



Welcome to the Kinamba Community Project & Meg Foundation



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The Meg Foundation currently has over 160 nursery students between the ages of three and ten. It runs an after school programme for over 80 primary school students. Of these 80 children, 24 have sponsors. The foundation also runs a feeding programme for all the students and sponsors six secondary students. In addition to the programmes offered to children, there is also a women's craft group, which has around 20 members.

The staff at the Meg Foundation have been or are also sponsored. Some are completing courses such as teaching certificates, accounting degrees and home economic courses.



and local builders.





The collage features 12 photographs of individuals and groups. At the top left, three men are outdoors; one is using a tool on a wall. Next to them, a man is working on a yellow surface, possibly a piece of fabric or paper. To the right, a man in a blue shirt is smiling. Below these, a group of five women are standing together, some in traditional patterned clothing. To the right of them, a woman in a colorful headscarf and patterned top is smiling. Below the group of women, a woman in a white shirt is smiling. To the right of her, a woman in a white shirt is looking at the camera. At the bottom left, a man in a red shirt is smiling. Next to him, a woman in a blue patterned shirt is smiling. To the right of her, a woman in a white patterned shirt is smiling. At the bottom right, a woman in a red and white striped shirt is smiling. Several small, colorful handprints are scattered around the collage.





This is my fourth time in Rwanda and my third at the Meg Foundation working with the children during their school holidays.





School Holidays: The school holidays run from the end of October to January. There is an announcement on the radio shortly in the New Year telling the teachers and families when school will resume. Rwandan students must complete six years of primary education before sitting the national exam for entrance into a high school. Successful students are then allocated to a high school somewhere in Rwanda. For many families the extra expenses of transportation, accommodation and food is too much. The average age range of primary students in years one and two is from 6 to 12 years, for years three and four, 8 to 16 years and high school students are in their early 20s.





Summer Programme: All of the children in the Meg Foundation's after school programme were invited to join the summer programme. I had over 70 enthusiastic children divided into two sessions, mornings and afternoons. Children in years one and two came in the mornings from 8 am to 12 noon. Sometimes, however, they would start arriving as early as 7am. Children in years three and four attended the afternoon sessions from 1 pm to 5 pm. Occasionally, I found myself pushing them out the door around 6 pm so that they would be home before dark and before the rain.



On a few occasions, I would arrive in class to find a new face or two that belonged to younger siblings of those attending the summer programme, or a child from the village who had seen or heard us playing and wanted to join in.




Our days were action packed and filled with a variety of activities. We did have a few days where we were washed out from the torrential down pour, which is uncommon this time of year.



I tried to organise as many fun and interesting activities as possible, included were activities that the children wouldn't normally participate in during school or in their day to day lives. Activities were also selected to practise and help improve their reading, writing and listening skills. These activities included: drama, arts and crafts, watching movies, group activity work, such as writing short stories and



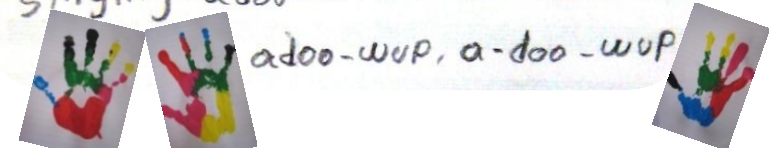
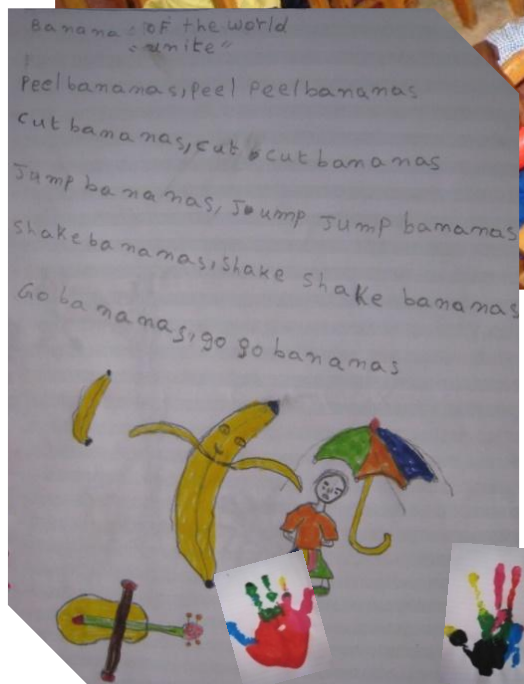
The page is decorated with numerous colorful handprints in red, yellow, green, and blue, arranged around the text blocks.

songs, then presenting them to the rest of the class. The children also participated in story telling, team games, and sports such as relays and the much loved game of football/soccer.

