

# Newsletter



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Netherlands

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fundraiser

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First steps towards  
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## Word from the Chairman

Dear friends of the foundation,

In a world where the news is dominated daily by unrest, uncertainty and division, I find it increasingly important to keep looking at what is possible. At moments when people consciously choose to do something for someone else, without expecting anything in return. Those choices truly make a difference.

That is exactly what Jacinta and Joseph have been doing for many years in Nairobi. With tireless dedication, commitment and faith in the power of education and care, they and their team are building a safe place for children for whom this is not a given. It was therefore very special for me to be able to welcome them to the Netherlands this year. Not only to thank them for everything they do, but also to truly put them in the spotlight for once.

After a long and intensive period, the relocation to the new St Dorcas location has now become a reality. A milestone that required great perseverance. Their visit to the Netherlands felt like a moment of completion, but certainly also as a source of renewed energy.

Together we visited various places, had meaningful conversations and shared the story of St Dorcas with a broad and engaged audience.

A highlight was the fundraiser evening, during which Jacinta's story made a deep impression. The involvement and generosity shown that evening demonstrate how powerful our Foundation can be when people come together around a shared goal. The funds raised and the steps we can now take – from improved sleeping facilities to the expansion of schools and safe buildings – make me genuinely proud.

What makes this edition of the newsletter so special is that all the small and large articles together tell one story. A story of building, growth and trust. Of people here and there taking responsibility together.

Thank you to everyone who contributes. Together, we make a difference.

*Marcel van den Brink*

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With your support, we are building a better future together for underprivileged children.

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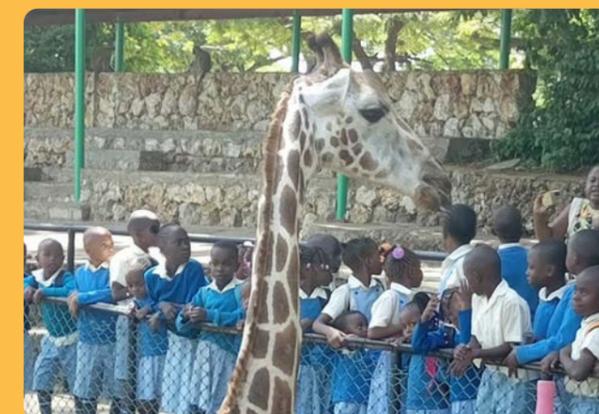
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Thanks to your support, the children of Child Support Mombasa enjoyed a visit to the zoo. For many, it was the first time seeing giraffes, monkeys and other animals up close. The joy and amazement were immense. A day they will never forget, made possible by your involvement.



# Visit from Nairobi!

Last year, we had the pleasure of welcoming Jacinta and her husband Joseph, both closely involved with St Dorcas in Nairobi, to the Netherlands. They travelled at the invitation of our Chair. The costs of this visit were fully covered privately and not paid from Foundation funds. The visit was intended as a token of appreciation for their tireless efforts, but also as a special moment of closure after an intensive period.

For many years, work has been ongoing on the construction of the new St Dorcas location. A journey marked by challenges, perseverance and trust. That the relocation has now truly become a reality felt like a milestone. This visit created space to pause and reflect, to find renewed energy, and to share the underlying ambition of St Dorcas with a broader and more diverse audience in the Netherlands.

During their stay, Jacinta and Joseph were taken to various places across the Netherlands. They visited, among others, the Gorinchem and Rotterdam area, stayed on the SS Rotterdam, paid a visit to former Chair Annemarie Nieuwenhuizen, and explored iconic locations such as the windmills of Kinderdijk, the Biesbosch and Amsterdam. It was a varied week in which meeting, experiencing and meaningful conversations took centre stage.



For both Jacinta and Joseph, this was their first trip outside Kenya. The impressions were overwhelming: a different landscape, a different climate and a completely different way of life. These contrasts led to valuable conversations, including about the origins and purpose of St Dorcas. The school and care centre are named after Saint Dorcas, who was known for her care for the poor and her acts of compassion. That inspiration lives on in the motivation to support children who do not naturally have access to safety, education and future opportunities.

St Dorcas is more than a place. It is a community. Jacinta described it as a large tree: with roots made up of volunteers, teachers, sponsors and supporters, and with the children as its fruits. Children who grow up with care, education and guidance — including psychosocial support — enabling them to become stronger individuals and, one day, perhaps care for others themselves.

Joseph spoke with pride about Jacinta's role as a committed and steadfast leader. Jacinta, in turn, emphasised how important Joseph's support and trust are to her. Both were deeply touched by the warmth of the people in the Netherlands, the ease of everyday facilities, and small things such as cycling to school and the cleanliness of the environment.



