

Our Collaboration with Mvita Primary School to Create **PAGE BY PAGE MVITA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**



First we met with Ms. Nuru, the principal of Mvita Primary School, to discuss plans and priorities.



We also got teachers directly involved in the planning and implementation process.



We got a room dedicated for the library and got to work! It was cleaned and freshly painted, with students eagerly helping out!



We took old bookshelves that were too tall and unstable for a children's library . . .



. . . and cut them down to kid-size and had them painted.



We put instructions on the blackboard about how to take care of books . . .



... and posters on the walls to brighten things up!



Some we made ourselves.



After receiving the books, we began to unpack and sort them.



It was a group effort by eager and excited students and teachers ...



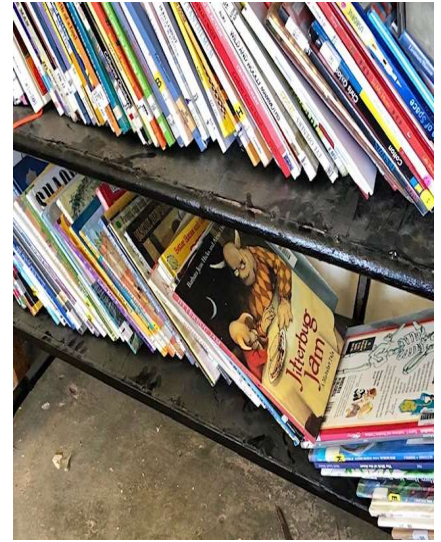
... but sometimes it was easy to get distracted and start reading!



Actually it was **very** easy to get distracted and share what you found with others! But we keep unpacking and sorting ...



... and the diligent student helpers kept focused, and kept sorting and proudly stamping the books with the school stamp ...



... and putting them on shelves.



Kids couldn't wait! They came in during recess and started browsing and reading books before the library was even finished!



After an unexpected delay, we arranged for an artist to start painting colorful murals...

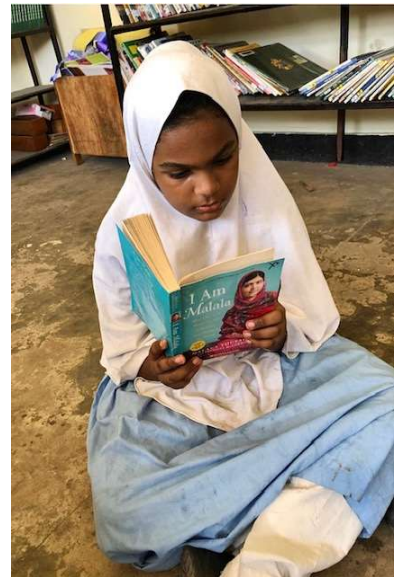
... even when he was surrounded by kids who were busy reading during recess!



Once word got out, more and more kids showed up during recess day after day . . .



. . . even as the mural painting continued.



Kids focused on reading . . .



. . . and learning and sharing.



We even had story time with little books . . .



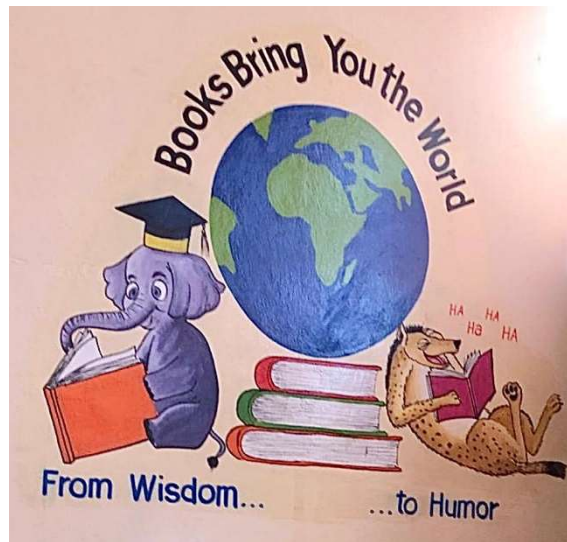
. . . and the biggest books we've

ever seen! **Wow!** 🤔





A finished mural that simply says READ in Arabic, Kiswahili, and English. *That's what we do – we get kids to read!*