On our last day, we had a small party and a short presentation where the children received a portfolio of all their work, a magazine similar to this one and an individual and group photo.

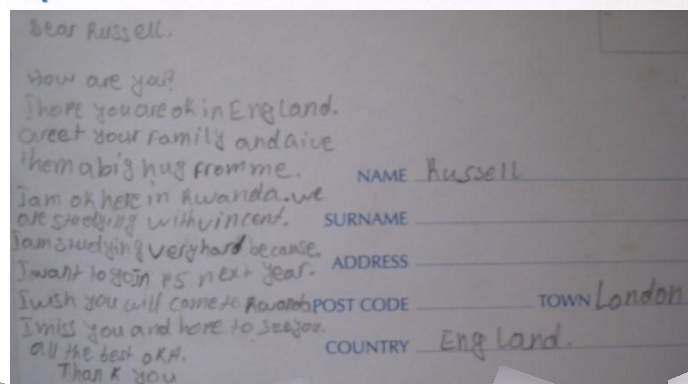
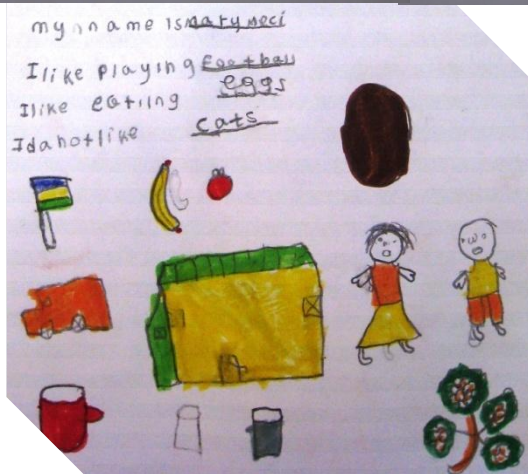
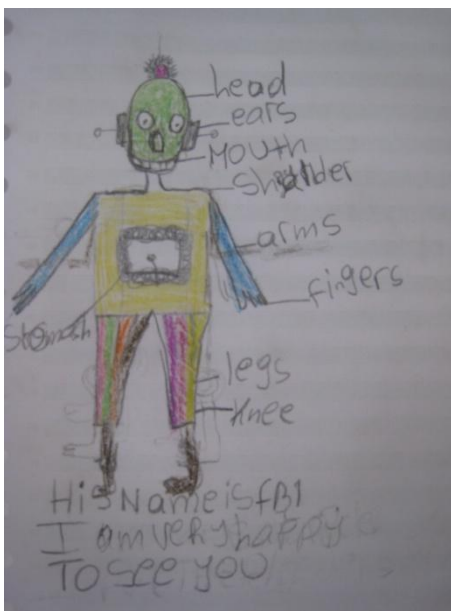
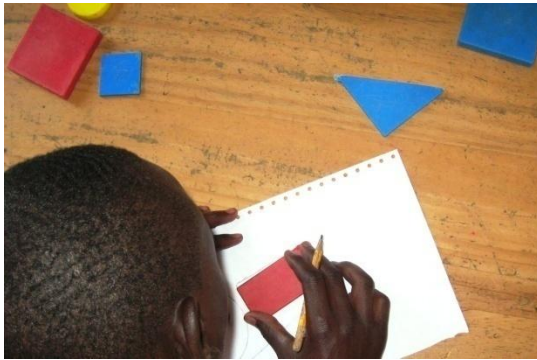
The following pages are filled with some of the many pictures taken, capturing samples of the children's hard work and fun times had here at the Kinamba Community Project and Meg Foundation this past month. I hope you enjoy looking over them.

Porridge is given to all students as part of the daily feeding programme.

Several colorful handprints are placed around the bottom of the poem paper.

