



Kenya Kesho

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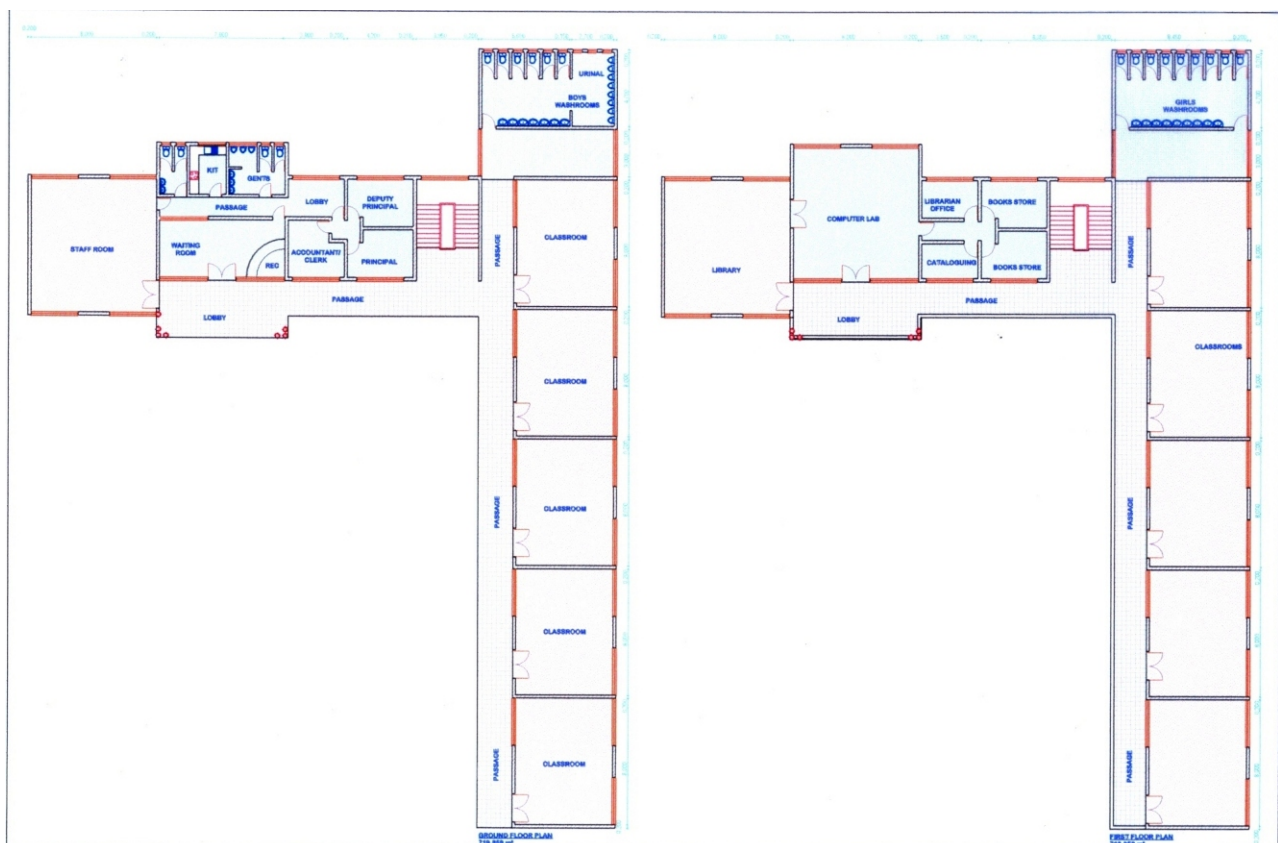
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At last, an update!

Since Peter and I have stepped back a little from the Pemba Channel Lodge and The Pemba Channel Fishing Club and now run them in a more relaxed and informal way I am happy to report that Kenya Kesho now occupies most of my waking hours! Kenya Kesho continues to support, build and supply for the education of young children in Mshiu Primary School, Kwale County.

Peter and I and our Trustees have worked really hard to create awareness of our small foundation and its work in Primary School education. Our very big challenge this year and well into the next years will be the construction of eight primary school classrooms, a library/computer centre and teachers' accommodation at Mshiu Primary School, on a 5.5 acre plot adjacent to the existing school. This project will be for the **exclusive education of girls**.

