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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

CRODEVU STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Students in the CRODEVU (Community Refugee, Orphan, Disabled, Enable Vulnerable Unit) computer lab, located in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, are putting their new computer lab to great use and we’re so excited for the education of technology taking place. They received their computers in June and had the lab set up and ready for classes in less than two weeks. We look forward to hearing testimonials from their students.

CRODEVU was founded in 2003 as a community based organization in the Democratic Republic of Congo and re-established in 2010 in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. As a result of war in the DR Congo a number of Congolese sought asylum in countries like Kenya, among them Nyange Musombo, CEO of CRODEVU. The organization has several projects aimed at improving the lives of refugees from a variety of countries such as South Sudan, Somalia, Sudan, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda among others. They also focus on orphans and people with disabilities. Their mission is to promote social economic welfare, education and health services for displaced people in Kakuma, Kenya, through special and accelerated learning programs, awareness, advocacy, psychosocial support and health care, harmonizing and empowering refugees and host communities.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES FROM GARDEN OF HOPE AND RESCUE WING KENYA!



These Garden of Hope students are the first to ever graduate from their computer lab. This lab was started in March 2022 and they have come this far already. These students learned introduction to computer, how to use the internet, how to create Microsoft documents in Publisher, Excel and Word, coding, and digital marketing.



One student, Joan, says, "The computer classes have equipped me with skills that will help with research work for when I join college."

Willis shares, "I have started a small cybercafé after graduating from the computer class. My cybercafe has two computers."

We applaud their hard work and are excited to see how their new skills empower them to have better lives. Congrats to everyone!

Rescue Wing Kenya students graduated from their Basic Entry Level computer class. The computer lab, located in the Kakuma Refugee Camp, was started in February 2021. Since then, they have graduated 173 students. We are thrilled to share some testimonials from these graduates... you can find them [here](#).



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!

Unifamily, in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, Tanzania, are creating a new space for their computer lab. So exciting!



We just picked up another thirty computers from Bob at Computer Ministry. We're so thankful to have them as our partner for our computer supplier!

EXCITING NEWS...

Boxes of computers just left the USA and are headed to Africa... and others have just arrived in Nairobi, Kenya!



Philip and Kevin, from Homeland 254 Logistics, load boxes for Activate Action and Life Foundation Aid into their truck. They will then add the boxes into their cargo container to head to Africa, from the NY/NJ port.



Boxes have arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, for two new labs. Joyland Prime Academy, located in Mombasa, Kenya, will be starting their very first lab. Lakehub Academy, in Kisumu, Kenya, already has a school which specifically teaches coding. Their students have a chance to be interns at businesses all over the world. Stay tuned for photos of both of these labs' students in the classroom!



WE ARE NOW TAKING USED OR NEW GOOGLE CHROMEBOOKS!

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