I like the flowers
I like the daffodils
I like the mountains
I like the rolling hills
I like the fiteside
when the lights are low
singing-a-doo-wup-a-doo-wup
a-doo-wup, a-doo-wup

Fun Learning Activities



Writing Activities

My name is Daniel
I am from Rwanda
I am 6 years old
I like People and football



My name is Evariste
I am from Karukamba
I am 7 years old
I like the violin and books

This is me



My name is Platon
I am from Rwanda
I am 8 years old
I like milk and apples

This is me



My Name is Belise P3
I am from Rwanda
I live in Kinamba
I am 9 years old
I have 5 brothers
and 3 sisters
I enjoy Praying Bounce
I like to eat Rice
and oranges
My favourite colour is Red



HELLO
MY NAME IS ERIKIPAKOZE
I am 11 years old
I live in Kacyiru
I HAVE NO SISTERS
I am from RWANDA
I ENJOY SINGING
I LIKE TO DRINK MILK
MY FAVOURITE BEVER PRIMUS
I like to eat ICE CREAM
THIS IS ME

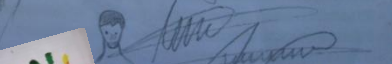


HELLO
My Name is GRAY DEWINE
I am from Rwanda
I am 13 years old
I live in GISOZI I have 1 brother
and 1 sister
I enjoy playing FOOT BALL
I like to eat FISH and RABBITS
My favourite drink is MILK and
My favourite colour is RED
THIS IS ME



My new Friend

THIS IS MY NEW FRIEND
He comes Jupiter. His name
is Fabrice. He lives to shore
He sleeps at night. He eats
Meat on Tuesdays
He enjoys watching films
My new friend is very nice
He helps me cook breakfast
I like him very much



ORACHISTIANO
My new friend
This is my new friend
His name is Vincent. He comes
from Australia. He is 10 years old. He likes
to teach the left right
He eats ice-cream on Mondays
He enjoys watching films. My new friend
is very nice. He teaches me good English.
I like him very much.

Thank you



Lights, Camera and Action Little Red Riding Hood and the Monster



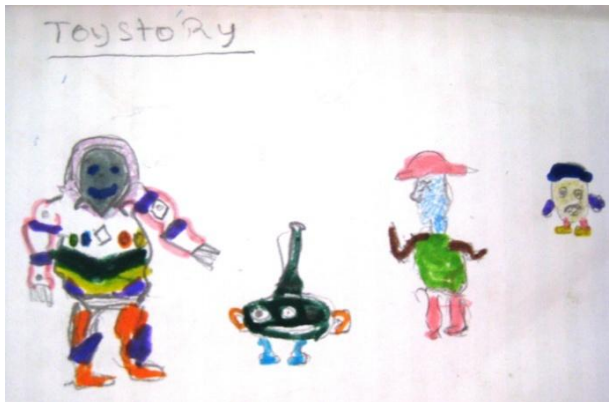
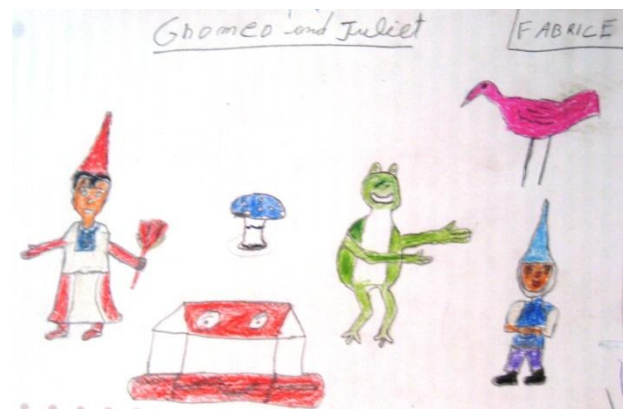
Goldilocks and the Three Monsters



