



From the Trustees

A lunch programme for 70 of the neediest children at a primary school on the border with Rwanda, over 30 students' University and Secondary School fees paid in Kenya and Uganda and four teaching salaries covered in Lesotho... it's been a full and fulfilling year! Thank you all so much for your support and we hope you enjoy this brief round-up of our recent news...



EAT WELL TO LIVE!

Following the success of the feeding programme in Lesotho, we've started a similar scheme in Kamugangazi, Uganda, working with head teacher Rev. Benon of Janan Luwum Primary School. At a cost of £28 per term per student, the 70 hungry students who were forced to go without now join their classmates in a simple school lunch – often their sole meal of the day.

"...the Head student gave a moving speech as he mentioned that many students at Janan Luwum Primary School would have died had it not been the intervention of Rafiki to provide Lunch to the affected students" Rev Benon, Headteacher

NEW WEBSITE

If you've not yet seen it, check out our revamped website, full of fantastic pictures, latest news and all the information:

www.rafiki-foundation.org.uk

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UGANDA TRIP

Last autumn, trustee Suannah Evans embarked on a two week trip to Uganda with photographer Jane Baker to visit each of the 26 students we support there. A Ugandan committee was set up to support Rev. Benon in handling all the applications/paperwork and ground work for us. We are immensely grateful to all 4 members of the committee who volunteer for Rafiki as well as being full time teachers/management staff within the institutions that we work in partnership with. Read more and see Jane's amazing photos on our [website](#)



STEPHEN'S STORY

Stephen Okumu (pictured) is a third year student at Moi University, Kenya. Starting a degree course with limited funds, he soon found he was unable to sit exams through not having the required fees, despite being, in the words of his tutor Dr Ochwaya "...by far the best student in his class, and in all of the courses that I have taught." Dr Ochwaya appealed to the Rafiki Thabo Foundation on Stephen's

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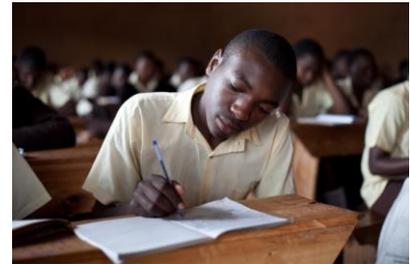
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behalf. He is now one of seven university students that we support in Kenya and wrote about his story for the university magazine, sending us the article to publish on our website – read the full story [here](#)

"The Rafiki Thabo Foundation is the angel of light that outwitted the angel of darkness for me"

Stephen Okumu, Moi University, Kenya

FUNDRAISING



Nothing could happen without the generosity of our supporters, yet for every student we help, there are many more deserving applicants that we have to disappoint. The scale of the task is illustrated by the fact that the average Kenyan earns £490.00 per year – and university costs over £1000.00 in fees alone! Every penny really does count, so thank you again for your efforts and if you are interested in helping us fundraise, do please be in touch:

trustees@rafiki-foundation.org.uk

HA FUSI FLOURISHES!

We continue to pay three teaching salaries at Ha Fusi Secondary School, Lesotho to ensure the school remains open and viable whilst the government catches up. The great news is that student numbers are up and the school is otherwise self-sustaining. There has been a huge investment by the Japanese government in building the remaining infrastructure – classroom blocks and a library, so things are looking good for the future!

