

CHANGES

At the home there is a new structure in the **living accommodation**. The children have been arranged in families on the different floors in the building. Each floor has a name - **flamingos, leopards and lions** - with a house mother in charge of each floor to ensure that things are in order and running well. Although the menu is the same, every floor has to make their own meals, do their own washing and manage their affairs independently from the other floors. The children are encouraged to **take responsibility** for themselves and for each other and know that they are accountable to a specific person.



The road to Mudzini has been repaired AGAIN! It was in such a bad condition that it was a challenge for the vehicles to pass through, especially during the rainy season. Now vehicles can pass through without the fear of getting damaged or stuck.

An enclosed **workshop area** has been constructed for safety reasons and the main water tower has been reinforced. The water supply is such an important asset not only for the home but to the villagers as well.

The **brick project** is currently making 250 bricks a day with the intention of having 200,000 before commencing on the new school construction. Mudzini have tried again to breed **chickens** for consumption and for retail but the cost of feed has risen, so it is becoming uneconomical. It may be more beneficial to increase the number of **turkeys**. The **fish project** is doing very well with the sale of fish to people in the community continuing.

The **Children's Office** is asking the home to care for **young babies** who have been rejected and abandoned. The most recent is an 11 day old baby girl. One of the youngest girls, **Mapenzi**, has said her longest sentence so far, 'Nataka maji' (basically meaning 'I want water'). We are grateful to God for this development.



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Catherine from the Mudzini Kwetu Centre states:
Looking back at the year, we can only say, God has been so gracious to each one of us. I am counting our blessings and, honestly, I can only marvel at the faithfulness of the Lord. The year has been a great one, not without challenge, but a good one none the less. Words will never be enough to say how grateful we are for the privilege of having you as a family.

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CHALLENGES OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since moving to Kikambala, the children at Mudzini Kwetu Centre have had their primary school education at Bahari Parents Academy. In the best interests of the children, it was decided to transfer them to a new school, the **Mtwapa Elite Academy**. The process of finding a suitable school and settling the children there was very hectic. The schools visited were well below standard, some were just too expensive and others lacked in different ways.



The children settled down well and are making new friends. The Mtwapa Elite Academy will be a challenge for them to measure to the new standards and perform better. It is a good school with great competition and was the top school in the **Kilifi District** in last year's examinations. They are very serious

about academic work and it is hoped that this will be a test for the girls to work hard. There are more assignments, long hours in school and the upper classes go to school on Saturdays but the **girls are coping well**. It was hoped that the change would bring good results in discipline, academics and other areas of life for the girls.

The children sat their first exams in Mtwapa Elite Academy in February with **very pleasing results**. The children did exceptionally well. All the girls, with an exception of two, achieved over 300 marks out of the total 500 marks with some scoring as much as 473 out of 500. The two girls who did not get to 300 had 267 and 280, which is still a pass! The fruit of the hard decisions made at the beginning of the year are being seen.

The children are so happy, so motivated and so ready to work even harder than before. A small **celebration** to congratulate them is being planned!

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CHALLENGES OF HIGH SCHOOL



Jane Big has begun her journey in high school education. She is attending the St John's Girls Secondary School. This is the same school that Kimberley attends and we hope that Jane will accept the responsibilities of working at a higher level and do well.

Kimberley's leadership gift has been noted by the administration in the school. Only a year into the school and she is a 'dorm mother'. This position comes with a lot of responsibility. Kimberley is very well-behaved, active in extra curricula activities and well-liked by many in the school. The Head Teacher has visited Mudzini Kwetu Centre and recognises the calibre and care of the children at the home.



CHALLENGES AFTER SCHOOL

The long-awaited results for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education have been announced. **Brenda** did well, with humanities being her strong feature. She is still undecided on what career course to pursue.



Juliana has begun work in a beauty salon. The salon is newly established and will offer Juliana the ability to gain experience as the salon grows and attracts customers. The owner is known to Mudzini and Juliana is eager to work for her. She has relocated from Mudzini to Mtwapa to be closer to work and is starting life on her own.

Purity is also moving ahead with her career prospects. She has chosen to be a beautician and has started her training in a college in Mombasa.



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