Arts and Crafts



Movie Wednesdays



Games and Activities

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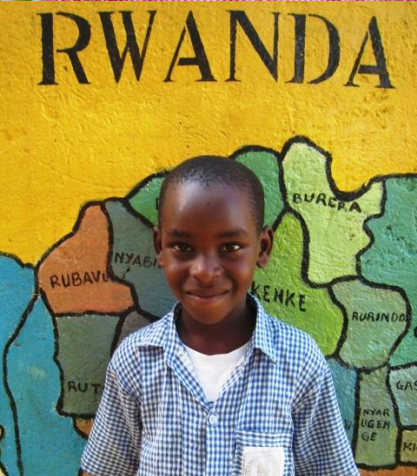
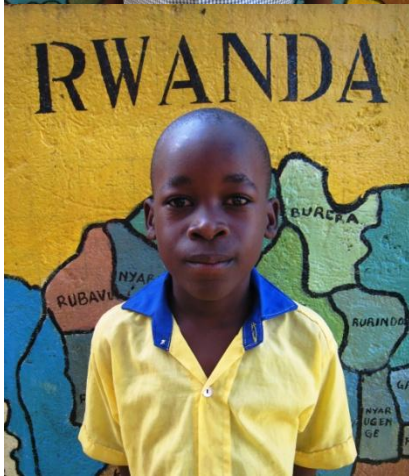
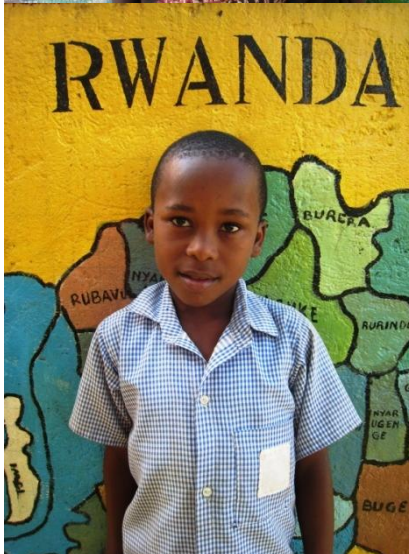
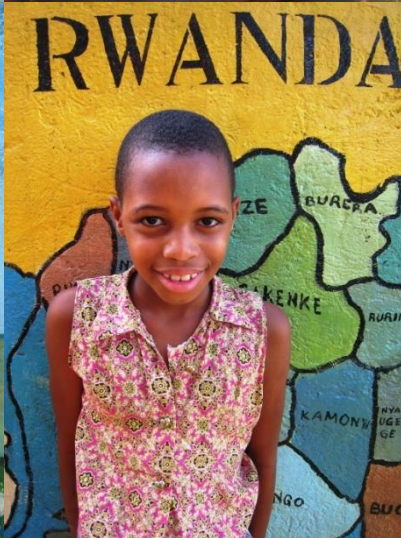
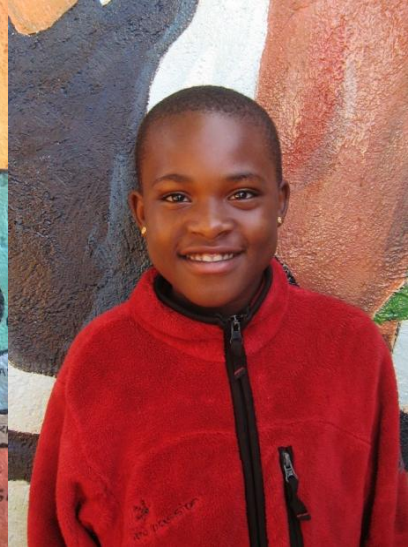
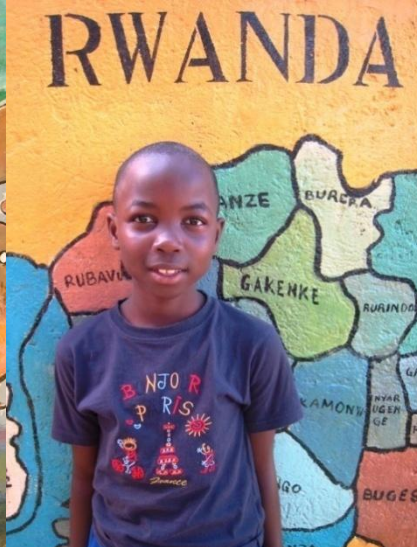
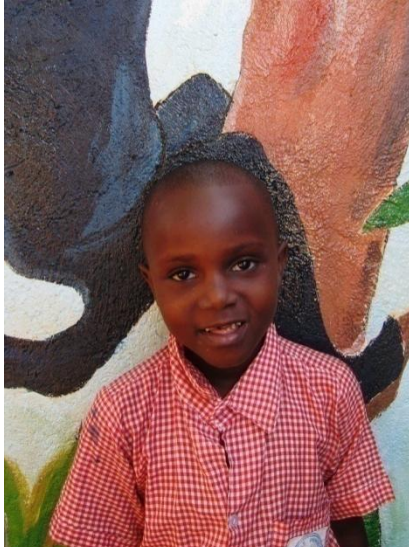
- Top left: Children playing with colorful beads on a wooden table.
- Top center: A child sorting small objects on a wooden table.
- Top right: Three children smiling and posing for a photo.
- Middle left: Children playing a board game (checkers) on a wooden table.
- Middle center: A child playing a board game (checkers) on a wooden table.
- Middle right: Children playing a card game (UNO) on a wooden table.
- Bottom left: Children playing a card game (UNO) on a wooden table.
- Bottom center: A child playing a board game (checkers) on a wooden table.
- Bottom right: Children playing a card game (UNO) on a wooden table.

