

PROFILE

My names are George Kagunya Njoroge, 55years old and married to Jackline W. Kagunya. Together we have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl.

1. The first born, Victor is 25 years old and has done a degree in Information Technology
2. Christine (daughter) 22 years holds a degree in Biotechnology
3. Amos the last born is 15 years old and in form one

I was born in a family of 7 – 4 brothers and 3 sisters. My father Peter Njoroge and mother Mary Wamaitha are both deceased, also my brother John and sister Grace also passed away and left behind children.

I live with my family in Mombasa where I am working as a taxi driver at Sentido Neptune Beach Resort – Mombasa's north coast. I also organize safaris and excursion tours to various parts of our beautiful country. I am a devoted Christian and involved in various activities in the church i.e married men church leader and family counselor in the church. My family is likewise involved in the church activities which is quite encouraging to me.

BOLLE-BOOS

Co-ordinator – Many thanks to the Bolle – Boos Chairman, Henk Marrink. Some years ago I met Henk Marrink in my taxi work and they asked me to take them to Mombasa town for shopping.

When we got to the market, Henk wanted to withdraw some money from the ATM machine, as they were crossing the road to the bank, a boy who claimed to be my son told them that I had sent him to ask them if they wished to be shown around the town centre. They believed him and he took them around the town. When they came back to where I was and narrated to me their story, it sounded a joke to all of us. This is how we got to know each other and became good friends in business. They later introduced me to Bolle Boos members and requested me to assist him oversee the foundation program which was based at Mtwapa academy during his absence.

I welcomed the idea without a second thought since I felt it was part of my life, in the church, to deal with problems facing families especially the less advantaged children and adults.

The foundation is expanding every day. It started only in Mtwapa with a few families who were sponsored with house rents and others with medication programs (special cases i.e H.I.V victims)

In the foundation, there are children who were deformed, i.e some had twisted legs, short legs, swollen face and fingers and intermingled, multi fingers, stammering and shoulder dislocation.

The foundation sponsored these children for corrective surgeries and speech therapy.

From Mtwapa – Morris Kathengi – both legs were twisted (operated)

- Elizabeth – one leg was short (corrected by operation)
- Gift Kahindi – Speech therapy
- Other 2 boys - Speech therapy

Baraka - Martin – intermingled fingers (operated)

- Karisa – extra finger (operated)
- David – dislocated shoulder

Medicine – A number of the children at Baraka have health problems and the foundation has sponsored for full medication of these children

Boy's dormitory – Baraka is for both boys and girls children, however, due to scarcity of funds to build 2 dormitories for them, they used to share one dormitory – thanks to Bolle Boos for chipping in and assisted in building the boy's dormitory. It is a 'landmark' in the are, magnificent – now the boys are happy in their modern dormitory which is fully furnished with beds, mattresses, water, shower, electricity, and flash toilets – it's absolutely wonderful

Elizabeth – All the children from Baraka who are under Bolle Boos foundation are all at St. Elizabeth Academy.

Transfer – All the children sponsored by Bolle Boos foundation and were schooling at Mtwapa Academy had to be transferred to a better school with good facilities, environment and administration.

Elite Academy – This school is in Mtwapa and offers feeding programs for the children that is 2 meals a day (breakfast and lunch) good and well balanced meals.

Recently a books program fund was introduced which was welcomed by the parents and teachers too. This is meant to improve the education standard of the children because they will have an array of books to read and gather knowledge. This has already started showing good results.

Baraka Feeding Program -

Bolle Boos - Some years ago, It was noted that there was food shorted in the children's home and thereby a food program had to be initiated for all the children in the home. The food supply is done twice a month.

❖ **Transport–**

All Baraka children schooling at St. Elizabeth are provided with transport to school and back home

❖ A few children at Elite school – Mtwapa are also provided with transport to and fro school, however these are children who reside far from the school

All the above is done through the coordination of Bolle Boos, George, School and parents and vice versa. This is achieved because of good communication and moral understanding of all the concerned. This has made work easier for me since I can handle numerous challenges which arise in due course and the thought that good results are expected in the foundation.

My sincere appreciation goes to all the Bolle Boos members through the Chairman – H. Marrink. The support you give me both morale and material encourages me to work tirelessly even when challenges seem unbearable.

May God bless you with every good thing that you desire for the good work and philanthropic gesture that you extend to the needy. Thank you once again and may the good Lord bless you abundantly.

Yours sincerely

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