# An evening that made a difference

To mark its 25th anniversary, PPD Invest organised a jubilee celebration at a special location: Fort Altena. Instead of bringing gifts, guests were asked to make a donation to Stichting Gelijke Kansen.

During the evening, Jacinta, location coordinator of St Dorcas, spoke with great dedication about her work in Nairobi and the daily reality of the children growing up there. She talked about education, care and safety, but also about hope and resilience. Her story clearly illustrated what the Foundation has been committed to for many years and why this support remains so essential.



As the evening progressed, the total amount steadily increased. Donors, companies and organisations gave generously and with great involvement. By the end of the evening, an impressive amount of €12,382 had been announced — a result we can all be proud of.



It was also special that members of the Foundation's board were present to receive this wonderful amount together with Jacinta and Joseph. This underlined the long-standing connection and shared commitment to the Foundation.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed. Thanks to this support, we can continue to do what truly matters: providing food, enabling children to learn, and building the facilities needed for a safe and hopeful future.

# Netball succes

Netball is a fast-paced, tactical team sport similar to basketball and korfbal, in which two teams of seven players attempt to score by throwing a ball through a high ring. St Dorcas achieved an impressive result by once again winning the regional title in Nairobi.

As a result, the team qualified for the national school games in Kakamega. Under the guidance of their coach, the girls are confidently working towards their next goal: a place in the top three. Sport contributes to self-confidence, teamwork and future opportunities, and shows how talent can develop with the right support.





## Mombasa growing

The school in Mombasa is on the brink of expansion. Now that the previous owner of the adjacent plot of land has vacated it, the plan can finally be put into action. This step will create space for additional classrooms and play areas, in line with local education guidelines.

Thanks to this development, Child Support Mombasa can grow into a fully recognised primary school. Children will no longer need to leave prematurely after Grade 6, but will be able to complete their primary education at the same trusted location



## Better sleep

Following a recent appeal and the committed support of our donors, new beds and mattresses have been purchased for the children. In the colder months, good sleep is not a luxury but a necessity.

Where beds previously had to be shared, children can now sleep more warmly and safely. A tangible improvement that directly contributes to their health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



## Celebrations

Thanks to additional support, the children and staff at our schools were able to celebrate the end of the year in a festive way. As every year, there was a special day with an educational outing and a delicious meal for the children.

Teachers and volunteers also received an extra token of appreciation for their dedication. We sincerely thank all members and donors for their involvement and wish everyone a prosperous and hopeful 2026.



## New roof and level

During the holidays, extensive work was carried out at St Dorcas to implement an important improvement. The old iron-clad roof, which regularly leaked and no longer complied with legal requirements, was completely removed.

In its place, a new solid construction level with classrooms was built, topped with a safe and durable roof. This ensures that lessons, food supplies and sleeping areas remain protected, and that the school is ready for further growth.



## Container success

Thanks to countless generous donations, a container was filled in the Netherlands with furniture, bicycles, books and sports kits. As shown in the photos, the items were first distributed in Mombasa by Lilian and her team. Joseph (pictured on the right) collected the remaining items for St Dorcas. We look forward to the presentation to the children and staff there. Thank you for all the warm contributions, they are being used visibly and with gratitude.

# What your support means...

(Letters written by children supported by the Foundation)

ST. DORCAS  
P.O. BOX 23  
NAIROBI

Dear Dutch Foundation

Greetings? I hope this finds you well. We top of St. Dorcas are fine and thank God for his benevolence in provision and keeping us all safe.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for your incessant support to St. Dorcas family at large. Thank you for providing the necessities of life, food, shelter and clothes. Providing these necessities to us show that your care and love exceeds that of family. This is a motivation to us that we should work extra hard in our education and maintain the highest discipline to our parents because we know that there is a force which cares and thinks about us.

As we are in the festive season, I pray that may the Lord grant you pure joy and happiness to enjoy the happy days with your friends and family. May you have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours Loving  
Titus Mark

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15/12/2025.

Dear Dutch foundation,

Receive warm greetings from St. Dorcas family.

We hope you are fine and really doing well. Back in Kenya we are fine.

I am writing this letter to thank you for your continuous support in St. Dorcas. You have been a blessing to us through many ways. At your service we have never lacked.

Thank you for food that you have always provided for us. We have never slept hungry because you have always showed up in the most crucial way and we are really glad for that. We also have a very special feeding programme at your service and this makes us feel special.

You have also supported the building that is under construction making our home a better place. We are glad to see the building still been constructed and the rooms built have really given us the best shelter ever.

Once more thank you for your support in St. Dorcas. We wish you a merry Christmas and happy new year in advance. We love you so much.



Thanks to all our loyal donors and well-wishers!

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