

In Memoriam on behalf of the Friends of Kibera Foundation

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Dear Reader

This letter with a request for a financial contribution comes from the board of the Friends of Kibera Foundation (www.vriendenvanKibera.nl). The Foundation aims to support the Oloo Children Center in Kibera, Nairobi (Kenya), a school for primary education. Managed by Judy Oloo, a team of (voluntary) teachers and support staff is committed to getting children of Kibera out of the poverty spiral by education. Billy Wasonga was her biggest support.

Saturday, August 3rd, Judy Oloo informed us that Billy is dead. A fire broke out at the Toi Market in Kibera, Nairobi early that Saturday. Billy's mother has a shop there. Billy goes there to help his mother save as much merchandise as possible. He didn't survive.

Billy Wasonga was 35 years old. He leaves behind a wife, a ten-year-old son and his mother.

The loss for the children of the school is also great. Billy was a registered maths teacher in Kenya, which means he was entitled to a paid job in a *public school* outside the Kibera slum. However, he chose an unpaid job in an informal school because he believed that Kibera children have a right to education. He was the one who, in addition to the school days, organized sports, nature and cultural activities, and took the children to activities outside the slum so that they also get to know that world. In many videos and photos he shared his enthusiasm with us as the board of the Foundation. He also often slept in the school building so as not to have to spend extra money on security.

Organizing a crowdfunding is what we can do

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Billy's death is a loss for the school and that affects us as a Foundation because we knew the school was in good hands with him. Judy and the other employees will work to replace him. As the Friends of Kibera Foundation, we have also lost a friend. And that is precisely why we want to support his family during this difficult time. We have shown sympathy, and we also want to support them financially so that they know that Billy had friends in the Netherlands and so that they do not have to take out loans in addition to this loss. A cremation and the farewell ceremony cost money, his mother has to invest in new merchandise, his wife has to provide extra income. We want to support his family and call on you to contribute to this.



You can make a contribution via Rabobank IBAN: NL53RABO 0341 5064 19 in the name of Stichting Vrienden van Kibera. Please mention "Billy" in your contribution.

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