

KOLUNGA VILLAGE FOUNDATION

We've Been Busy

December brought us all much joy. And it had nothing to do with that jolly old guy in the red suit.

Mark Ross and a new volunteer, Brandon Potter, flew out to Kolunga on a mission. The little blue "bug" was stuffed full of 300 stuffed animals for the kids. Mark also carried with him the funds to purchase 10 specially bred dairy goats.

The first 10 selected families were finally ready.... they had completed their raised enclosures and started growing their fodder. The goats arrived by truck as Mark and Brandon unloaded the goodies from the plane.

Over 1200 people from the village turned out to share in the excitement. The children and parents, all dressed in their best clothes, waited patiently for the fun to begin. So many kids showed up we had to limit our gifts to children under 8 years old.

Mark, Brandon and Chief Michael handed out stuffed toys for hours. Our Thanks go out to Marianne Waggoner and Art Day who collected all the wonderful stuffed animals for us. They brought tears of joy to all that attended. We are now collecting more for the kids that missed out.

After the toys, Mark was off to the "Goat Handing Over" ceremony. Many villagers and dignitaries gathered to thank Mark and help with the goat gifting. The goats brought on many happy tears and smiles from onlookers and recipients alike.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the wonderful people that donated to our goat fund and made this day a reality.



Projects in Progress...

- More Dairy Goats (10 at a time), the village has requested 300 goats (only 290 to go!)
- Sanitation: Permanent trash cans all around the village
- Health and Safety education through signage & teaching

We're well on our way to delivering our next 10 goats this November!