

BERADICAL FOUNDATION

Time to Party!!! We are back in Kenya... Ready to celebrate a year since the beginning of our journey and also, a very big birthday for the BeRadical founder. So many plans, so little

time and so much to do!

Arriving at the very beginning of the month, touching down in Nairobi and staying over for some nights so we can visit friends of the organisation and also Ezra over in Thika. It's about 45 minutes to drive from Nairobi and we take the journey over the following day, it's our first visit to see Ezra at his medical college and we are very excited to see the set up and learn of everything he is achieving. Heading off in the early morning so we can meet him after his first class and have lunch before his afternoon lessons, we planned on arriving just after 11am. We get to the college campus and the road is very busy, people everywhere and cars, buses and motorbikes all around. Campus's on both sides of the road we are unsure where to go, calling Ezra to let him know we have arrived he comes across the road to meet us. He's smiling and looking very smart in his bright white shirt and black trousers, he gets in the car and we greet him and find out where we need to go.







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We turn the car around and he directs us towards his hostel, we drive for some minutes and pull up in a very tight and narrowing road. We jump out he directs us between some buildings and up some stairs to a balcony where we find a row of rooms with metal doors, walking to the left and right to end of the balcony and the we reach his place. It's small, very small... six metal bunk beds are angled into the corner and take up both sides of the room, there is a tiny washroom and only enough space for one or two people to stand in the main room. We ask him how many people are staying here and he says only two but they will soon add more people. It's very cramped for even one person but the idea of having six is overwhelming, he's been staying here now about 7 weeks.

It's getting close to lunchtime so we go and get some lunch, chicken and chips we decide so we head to KFC which is about 10mins drive. We get there and order food and wait... Freshly cooked chicken and chips! We chat and he tells us how things have been since moving from Malindi and relocating his life, he misses the family he has come to know and all his brothers and sisters from the orphanage. He's happy, looking forward to his future and is confident that he will make his sponsors and foundation proud, we are very proud of him and remind him that he will soon see everyone at the official launch party of BeRadicalCBO in some weeks at Lea Mwana. The food is ready and we eat, then head back to the college for a tour around the grounds and to meet some of his friends and the staff members. It's a really nice place and he seems very comfortable and happy \circ

Heading to Malindi in the days following our visit with Ezra, unfortunately leaving him behind but he will join us for the CBO launch at the end of the month. We are looking forward to seeing the team and discovering how things have developed since our last visit only seven weeks ago. They have been very busy keeping things on track with our plans since the official registration back in September, we have received the certificate and have been busy creating partnerships with other organisations that can help us achieve our mutual goals. ECOworld in Watamu and KWS in Malindi and The Red Cross have all been approached and offered collaborations with us, our vision is to join forces with others who are doing similar work and mobilise our team to help support the wider reach of our mission. To learn more about our plans and activities please visit the website for regular updates and more details not found in the newsletter.











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We celebrated and shared the performances from the children with the audience and danced with our friends and neighbours. The team have done so well and we look forward to many more memories and good times to come, please help us continue our activities and donate today!

