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WEDDING OF THE YEAR

SAAS office was privileged to witness the union between its director Madame Gina Woods and Mr Kevin Stiles. The wedding took place in Mombasa, Kenya at Reef Hotel. It was such a privilege which we were given, since they chose Mombasa to be the place for their special day. This day was graced by a renowned hotelier Mr Kuldip Sondhi (who owns Reef Hotel), guests from Ireland and our amazing guest that is the SAAS fraternity. Congratulations to the newlyweds in town. Best wishes to you all in your life. May the love that you share last throughout your life time, be blessed! We salute a wonderful couple!



Left: SAAS Director Gina Woods making her vows during the wedding.

Right: The newlyweds having a dance with some of the SAAS students during their wedding.

Center: Newlyweds in a photo together with some of the invited guests.

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DIRECTORS /GUESTS VISIT.

During the month of June, Mombasa office was honoured to host two of its directors Mr David Maguire and Madame Gina Woods. They were accompanied with some of the guest/donors from Ireland, Mr Kevin Stiles, whom came along with his son Alex Stiles, Gina's brother Cathal Woods and his wife Louise Burke.

During this time our directors together with the guests had a chance to visit SAAS families in the local communities. They also got to meet some SAAS students in addition in monitoring SAAS progress in general. As the saying goes seeing is believing. All our guests were touched with the success stories which they heard from our students. They got to learn the impact SAAS has on the needy kids in the Kongowea slums. They could not believe the changes which you, our compassionate donors are making in the lives of these beautiful kids and families. The students whom went through SAAS turned into a huge success as there are: Accountants, journalist, teachers, chefs, and clinicians among others.



Left: Cathal Woods and Louise Burke on a family visit.



Right: Vivian Akinyi a chef at reef Hotel is one of the SAAS Beneficiary.

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Top Center: A group photo of some of the SAAS kids together with the guests from Ireland.

MID BREAK

Our students were given one week break during the month of June. This is to give them time to refresh and wind down after many weeks which they were in school. This time also there was Eid celebration all over the world. Since some of our students are Muslim they got a chance to celebrate with their families.

KILQUADE PARISH.

Over 40 Kilquade parishioners are currently sponsoring 28 students by getting parishioners to jointly sponsor a student between 1- 3 families. A million thanks goes to Fr John Daly, Richard Hayes, Vanessa Hayes and all the devoted parishioners for making this act possible. With this kind of help we are happy to say that we currently have over 110 students whom we are supporting through school this year. We have never hit treble figures before. God bless all the SAAS Donors.



Gina with some of the Kilquade Student.

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MAY INTAKE

During May, We were able to enrol a good number of computer students. Many of them were eager to learn more about computer so that they can fit perfectly well in this computerised world; Massive appreciation goes to Morris Muteti, Danny Otieno, and Fletcher Eboya, among others who volunteered as tutors in this intake. Also we would like to acknowledge the efforts of David Cahill, Malgo Krason and John Delaney in equipping our computer library with Laptops to make learning resourceful.



*Left: SAAS Boys holding a thank you note to EBAY for the laptops they donated to SAAS.
Right: A group photo of the students during the new intake.*

APRIL HOLIDAY

Schools had a break for Easter holiday for 3 weeks. Most of our students reported back to the office and gave us their school updates. They had an opportunity to write to their respective sponsors too. We noticed the performance of quite a few girls went slightly down so we took time to have a one to one chat with each of them. Among the reasons they gave were: exams were tough, no enough time to study and adolescence challenges. The office decided it shall dedicate more time during school holidays so that we can motivate them and encourage them to use the library facilities and tutors available in the office. All in all we feel most girls feel they are inferior in this world which men mainly dominate.

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***Left: Gina Woods our SAAS director having a chat with some girls.
Right: SAAS staff Maria having a one to one with one of the girls.***

Coming soon

- Summer maths camp in August
- Kenya national Census
- School close for August Holiday

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