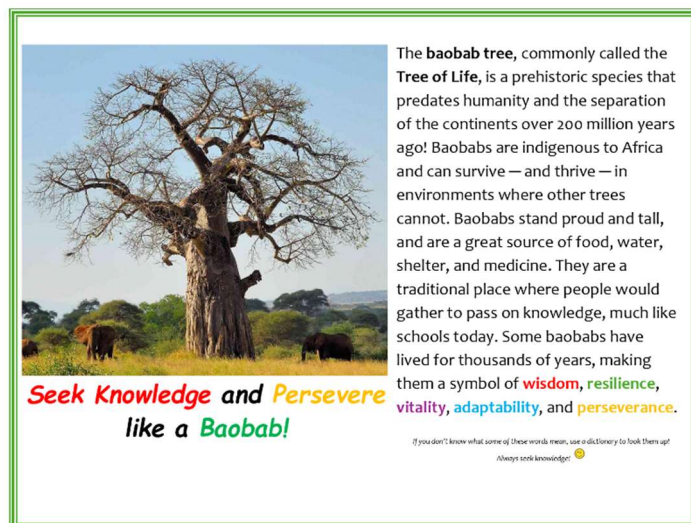
A wonderful mural with a wonderful message



A mural painted on the entrance door to the library. A door on a door! And they both lead to books!



Another mural with a message



This explanation is posted next to the baobab tree mural



We also help in many other ways. We give guest lessons to encourage students to read more and focus on their studies. ***And we read to them and with them!***



One of our generous donors donated a printer/copying machine!



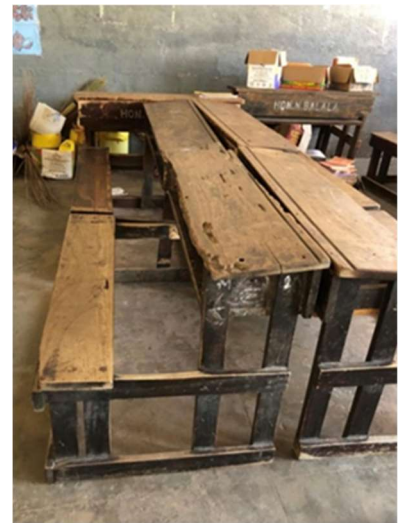
Another generous donor gave funds earmarked for locally published books dealing with Kenyan culture and themes (a few samples are shown here) . . .



. . . as well as funds for new bulletin boards . . .



. . . refurbished blackboards . . . (existing blackboard shown)



. . . and the purchase of new desks and the repair of existing ones (existing desks shown)



On March 4th, 2024, Mvita Primary School celebrated the opening of its new library! [PAGE BY PAGE MVITA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY](#)



Helpful students unpack more books that arrived on the morning of the grand opening! They got 20 boxes of books on the shelves just in time!



A large audience of students, teachers, parents, and others gather outside the library for its official opening



When one of our donors saw the happy crowd, he immediately said, ***"We're gonna need a bigger library!"***



Mvita Primary School has approximately 600 students in grades K through 8. It first opened in 1953.



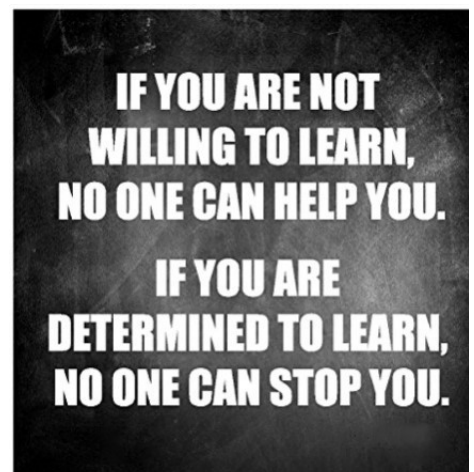
Madam Nuru, the school principal, gives a speech as Sauda looks on.



Different groups of students gave entertaining and informative presentations . . .



And grown-ups gave thanks and motivational speeches, encouraging students to read more and study hard





Once inside the new library, groups of students proudly showed off the books and murals . . .



While grown-ups admired the selections and discussed the importance of the new library





A group of Mvita teachers happily gather beneath the baobab mural in the new library



The mural depicting the successful collaboration between Mvita Primary School and Page By Page – Mombasa!