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Shalom friends

Time passes relentlessly. Not long ago we were starting the school year, and in just a few days we will be finishing the first semester. So much has happened over these past months that even we are amazed.



In January, a new academic year began, and more than 270 children reported at the school. Three teachers left for other institutions, which required us to hire new staff. Although finding stable personnel is not easy, we clearly see that God's guidance is invaluable, and the prayers supporting this work are bearing fruit.



At the beginning of the year, we experienced internet difficulties, which were resolved thanks to the quick intervention of Tomek and Karolina. They both decided to adjust their plans of their time in Kenya and came to help our school. Tomek repaired the network, and Karolina led classes with the children. It was a very good time for all of us.







During free time, Karolina also helped paint the school.





Shortly after they left, three volunteers arrived – Ania, Zosia, and Sylwia – who helped with the children's activities for about a month. The girls led Bible lessons, sports activities, arts and crafts sessions. Every day was full of fun and excitement.



At the end of their stay, we all organized a day for games and fun. - there was a small theater performance, lot's of games and fun accompanied by face painting. The most important thing, however, was that everyone had a wonderful time.



Sylwia also got involved in repainting the school.

Days passed so quickly that the time to say goodbye came unexpectedly. Each of the girls left a piece of herself here. Sylwia had been waiting 25 years for this trip. Some might say that's a very long — most of us would probably have given up after a few years. But when a person lives in a close relationship with God, they can wait even for decades. For God, time does not matter—it's us humans who often act in haste instead of waiting for His perfect timing.

"Everything has its time, and there is a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

A Few Words of Encouragement from Sylwia:

'…Since childhood, I have dreamed of Africa — of red sand, majestic baobabs, sunsets painting the sky gold, and the laughter of children that never ends.

When I was in my early twenties, I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment, my dream of Kenya returned, alive and strong. For years, I carried it in my prayers, in my

imagination, in quiet daydreams. But life in Poland and everyday responsibilities made everything feel distant.



Then, in January of this year, after 25 years of waiting, I finally found myself there — in Hademu, at the school run by Henry and Mirka Kalume. I spent a month in a place full of laughter, joy, and extraordinary people. I taught PE lessons, Bible classes, and creative activities, but the most precious moments were simply being with the children: dancing during breaks, singing, and smiles that brightened every day.

Sometimes it seemed that this dream would never come true, but God has His perfect timing. Today I know that waiting was worth it. Every day spent there was an incredible blessing. The children, their joy, openness, and sincerity — these are things words cannot describe. I believe this is not the end, but the beginning of something greater.

In my heart, I feel the quiet, strong guidance of the Holy Spirit — a desire to return, to start new activities, and to meet new people.

I know that God began this work, and I know He will complete it...'

We are happy that the people who come to us find joy and fulfillment in their hearts, and at the same time, without complaint, are able to adapt to the rhythm of work here.

This semester, we also managed to build another chicken coop. Our farm is constantly growing, which makes us very happy, though it also presents new challenges, such as limited space. Each step forward is a reason for gratitude and hope for the future.



The dry season is slowly coming to an end. With great relief and joy, we welcome the first, still timid drops of rain. This is a sign that the rainy season is approaching — a time of renewal and life. After long weeks of drought, it is an immense encouragement for all of us. It is a time for planting and cultivation.

The dry season is a difficult time — not only for people, but also for animals, which are entirely dependent on the availability of water. In such moments, we realize even more

how great a gift a well and a filtration machine are. Thanks to them, we have access to clean water — a source of life, hope, and safety for our entire community.



We wholeheartedly thank you for every bit of support that makes these small miracles possible.



After 10 years of waiting, Aneta, together with her husband Artur and their son Maciej, visited the school. God placed them on our path over 12 years ago and used them at that specific time when we were praying for confirmation and guidance for our work.

It is amazing how God brings people together and guides each of us – a whole decade has passed like a single day. Their unexpected visit turned out to be a true blessing for all of us.

The children received new mattresses for sleeping, and shortly after, thanks to the help of the brothers and sisters from the Church in Żyrardów, they also received new learning textbooks for grades 1–3. We believe that textbooks for grades 4–6 will also find their place in the school.







Midway through the semester, we took the children on a special trip to Mombasa. Just seeing the swimming pool brought immense excitement – there was no shortage of laughter, joy, and thrill! The children went wild on the slides, and there was more than just one.

After all the water fun, it was time for lunch: fries, chicken, pizza, and lemonade. For many children, this was their first experience with such food, (some of them saved part of their meal to take home and share with their family members).





For most of the children, this was not just their first trip to Mombasa – for many, it was also their first time at a real swimming pool. After the meal, we went to a supermarket, where the children could see what a big store looks like. They felt like explorers as they wandered through the huge aisles full of products, experiencing something completely new.

The whole trip was full of laughter, new experiences, and unforgettable memories that will surely stay with the children for a long time. We hope that these small experiences will inspire them to dream big and give them the determination to achieve greater things in life.

The work of building the auditorium is ongoing. In the meantime, we have also put up a latrine near the facility. Very soon, we will finish plastering the interior – only the electrical connections and floor finishing will remain. Every day brings us great joy as we see the progress of the work.



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This hall will serve not only the children – we hope it will become a meeting place for the entire local community. God is truly great. Thanks to the help of our brothers and sisters from Podlasie, who recognized the need and courageously took on the task, we can look at this progress with gratitude.

Psalm 133:1

“Oh, how good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!”



This semester, the children also wrote letters and prepared greeting cards for their “adopted parents.” For most of them, it is like an open window to the future. Our desire is to guide them further than ever before — to teach, equip, and prepare them for what lies ahead.

We feel that this is only the beginning — just a drop in the ocean. We believe there are still many things that God wants to accomplish through us and in us. However, the question arises: do we have enough strength and determination within us?

When I look at a blank sheet of paper, I don’t know where to start. How can I fill it so that it comes alive with color and vibrancy, that it becomes an encouragement to many readers? It is similar when we face tasks — sometimes we lack motivation, a plan, and strength.

In such moments, the only thing we should do is pass it on and place it in the hands of the One who has no limits, who is always available and willing to help.

Every day I (Mirka) am learning to entrust my life to God. Not my plan, but His plan takes precedence. Often, we do not know the answers, but that does not mean that God remains inactive.



Despite many responsibilities, we do not stop our communal prayer meetings. We continue to proclaim God’s Word and encourage one another, just as the Bible teaches us:

"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24–25)



We are ending this semester with immense gratitude in our hearts. The children are now taking their final exams, and we are all eagerly looking forward to Easter break.

We thank God for His guidance and every person who has been a part of this time—through prayer, presence, support and kind words.

We also want to thank you, dear donors and friends of our school. It is thanks to your support that we can care for the children every day, help them grow, and be able to create a safe place for each of them.

On the occasion of the upcoming Easter season, we wish you all the presence of Christ accompanies you every day, bringing comfort, joy, and blessings in your daily life.



With gratitude and hope for the future,

Henry and Mirka Kalume