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Introduction

Dear Friends,

I came back from Kenya and Uganda in the beginning of March. I will go back to Kenya this week to prepare for the Study Tour in November and continue to work with the drama "This is our life!" at the Children's Garden. I am also invited to the UN Habitat General Assembly where the Globetree will present an exhibition which will welcome mayors and ministers of the world to join the World Championship in Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next year in July.

As you can see a lot has happened the last months and we are still very proud of the two special awards we received within two months!

Thank you all for supporting Globetree - our vision, programs and projects!

Kajsa Dahlström
President Globetree

1. Study Tour to Kenya: Past – Present – Future with special program at the Children's Meeting Place, United Nations, Nairobi - November 2009

Globetree is organizing a study-tour to Kenya 19 – 29 November 2009.

One of the highlights of the Study tour will be a one and a half day program at the Children's Meeting Place, United Nations. The meeting at the UN offers a unique opportunity for children and youth to share their concerns and ideas with UN experts and mayors in the Lake Victoria Region.

The Study tour includes a full day in the Children's Garden which is a children's home and education in Kawangare, Kibera, the biggest slum area of Nairobi. We will also visit the Kilimani School for Deaf and Blind. Children who have lived and worked on the streets will be our guides and share their experiences when we visit probation and other projects.

Learning from the past, being aware of the present and preparing for the future will be our theme for the day at The National Museums of Kenya. The museum is a unique

institution that manages three World Heritage Sites, twenty-two Museums and over a hundred Sites and Monuments across the country.

As a start of the Study tour we recommend you to join the tour to the famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, an experience you will never forget.

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/Invitation_Program_Practical_Info_For_Study_Tour_Nairobi_Nov2009.pdf

2. WorldCiC in Malaysia: "We welcome the world in the spirit of cooperation"

The preparations for the Third World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) are in full action and will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2-7 July 2010. Organiser of the event is the Tree Theatre Group (TTG) in Malaysia. Invitation and program will be published on the TTG website within a few weeks and Globetree will have a link.

3. Two awards to the Globetree within two months

2008 was a special year with two awards within two months; The Silver Rose Award at the European Parliament and the Anti-Violence Fund Award from the Christian Council of Sweden at St Jacobs Church, Stockholm. 25 children performed Our Uniting Water Ceremony in the church and the united water was presented to five persons representing different religions. More about the two awards, see <http://www.ickevaldsfonden.org/> and http://cms.horus.be/files/99931/MediaArchive/Info%20SR%20Winners_2008.pdf

4. Children's program for the UN Habitat Regional Conference of Mayors of Capital Cities of Africa.

Globetree worked together with children and leaders from Children's Garden, Nairobi to present a drama "This is our life!" at the UN Habitat Regional Conference of Mayors of Capital Cities of Africa in February. The mayors discussed problems of the big cities and the children shared their own experiences from Kibera, the biggest slum area of Nairobi; poverty, lack of food, dirty water, prostitution, HIV/Aids, corruption, air pollution, drugs and the gap between the rich and the poor.

An exhibition about World Championship in Cooperation will be presented by TTG and Children's Garden at the UN Habitat 22nd Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme 30 March – 2 April.

5. This is our life! Plan for a tour of Children's Garden performance in Sweden

We plan for a tour of Children's Garden to Sweden in September this year. Globetree apply for financial support from the Swedish Institute and if granted the tour is planned to go to 5 cities. Seminars and workshops will be prepared in each city where the children will share their life experiences with Swedish pupils and students at schools and universities. One or two performances will be for the general audience.

6. Seminar and Workshop: Världshemmet – The World House

A 2-days seminar is planned for 27-29 September together with researchers at Department of Education, Stockholm University Centre for the Studies of Children's Culture and Department of Child and Youth Studies. Joining is also Prof. Heli Aaltonen, Trondheim University/Department of Drama and Theatre as well as schools from the Nordic Countries and Kenya. This is our life! The Children's Garden Drama will open the seminar.

The yearly Globedays will take place in conjunction with this seminar and workshop.

7. Partnership/twinning between Sweden and Uganda/Kenya

The partnership between the 10 cities/municipalities in Sweden-Uganda-Kenya are in full activity (Kalix – Kampala, Robertsfors – Busia, Skellefteå – Jinja, Vimmerby – Mukono and Värmdö – Homa Bay (Kenya). When delegations pass Stockholm on their way to their respective destination Globetree gets the latest news and development of programs and projects. We plan to have an update on the website in the spring.

8. Rabbits, rabbits, rabbits...

Project in cooperation with the Swedish Catholic Church

Fondation Pour Les Autres has funded the project (2009) "Sustainable Livelihoods and Income generation by vulnerable youths: Rabbit Project (Kenya)" and has enabled the construction of 4 rabbit houses as well as the strengthening of the Rabbit Network Kenya (International Coordinator: Jacky Foo).

<http://www.globetree.org/africa/rabbit-net>

9. Christmas at Children's Garden

Imagine all days could be Christmas day! said one child at Children's Garden. We thank all of you who made it possible to give 200 children a memory they'll remember all year! Read the preparation report and thanks from Children's Garden.

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/X-mas2008_At_Childrens_Garden.pdf

10. Globetree on the move

The Globetree office has moved from the beautiful place in Old Town to a more modest place at Bergsgatan 3 – close to the place where we stayed for 33 years at Bergsgatan 2. We have also a very beautiful working space in the Stockholm archipelago at Nämdö. The two are perfect support for the new phase of the Globetree.

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