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Our Community Cares

Eburru Secondary School
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The Dream Flag Project

This summer, Kui and Chiru shared the Dream Flag Project with Form 1 and 2 students of the secondary school. This is a unique international project started by Agnes Irwin School English teacher Mr. Jeff Harlan, in which students write and illustrate poems about their dreams. The project at Eburru produced outstanding results-beautiful illustrations and poetry. They intend to share the dream flags made at Eburru with the Dream Flag Project in the US. Along with continuing this project when they return to Kenya, Kui and Chiru hope to continue raising money for the school.



Students working hard on their Dream Poems

If you are interested in making a donation to help match the funds raised by their school in the US, contact Mr. Gregory Wabuge, General Manager of the Great Rift Valley Golf Club or Mrs. Jan Strevens via email janstrev@gmail.com who will collect the funds and will make sure they get to the Eburru Secondary Trust.



Wings of Support
Marius and Inske DenDulk

Bush Camp at the Lake

The camp is ready and 40 tents are up. For each child there are mattresses, sheets and blankets, pink pajama's and stuffed animals in the tents. On the campsite balloons, guirlandes and our own "mitumba" market. We, the volunteers of Wings of Support (mostly pilots and flight attendants of Dutch airlines) are waiting for the children to come with the busses to **Fisherman's Camp**.

And here they come....some brave, some shy children are leaving the bus and introduce themselves. They are poorly dressed, but big smiles on their faces. This is the event they were looking forward to for a whole year. They come from the slums in Nairobi, and the bus ride is the start of their four day holiday.

We give them tea and muffins and then they can "shop": shoes, flip flops, boots, underwear, trousers, shirts, skirts, dresses, shawls, jackets and caps, everything we have in our mitumba. The fun has started! With happy faces they bring all their treasures to their tents.



Now it is time for a boat safari. They have to wear life jackets, most far too big. Some kids are a little scared of the hippo's, but they love to see the eagle going down for the fish. And they come back very excited about their big adventure.

In the evening they have pasta, the plates are overloaded. It's amazing where the food goes in those skinny bodies. They sing, they pray, they have lots of fun and the best thing is to sit on the lap of the volunteers and to hold hands.

In the morning they enjoy a breakfast with



tea, eggs and peanut butter sandwiches. In a few minutes ten breads are vanished. They love to go for a swim at Eagle's Inn and have a soda afterwards. They enjoy the walk over **Crescent Island**. The highlight of bush camp is a safari trip with Oserian at Chui Lodge. **Oserian Wildlife** sponsors this game drive with their safari cars and very nice guides. These Kenyan children see for the first time in their life the beauty of their country and the wildlife that is so wonderful.



After four days we have to say goodbye to the first group of 30 children, this is the hardest thing to do. Children and volunteers have tears in their eyes, little arms around our necks, that won't let go. Bye-bye, see you maybe next year..

We have to dry our eyes and put on our smiles, because here comes the next group and they will sit on our laps tonight with their smiling and happy faces, holding our hands...

We are happy to be part of this bush camp. Every year we camp with four groups of children, mostly orphans from homes in Nairobi and Malindi. It is an experience we will never forget. This is the 11th year we are doing this and hope to go on forever. You are always welcome to visit our bush camp. We will be at Fisherman's till October 13th.

ED NOTE: Inske and Marius are residents of GRVL and Golf Resort