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As in the previous year, several of our board members again spent extended periods at Maraboi in Kenya, where ongoing matters were discussed on site with members of the MES Committee. Throughout the year, Dacha Malachi, Chair of the MES Committee, kept us informed of the financial status and the students' situation.
Bert and Marijke had previously announced that, because of their age, they wished to step down from the day-to-day management. During a lunch gathering, we marked their departure in a festive way as thanks for their many years of support and commitment to Stichting OKE.
It was also decided to donate the Pona ambulance to Stichting Olasie, a religious order that runs a children's home and works with a clinic.

Thanks to a number of new sponsors, at the beginning of this year we were once again able to admit eleven new students to our programme. In advance, they received computer lessons from the MES Committee to better prepare them. All students in Classes 2, 3 and 4 also wrote a personal letter to their sponsor, which was greatly appreciated.

Due to changes in the school system, Secondary Class 1 has been replaced by Class 9 Lower Secondary, an additional level of schooling. The fact that fourth-year students will also become boarding students creates extra costs for us in the coming years. We view this as a positive development because it provides more attention and scope for further education. As a result, school fees per student may be higher in the coming years.

We are proud that four of our students have been admitted to a university. The girls Dorcas Akoth and Priscah Kwamboka will study for a Bachelor of Arts at Bomet University. The boys Ronny Ongoro and Derick Onondi Otieno will study for a Bachelor of Social Sciences at Nairobi University. We wish them every success in their future lives.

During this financial year, we once again received a substantial amount from the Makkinga/Kikkert family, who sell second-hand books for us. It was decided to reserve the proceeds for the financial consequences of the changes to the school system.

The nursery school was expanded with playground equipment. There was also a strong need for a latrine for hygiene reasons. We were able to partly finance its construction through crowdfunding via our social media page.

We were able to participate free of charge in the summer festival and the Christmas market in Wolfheze.
Through our newsletters in March, May, September, November and December, we kept our sponsors and interested parties informed of recent developments and the students' study results.

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Gerdine van Loosdrecht, Secretary