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“Karibu”

- Welcome

KAP was established in 2010 to help give Kenyans back what they lost after the post-election violence that broke out in 2007-2008.

**Our Vision:** To give the Kenyan people back what they are entitled to; a good education in a safe, sanitary and clean environment.

This is KAP's second newsletter and to welcome Easter 2011 we thought we would bring you all our news from the last month.



## Team KAP's trip to Kenya!

Bev and Polly have just come back from the latest trip out to Kenya. Our main basis was to meet, organise and distribute all the goods that had been transited from our UK warehouse to Edwin – the Manager at Kibugat ICT, Cylas – The Headmaster at Fort Smith Secondary and Sammy the Headmaster at Fort Smith Junior. These goods included chairs, desks and stools able to furnish the schools and community centres. We were also able to visit the Fort Smith schools and it was more than a pleasure to see all our previous goods, including mattresses and cookery utensils being used to their full potential.



Edwin from the Kibugat ICT Project with Cylas the Headmaster of Fort Smith Secondary and Polly from team KAP.

The unloading and organising of all the goods from the UK



Headmaster Cylas tests the new school chairs.

## The two containers arrive safely in Nairobi!

It was a hot morning in the centre of Nairobi; the container had arrived and been unloaded in Nairobi the night before. Edwin from Kibugat ICT and the two Headmasters of the Fort Smith Junior and High Schools had all arrived and were eager to see their new commodities. The 5 of us await the 3 lorries to take the goods from the warehouse to their rightful new homes. They soon arrive so we take our partners to the warehouse and slyly open up to steel doors, where we find 852 plastic and cushioned chairs, 85 children's chairs, and 90 tables. Our friends jump up with joy as they are overcome by the amount of new furnishings available to give the community and their pupils comfort.

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## Edwin Ronoh - Kibugat ICT



Older pupils from the Kibugat community sit on their new chairs at their desks.

Kibugat ICT is a rural based organization that aims to offer IT training and other related services to the local community, including schools and health care centres. Edwin Ronoh is the Manager of this development scheme. Thanks to all the furniture donated Kibugat ICT is now fully equipped to press forward with their ideals.



A new fully furnished classroom complete with padded chairs and desks.

From Edwin's perspective everything seems to be coming together; Kibugat ICT have received computers from another source and Edwin has said "the community are very appreciative of this gesture now they have a chair to sit on whilst at their computers – what a coincidence (he jokes)"

In a letter of appreciation Edwin also writes: "We are deeply heartened from this gesture and say a big thank you to your generous contribution".

## FortSmith Secondary Educational Centre



Headmaster Cylas sits on his new school furniture, he says the stools will be so great for our science classroom.

FortSmith Secondary Educational Centre is a community based organization near the Uthiru slums. The partnership between KAP and the secondary school began in late 2009 when the leading problem statement was "inadequate classrooms and lack of enough furniture".

Headmaster Cylas stated "If this problem of desks and chairs is solved, we are sure that the access to education by the youth aged 15 years and above will increase, hence the centre will be able to serve the community well."



Everybody helps unload the lorry with all the goods and everything is put in the hall ready for rearranging in the morning.

Now, Fort Smith Secondary school has stools, padded chairs, plastic chairs and desks to sit by. After dropping all the new furnishings off at the secondary school the study hall/canteen which was previously furnished with only 6 chairs and 1 desk for the 346 pupils was completely bombarded with classroom goods.

Headmaster Cylas says "thanks a lot you KAP for the kind donation that you brought us we highly appreciate your continued support".

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## Fort Smith Junior Education Centre

Fort Smith Junior School is a community based organisation that is also based near the Uthuri Slums. Headmaster Sammy works with pupils ranging from 5 – 12 year olds.

Upon KAP's last visit to the Junior School it was apparent the school was under resourced especially in terms of furniture and desks. Children either had no chair or desks or there were too many pupils gathered around each table.

Headmaster Sammy recognised that the school was in need of furniture in order to improve the educational standards at the school, with the ability to give pupils space and comfort whilst learning.

As of now, the junior school is well equipped with chairs and desks and they are being put to good use in the 5 classrooms within the school grounds. Headmaster Sammy also has plenty of small children's chairs so the youngsters even have the opportunity to sit up straight and learn!

Headmaster Sammy tries out his new appliances



The Headmaster rounds up the pupils to help with the unloading of the goods. They are excited to see the new arrivals.



The Headmaster sits in his office with a sigh of relief.



## More donations!

A special thanks to Egerton CEP School for their generous donation of school tables, chairs and book stands. These goods are now in our Tunbridge Wells Warehouse awaiting our next shipment out to Kenya.

It is very important that these donations go to a good home and I hope this Newsletter and our regular updates can just about show you (as best as we can!) how appreciated these goods really are!

It is these generous donations that really support thousands of pupils and adult learners in Kenya, that is a great feat and long may it continue!

Please contact Polly at [polly@kenyaaidprogramme.org.uk](mailto:polly@kenyaaidprogramme.org.uk) if you have any questions or would like to support us with our work by any means.



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A big thumbs up (whilst sitting on our new chairs) for everyone's support.  
- From the children at FortSmith Junior School.

**“TEACHERS CAN BE; OUR  
PARENTS, OUR SPONSORS,  
OUR SIBLINGS OR ANYONE  
WHO GIVES KNOWLEDGE;  
YOU ARE MY TEACHER;  
LONG LIVE MY TEACHER”**

**- PUPIL FROM FORT SMITH  
JUNIOR SCHOOL.**

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