids Go Tech Program we run. We will share more. Alex is a bright light; he does not see his environment as a handicap but instead as an opportunity to innovate. He asked for a list of items for us to buy him after we first interviewed him 2 weeks ago. We bought him the items and in 2 days he showed us what he created. He explained to us how the comics we created have helped him learn, follow and teach other children in his neighborhood how to make some of the items. He has found his purpose, he is living his purpose. He is 13 years old. Kenya may not be perfect in many ways, BUT we have many bright children like Alex! We must invest in them, we must invest in Kenya, and we must invest in Africa! It is NOT an option!!



This is Alex trying to bring down his solar panel to clean it up.

Thank you Safaricom Women in Technology for believing in us, and for partnering with us, thank you for hosting us at your Headquarters when we run the sessions. I am humbled, thankful and blessed.