



GRANDMA PEGGY'S VISIT TO RRCC

August – the entire month – is a school holiday for our children and, so, a good time to go visit the center. There is another good reason to visit the center in August: the children live south of the equator and want you all to know that August is their winter time. It was a cool 70 degrees while I was there, which some locals think is cold. The height of summer in Kenya is January.

During my visit this year, I emphasized math skills. The children had fun with this by using math games and math-programed tablets donated by DeeAnn Antonini of Jump Into Math (Stockton, CA). We also did art projects with supplies donated by Dolores DeCarli. Red Rhino thanks to both of them!

Most of the time we were spread out at the

great tables in the new study room which accommodate everyone, or in the new "hang-out" area, which has couches, a TV, and musical instruments. Library shelves are coming next. It is a terrific space!

While I was there, we celebrated all of the August birthdays with a party including barbecued goat, a cake with sparklers and, of course, dancing.

Then just before I left, we went for swimming and lunch at a nearby resort. Thanks to Michelle Allen for funding this outing which was enjoyed by the children, the entire staff, myself and fellow Board member Pat Shepherd, who was also visiting.

In closing, I send a big THANKS to all of you who provide a stable, secure home and education for these precious children in the Red Rhino Family.

RRCC 4TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 2014 was the 4th anniversary of Red Rhino Orphanage Project welcoming 17 children to the newly built Red Rhino Children's Centre! The 4th anniversary included 24 children and the staff celebrating with an entire weekend of special events. On Saturday everyone drove to a nearby game reserve for a picnic. A group holding a safari rally – known stateside as off-road racing – had taken our favorite picnic spot, so we found another large shade tree under which we enjoyed an excellent lunch provided by our cooks. Coconut rice, stewed chicken, barbecued goat, coleslaw, and chapatti (fried bread) — some of the children's favorite foods — were served. After lunch we went on a "nature walk" to

see zebras, giraffes, wildebeests, and gazelles grazing nearby. Following our walk we played football (soccer) in the bush! Later a small supper was capped by a surprise of ice cream for dessert presented in the dark with four sparklers blazing away on top!

Sunday began with the service at the local church being dedicated to RRCC with our children participating, including doing the readings. Afterwards, the kids served popcorn, candy, cookies and orange drink to the entire congregation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RED RHINO!

— Peggy Traverso

