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DONORS VISIT SAAS OFFICE

During Easter the SAAS office in Mombasa was honoured to receive donors from Ireland, Lorraine Mc. Ginty a lecturer at University College Dublin (UCD), Deirdre Neary and Evelyn Neary, both teachers in Dublin. Gina Woods SAAS director also came. Their trip was well planned as the schools were closed for the April holidays and they therefore got to meet with many of our students.



Gina Woods (SAAS Director) posing for a photo with one of the SAAS family

GIRLS DAY TOGETHER

For the 2nd time, SAAS hosted a girl's day in the SAAS office. We were delighted with the turn out as the majority of the girls attended and the feedback we received was very positive and has given us a lot to go on for the next girls' day. The issues discussed were:-

- education,
- hygiene,
- discipline
- relationships
- Sexuality.

The girls were also given a chance to address any issues they had with a SAAS councillor in private and to offer their opinions on various topics. At the end of the day all girls were given sanitary towels.



Some of the girls who attended the girl's day.

SCHOOLS RE - OPEN

Schools reopened on the 4th May, and all the students were happy to report back to school with all their fees for 2nd term paid on time. Most of their results last term were encouraging and they have assured us they will continue to work hard and give it their all.

TRIZAH'S CORNER



Trizah Mghanga (21) is waiting to join Journalism College in January 2010. This month Trizah wrote a letter to all the SAAS donors.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION



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Dear friends,

I hope you are all doing okay with your families and friends. My main aim of writing you this letter is to inform you that you have really changed the life of many youths in Kenya, for those who had no hopes in life you gave them hope, you've opened your arms and received people whom you have never met and decided to stretch your hand and help through SAAS organisation.

Some of us thought that we never had a future, though we had dreams but we did not know how to fulfil our dreams without getting better education, but now we have smile on our faces because you have given us the light.

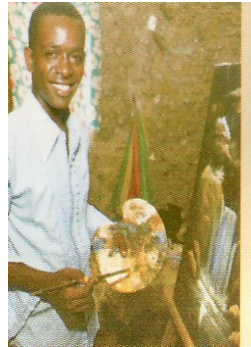
SAAS organisation is a good organisation it has done wonders in our lives and given hope to those who were hopeless, but I know it is through you my Irish friends, you have been able to sponsor many youths in Kenya and that gives SAAS many chances of taking youths who have not been in school.

You have been a blessing to us Kenyan youths I being one of them, am through with my secondary education and am looking forward to start my college soon. Thank you for all the goodness that you have done to us, I really don't know how to say it but I hope this letter will show you how good you've been to us. Once again thank you Irish people

From your loving friend

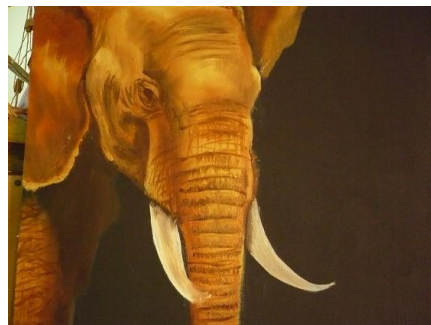
Trizah Mghanga.

RAMA THE ARTIST



Ramadhan Athman (23), who was once sponsored by SAAS on a 2 year vocational training carpentry course, is a talented artist.

Below is one of his recent paintings. Rama feels that his talent has developed hugely since he was given the opportunity to explore it. If anyone is interested in purchasing one of Rama's beautiful paintings please contact the SAAS office in Dublin and we will arrange same.



COMING SOON

- Looking forward to the 2009 Maths camp which will be held in August
- Arrival of Mike Keegan (Trent's father) in September.

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