

First of all thanks for the support this year.

It was and has been quite restless during and after the elections in Kenya. That has huge implications for tourism. And that Blessed Generation notices very well, because the number of visitors has decreased and thereby there are fewer new sponsors.

Despite all that, there are also a lot of positive signs

Blessed Generation provides **650 children** and has about **100 Kenyan employees** in service.

In **Nyamira**, a functioning water well is realised. The local population benefits of it and that is a big improvement in their living conditions

The school buildings in **Malindi** became unusable by landslides. By a generous gift a new school has been built in short time. Now we are still looking for money for small-scale housing for the children who need shelter 24 hours a day.

And in **Ruiru**, new classrooms for the High School were added by Bob de Jong, a Dutch speedskater, and a group of volunteers. The first group of pupils have recently done an exam, in January the results will be shown. The aim is to allow paying-children from the area. Because it is a boarding school more dorms and classrooms are needed then. The cost is estimated at around 400,000 euros. The Government unfortunately is not willing to participate. In case the buildings are ready this generates income, from which the salaries of the teachers can be paid. More and often poorer children get access to good and contemporary education.

The Kenyan Government provided student loans, allowing more children from Blessed Generation after High School can study further. A student loan is sufficient for the tuition fees and part of the books. For upkeep a sponsorship is still needed.

The money donated last year has been spent by AERO2 in the well in Nyamira. In addition to projects that contribute becoming self-sufficient, such as the creating candles. The self cast candles are sold in Malindi and Mombasa. 2 people have a job and it gives some income. But the most important factor is that they thereby make contact with interested people. In the meantime a large number of candles is delivered to a hotel in Malindi.

The individual donations for 2 out of 3 students will expire. Stecy completed a two year training for education at a primary school. Monicah graduated on december 21, with honors in sociology and would preferably go to work with children who have a similar background as she has herself. Fadhil, it turned out after 2 years technical School is good in practice of car mechanics. He will have much more chances at a job with 2 years extra training. He will be ready in december 2018.

AERO2 received donations from a Christmas workshop and a Christmas market in our street, a donation out of a wedding party, the deposit-box at our supermarket, gift certificates, a contributor, doing odd jobs for third parties and sale of goods. And 100% of the donated money arrives in Kenya!

Clothing, linen and toys, help-and bandages are continuously offered and find their way to Kenya and Ukraine. Meanwhile entering medicine in Ukraine is forbidden.

If you want to continue to support our work for Blessed Generation for education, please post your donation to AERO2, NL21INGB 0003185122

Best regards

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