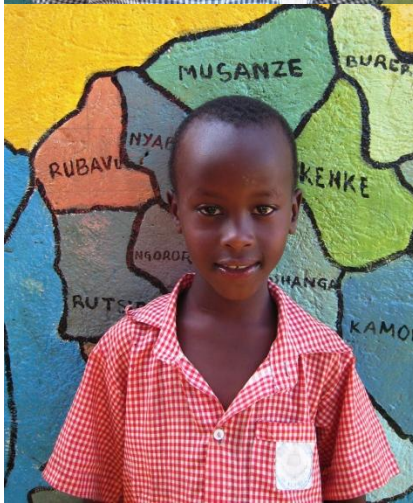
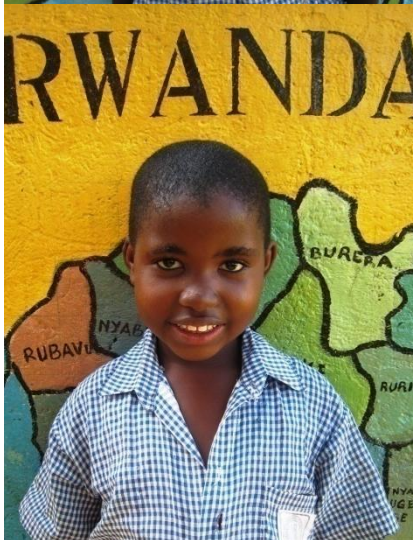
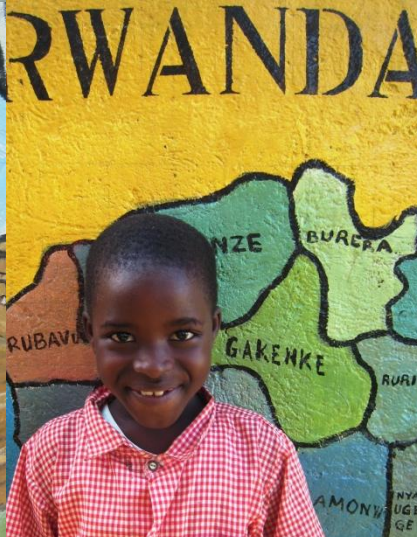
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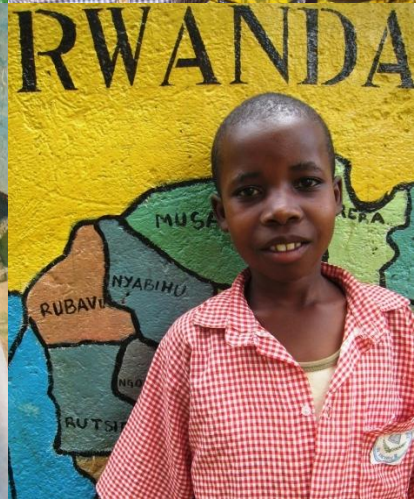
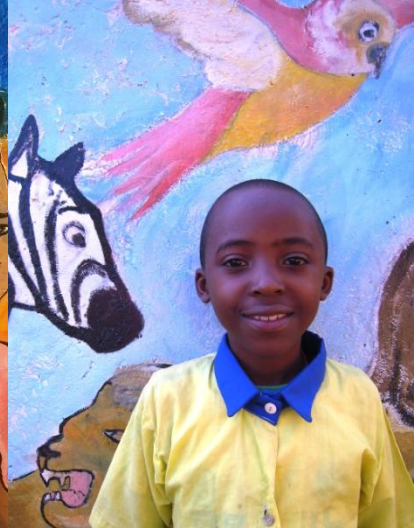


Sports Fridays











All together now

“Here in Kinamba, we have fun, fun, fun, fun, fun,
We play games and we run, run, run, run, run,
We sing songs and we sing, sing, sing, along,
Because here in Kinamba,
We have fun, fun, fun, fun, fun!”



The Meg Foundation takes on volunteers throughout the year. For further information please contact Meg on info@kinambaproject.org.uk and please feel free to forward on the email address to any interested parties. There is also a Facebook group: “Kinamba Community Project”



