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### **Dear Friends Colleagues, Donors and all our Supporters,**

Re: UP-DATE ON THE SITUATION OF MULTIMEDIA ACADEMY YOUTH OUR SCHOOL TRAINING AND EMPOWERING PROJECT:-

Hello, Bonjour, Comstra, hamujambo,

Once again, I send you All warmest greetings from here in Nabusyongo in Busia County and I would like to inform you that we are moving on slowly but surely and we are on the right track.





ENG practical Boom-mike

#### WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW

FINALLY OUR SCHOOL PRACTICAL ENG PRACTICAL TRAINING STARTED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OUR EQUIPMENT AT OUR BASE IN NABUSYONGO, IN MATAYOS, BUSIA COUNTY



ENG - about the Telelens



ENG - connecting the monitor



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# THESE ARE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND BREAK-THROUGHS AND WHERE WE ARE NOW TO DATE:-

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAK-THROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO. 1

SINCE WE OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR BUSINESS WITH A FEW NEW STUDENTS AS SEEN HERE ON THE LEFT



We are growing steadily and better. As for now all our classes in the classroom for theory, in the classroom for practical's and in the field for more and hand on practical's are all going on smoothly as seen here in these pictures.



Students learning about ENG set-up in classroom



Students learning to fix the boom mike



Students doing practicals in the field



Students peactising camera with lizz out side the classroom



Students working on final notes in the field





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## ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO. 2

And our biggest Challenge for now:-WE HAVE A FAVORABLE SCHOOL RENT LEASE FOR FIVE (5) YEARS with 20% PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST QUARTER APRIL, MAY And JUNE. Our landlord gave us almost 3 free months to prepare free of rent.

Our Landlord is very patient and he fully understands what we are doing for the youth and the community. However, as for now even though we have talked to him to be more patient we have not paid our rent from July last year to date. This makes our rent areas and future rent our biggest challenge for now. This is what we are working on with Monique and others to try and sort the same out.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO. 3

WHEN WE STARTED OUR THEORY TRAIN-ING, WE HAD EMPTY CLASSROOMS

Despite the fact that we had empty classrooms without furniture we went ahead and stayed our theory class while stitting on the floor.



Students doing practicals in the field

Today, thanks to the sponsors of transport of our equipment from Nairobi to Busia, we are proud and happy to say that we have an alternative sitting arrangements for now, and although not the best, but it's much better than sitting down.



Now we have alternative furniture in our classrooms



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### ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO. 4

### A FRIEND AND LONG TERM SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOOL IS HELPING US WITH RAISING AND COLLECTING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.:-

A friend and long term supporter of our school, Monique, who whom I met with her husband and children, in Utrecht in Holland early in 2003, and was also there in Hilversum, The Netherlands, when she and her husband helped us, when we officially started and launched this school project at Video Associates Studios, in November 5th 2005.



She has opened up an account with **ING Bank, Account No. NL96 INGB 0531 2438 18**, in the names of M.E.M. QUIRIJNEN, to help us to fund-raise the needed funds we need your support and run our Media School.

Moniques telephone contact is as follows: tel: +31 625 274 165 Or you can support and pay us directly to our SCHOOL BANK

BANK NAME: - ..... EQUITY BANK

COUNTRY:- ..... KENYA (EAST AFRICA)

BANK-BRANCH CODE:- ..... 068

BRANCH:-.... BUSIA BANK CODE:- ..... 117

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### ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO. 5

#### **RON FUND RAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Ron, a long time dear friend and colleague of mine that I used to work for doing ENG-Sound for his company in Amsterdam as a freelancer and who also visited our school in Nairobi as seen in the picture with our former students, (see picture here attached)



Ron showing students his latest camera, he used for tha AMC



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On the 26th April was Ron vd Lugt's cerebrated his birth day. This dear friend and former colleague of mine and together with his wife ASTER asked his family members, friend and colleagues not to buy him any presents this time, but instead, to donate all his birthday gifts and presents to our school,





Aster,-Family and Guests

RON, Aster AND Mother in-law

The Birthday gifts and presents which come close to 1000 yuries, where all sent to Monique;s on account ING Bank, Account No. NL96 INGB 0531 2438 18.

We thank all of you Ron's, friends, colleagues and family for all your donations and support for our school.

On Top of all that Ron and His wife Aster committed and have agreed to contribute and support our school project on a monthly basis, with a 7 9 % fraction or percentage of the 390 Euros that we need monthly as an assurance and guarantee, for our monthly logistical basic school running expenditures.

At the moment we have a total of 5 people who have agreed and committed themselves to support us on a monthly basis. We have a total of +17,32% of 390.00 Euros covered. We still need a total of just above -82.56% to get these basic needs covered.

With this kind of support from you, we can concentrate on teaching, training and creating other ways and means of getting income.