Marco Sardelli, a retired architect in Nairobi, has very kindly let us have drawings that he did for a school in Kisumu, which was never built. With a few little tweaks those drawings will be perfect for our new school. We are aiming to build the eight classroom block, (double story how exciting is that?) a head-teacher's office, library, computer room and loos (with mirrors! I read some research somewhere that loos with mirrors are very attractive to young girls going to school.) The second phase will be teacher accommodation. We will be planting lots of trees too. I will be putting pics up on facebook charting our progress. Please join Kenya Kesho at www.facebook.com/kenyakesho

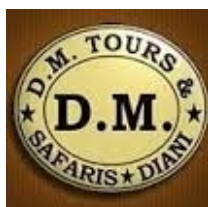


We have a very progressive Governor here in Kwale County whose background is in education. Our Governor has made it the priority of his Administration to take education to a level way above what we have at the moment. Well done Governor. This is exactly what Kenya Kesho was doing in the past. We have been able to put 49 through secondary school and have six at university, but our job has been made obsolete! We have now had to change tack and with the backing of the Executive Committee Member, Hon Mangale, Education and Human Resource Development, we are to build a **primary School for Girls**, educating up to 50 girls per class up to Class 8. The goalposts keep changing somewhat, but that is the way; in order for us to get the licenses we now need to build x two Early Childhood Development (kindergarten, to you and me) classrooms. This means we go from building one classroom this period to having to build three classrooms. It also means we go from having to employ two teachers to at least four or even six. This will stretch our finances to the very limit. We are working hard on fund raising and searching for teachers. I know there are lots of you out there with much better contacts than I. Please do what you can re teachers.

We have had lots of fundraising challenges. Maria, who now works with Kenya Kesho, organized the very first Kenya Kesho cycle challenge at the Butterfly Park in Mombasa. Next year we hope to do a corporate cycle challenge, get teams of up to 6 per organization and set them off on a 60km course. Up and down, through rough and dry country, and at the end a cold beer and a fab lunch were people can mingle and get to know each other, get to know what each does and how they can help the local community. We look forward to that and if any of you would like your company to participate, or if you would like more info, please contact maria@kenyakesho.org



The Kenya Kesho raffle was very generously supported by many people and organizations. **MOMBASA AIR SAFARIS** and Chris Cronchy gave us a VERY SUBSTANTIAL prize of two air-tickets Diani to Mara to go with the prize of two nights for two at **KILIMA CAMP** in the Mara donated by Kilima Camp and Denis of **D M TOURS** in Diani. What an amazing thing to win. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you to all our supporters. We will be able to finance one classroom at the new school.



FARGO COURIER very kindly donated 30 desks to Kenya Kesho. They arrived all the way from Nairobi to Diani. Daniel arranged to have them all transported to Mshiu Primary School. Thank you so much Gai Cullen. Kids are now not sitting on bare cement floors and appreciate your generosity very much indeed.



Our students are all doing very well indeed. Sada, our only girl student, is in her last year at university studying **Aquatics Resources and Conservation**. Already there are many people enquiring about employment opportunities for her. To have a young muslim girl with a degree from a well respected university is unique in this area and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. When she wrote to her sponsor recently she said that had she not been given this opportunity she would probably be the mother of three by now and possibly a drug addict too. Educate to eradicate poverty.

Young Isaac, who is at Kenyatta University studying **land management**, had an excellent year.

He was named the vice-chancellor's student of the year.

We are so proud of this young man. He comes from an exceedingly poor background and we are so lucky to have been able to help him achieve a goal that was unattainable and unthinkable. We know he will not let us down in any way. Isaac was the first person from his area to go to secondary school and he is now at university attaining the highest accolades. Well done young man.



Collins continues to do very well at his **medicine** degree. He is very dedicated and wants to achieve hugely. Recently he was mugged and had his phone stolen with all his university fees and his savings on the phone. The phone was registered to his father, who died last year. It will be challenging for him to get any money back from safaricom until he gets probate/administration. His father owned nothing; no land, no assets, no bank account etc so this may take a considerable amount of time. Are there any lawyers out there that can help him with this problem?

Wendo continues with his **nursing** career. It is extremely difficult to get results for most of our students. It seems that the administration at the Universities do not see the need to keep the sponsors informed. Is it laziness or lethargy? Whatever, it is hugely irritating!

Benson is doing very well indeed with his **electrical engineering** course. He goes into his final year soon and if there are any willing employers out there that would like to employ a young man who will for sure go places, please contact us.

Idris, our little Einstein keeps very quiet and studious.

I still rattle on about fundraising!! Any ideas???

Can anyone help me with instagram and twitter? Apparently that is the way to go.

URGENT. Need someone to help build a very good web site. I think mine is gently killing me! Do any of you know of anyone that is really creative and artistic?

Finally, Peter and I would like to thank you all, our loyal supporters and donors. You have helped with time, ideas, resources and financial support. Thank you a million times over.

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