



Spring 2013 Newsletter

In this edition, we bring you news of our new Community Toilet Bio-gas Project. This project will replace the previous dilapidated public toilet, and is the start of our effort to address local sanitation, as a vital component of community development. Read on and enjoy our new feature - "60 seconds with..." - introducing you all to our operational team in Gondar. And finally, Team Kindu is back at this year's Royal Parks Half Marathon, taking place on 6th October this year. We are building a team of six and calling for more runners—do contact us to book your place today! If running doesn't catch your fancy, maybe details on volunteering in Ethiopia will.

Christmas Gifts Greatly Appreciated



A huge thank you to our supporters for the 2012 Christmas gift packages! A total of 64 gifts were presented to children and their families. 20 families enjoyed our gift Christmas dinners thanks to donations. Additionally, 21 school sets and three school uniforms were received and presented to children awaiting sponsorship.

Fifteen mirt stoves and six blankets and sheets provided warmth during the biting cold. Four Christmas stockings, five electricity installations, a three wash bags, and nine Christmas parcels were also enjoyed.



Easter Gifts are Available Now!

Easter is a large part of Orthodox Ethiopians year. "Skillet" or Good Friday is a national holiday, and is celebrated widely. To assist in the holiday celebrations, The Kindu Trust is offering supporters the opportunity to provide Easter gifts of eggs, parcels and dinners. Gift parcels contain various luxury and basic items while Log-on to our website and look under the "Gift Shop" tab to order your gift today.

Additionally, our Easter Egg campaign aims to give beneficiaries and their immediate family members (2000 people) eggs to signify the end of lent as well as provide a vital source of protein in a meat scarce diet.



60 seconds with...Sponsorship Manager, Tadele Demissie

Tadele Demissie joined The Kindu Trust in October 2010 after spending five years teaching grades 9-12. Tadele is forthright in his passion to improve opportunities for Ethiopia's children. As sponsorship manager, Tadele visits homes of beneficiary families in Gondar throughout the week, every week, and sometimes weekends. Visiting families and writing reports in the office may seem simple enough, but the amount of heart and passion needed is hard to come by.

Tadele is fulfilled by this work because he enjoys supporting the native people and is fascinated by the positive transformations. "You can see changes every time you go to the beneficiaries home," Tadele explains. "Even if it is just a little change, it is still great." Helping a family with a problem and finding a solution is one of the greatest aspects of his work. Since coming to work with Kindu, one of his favorite memories was installing tap water for the beneficiaries because otherwise families have troubles keeping "themselves and the house clean." His vision? Currently, there is "a waiting list for children—sometimes longer than five years." If resources were no barrier, his dream would be to have all those children off the list and to have a larger Gondar compound so that his team could have more activities and more children at the compound.

Tadele encourages supporters to visit and volunteer because they can assist not only the children, but the entire staff in areas such as healthcare provision, child development, education, public relations....any knowledge they have. If this isn't enough, Tadele manages The Kindu Klub, the youth club of our sponsored children.



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The Kindu Trust's Bio-gas and Community Toilet is now open!

Our plan for Gonder's first Bio-gas Digester and Public Toilet Project was finalised early last year. This project has many components: a public toilet with eight rooms (to help solve the community's long time and unresolved sanitation problem), four showers, and a community kitchen—all powered using waste processed through the bio-gas digester. After more than two months of dedicated work from the contractor and the support of the community, the project is now completed. Community members were given crucial awareness about how to use the toilet, the biogas in the kitchen and the sludge properly. They were also educated how to maintain the project, to last, as one community.



Construction of the basement for toilets and showers.

On Friday, 28 December 2012, more than 60 invited guests attended the Inauguration



A ribbon was cut for the inauguration in Gondar.

Ceremony. Among those attendees, the Mayor of the Gondar city Administration, the chief for the Gondar EPRDF's Political Party, the Gondar University President, and the Executive Chief for the Gondar Municipality Office. The project is now open for all to use in the locality, and we look forward to updating you in the Summer!



Location for the septic tanker.

Travel and Volunteer with Kindu Trust in Ethiopia

Are you interested in an experience you will remember for the rest of your life? By volunteering in Gondar, you have the opportunity to become involved at our compound and be assigned a role based on your skills, expertise, and passion. Most volunteers are placed with the Kindu Klub youth group. You will have the opportunity to teach, play, and grow alongside these great children. There is also placements to assist with our other projects, for example income generation or bio-gas.

Volunteer placements are an excellent chance to develop your existing skills and bolster your CV. Aside from that, explore a rich culture, make new friends, visit your sponsored child, and apply yourself to new and interesting challenges along the way.



Volunteer Jess with some of our children.

You are encouraged to fundraise the cost of your trip which covers many of your expenses such as accommodation and midday meals. We recommend you leave 2-3 months for completing the application form, completing a visa application, etc. It costs roughly £800 for a one month duration. This includes the costs of flights, accommodation, food, and drink. For more information contact us at any time with questions or inquires.

Run for Kindu with the Royal Parks Half Marathon on 6th October 2013



www.royalparkshalf.com

It may be too late for an individual to join the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 6th October 2013, but there are still four spots left to participate with The Kindu Trust team. This fundraiser brings in much needed funds for the charity as each runner (on our team of six) has a fundraising target of £500.

The run takes place across the stunning central London parks and is 13.1 miles in distance. There is a £30 registration fee to participate. You will be benefiting not only your health, but also our children in Ethiopia. To register your place contact us at Kindu@kindustrust.org.

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