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Inspiring new projects at the Hub

After officially opening our model bilingual school in Kigiwetenga in January 2016 we are now able to add another educational project involving a teachers training program which enriches the learning experience for our children. Two Kenyan teachers spent a month in Italy in 2016 and three English mother tongue teachers from Milan visited The Learning Hub. With COVEME's great generosity they are assisting us with these wonderful projects. A heartfelt thank you!



Angie: A Life Changing Experience

I have recently returned from a life changing experience in Kenya, where I had the privilege of meeting and getting to know each of the orphans at the Imani Children's Home in Kigewetenga. Although they have been born into a situation that in our eyes is extremely sad, they are the most joyful, smiley, happy and caring children I have ever worked with. From the moment that they heard the car horn outside the big gates at the front of the orphanage, they all came running to greet us. They were expecting me, because they immediately called me "Teacher Angie" and couldn't wait to see me at their school the following day; the school that is paving the way to a better future for them.

FUTURE IN THEIR EYES

The Learning Hub is the school that the association Make a Difference along with a multitude of generous



benefactors have constructed and founded in Kenya in order to provide these children with a life changing education. They find themselves in a class with around 15 children, where they follow an integrated Kenyan and British National Curriculum, providing them with a very high quality of education.

I was amazed at how well they are doing with their English and overall academic achievements. They are very eager pupils and seeing the spark of curiosity and pure excitement in their eyes at discovering new things. It is a reminder that they are children, just

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LILIAN : "I HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH. OUR METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN BOUGHT BACK TO KENYA"

My trip to Italy was the best opportunity I have yet to experience as a teacher. The welcome was very special from everyone at BAPS and BES. I learned so much during my three week stay, but just to mention a few, the system of education is one to admire and one I would wish for my children back in Kenya. The educational research clearly stood out for me. I learned that by adopting a child centered approach, by observing and understanding the children more, it was so much easier to get them involved in their learning. A learning that is more interesting to them as opposed to me choosing what I think would interest them. I also got tips from the Reception and Year 1 classes on how to inspire the children and engage them in creative writing. Having the children research different projects in the same class was also an eye opener for me.

As we speak I have already started to implement some of the good practice I observed during my experience at BAPS/BES hoping it will yield good results. I take this occasion to extend a warm welcome to all the families and teaching staff of BAPS/BES to come and visit us here in Kenya at the Learning Hub.

Warm regards,
Lilian



like our children, and they too have dreams and aspirations. Some want to be nurses, doctors, teachers and veterinarians. These dreams are all possible for them now with the education that The Learning Hub provides. It is all a result of your kind donations, and I can be a testimony and say that you are really Making a Difference!

HOW LUCKY WE ARE

I flew out of Milan on the evening of the 29th October with Marco, who is a film maker and came to document this amazing project. Immediately looking out the window as we drove through the city, it was a completely new world. The landscape is stunning and the huge baobab trees were beautiful. Debbie met us outside and she kindly welcomed us into her home for the week. I honestly feel like I lived a month compressed into a week. I helped the children at school, provided training for The Learning Hub teachers, saw zebras, lions and elephants, learned to dance and sing Kenyan style and most importantly realised how lucky we are.

A HEARTFELT THANKYOU

At present at The Learning Hub there are three highly qualified and motivated teachers. The project to build a school for orphan children to the Learning Hub was ambitious. There were obstacles that led to set backs but thanks to the unwavering support from so many of you we never lost faith. The satisfaction of finally welcoming 53 students to the Learning Hub was immeasurable.

Once again COVEME is by our side and with great generosity is helping us sustain the running costs of this school with the hope of positively changing the lives of these children.

This is the perfect opportunity to say an enormous THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who have believed in this noble project and have "walked by our side" over the past few years to realize this incredible dream.