We therefore ask and humbly request you kind and generous friends and colleagues, to please also commit yourself to our youth project and contribute to our school on a monthly basis by contributing a small percentage you wish to support us with from the 390 euros so that we can get and have an assurance and guarantee of our rent and a few other necessary logistical basic school running costs, so that we (as teacher), can now concentrate to working, building and developing this project, to become a self-reliant one.

We thank you all and we look forward to getting your positive reaction via Monique.



Ron and Guests



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### ACHIEVEMENT AND BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH NO.6

FIND US THIS IS OUR ADDRESS VIA GOOGLE:-

We are still in the same place and we are here to stay.

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#### THESE ARE OUR CHALLENGES

#### **Challenges NO.1**

WE HAVE NOT PAID OUR RENT FROM JULY LAST YEAR TO DATE.



Our Landlord is very patient and he fully understands what we are doing for the youth and the community. However, as for now even though we have talked to him to be more patient and have once again explained to him why we have not paid our rent from July last year to date. This makes our rent areas and future rent our biggest challenge for now. This is what we are working on with Monique and others to try and sort the same out and at the same time see how we can generate income and try to pay our rent on time.



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#### **Challenges NO.2**

ALMOST ALL OUR OFFICE TOOLS, CLASS FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES WERE STOLEN FROM OUR CONTAINER AND WE MADE IMPROVISED AND TEMPORARY FURNITURE



Weilding and sealing the doors of a broken into container



Weilded and sealing bottom container door while Containers still in Nairobi Early 2021



Weilded and sealing top container doors while Containers still in Nairobi Early 2021



Sometime last year when we are still campaigning to get the means to transport our things to the our new base, we got an urgent SOS, call from our colleagues in Nairobi, that one of the containers was broken into as seen here. We informed various people and one of our Major sponsor, Supporter and a good friend (Bolke) responded and sponsored us to weld and seal the doors of these containers.

Later this year we opened and we realized that all our chairs and most of our tools where stolen even tho tools bought by Philippe of Camalot and also thos collected by Tob of Datavideo and Richard of Egripment in 2013-15 all gone.

So with the chairs all stolen and no cash to buy, I had to improvise, bought some off-cuts from the timber yard and made a few benches for these students to sit on as seen here in our classrooms.

But this episode has brought our work shop back to its knees, because even to make a simple right angle bench is touch because you do not have the right tools. Our workshop needs to be replaced and it needs new tools.

Some of the items that we are now missing are the locational portable furniture, the office chairs, 2x air compressors and 2X car spray guns, 2car sprayers washing machines, 2X tonner black and white printers, 2X printer photo color copiers,

1X color printer, 4-tables, 2X power generators, 3X welding machines, hevyduty staplers, power drills, jigsaw, drills, Chassells and 3x boxes of all sorts of tools, 1X mig and 2normal welding machines, a box of B2 canon lenses, carpentry tools, an air nail hammer, a plywood heavy DC power drills, jigsaw, AC power drills, Chassells and 3x boxes of all sorts of tools, spanners and more where all stolen. This episode has brought our work shop to ZERO and back to its knees.







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#### OUR WISH LIST

OUR WISH LIST CONSIST OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT VARIOUS TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES ANS SEEN HERE BELLOW.

#### Equipment:-

Our Wish also is to get the following things including:-

- PL- Lenses for wides shots.
- PL- Lenses for Close-up shots
- PL-Lenses for Medium Shota
- Directional mikes
- Hand held mikes
- Wireless mikes
- B2 to PL lens adaptors
- PL to B2 lens adapters
- V-lock batteries
- HD and above Editing computers
- Laptops computers
- RED-1 Accessories
- HD-and above 2K cameras
- Digital Audio mixers
- Digital audio recorders
- Farming Equipment and Tractor hallowing and planting accessories
- Trye Puncture-Bettery, charging and Repair
- Carpet/rags laundry services
- Carpentry tools
- Fabrication/Welding & Engineering
- car-Pannel Beating and Spraying & Engineering Srvcs
- Vehicle-Mechanich and Repairs & Engineering Srvcs
- IT/services/repair & installation
- PA Equipment Mikes & Accessory
- Chairs and tables for outside facilities
- Tents and cutlery for outside facilities

#### **VARIOUS TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES**

air compressors, car spray guns, car sprayers washing machines, 2X tonner black and white printers, printer photo color copiers, color printer, 4-tables, 2X power generators, 3X welding machines, heavy duty staplers, power drills, jigsaw, car battery charger, drills, Chassell's, all sorts of tools, chain-saws, 1X mig welding machines, normal welding machines, carpentry tools, an air nail hammer, a plywood, woos cutting hand saws, heavy DC power drills, jigsaw, AC power drills, carpentry tools and spanners, Chassell's, all sorts of tools, wheel spanners, Lorry jacks, various spanners and more.



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#### COMMENTS/ADVISE AND CRITICS:-

Your comments, critic and advise is always most welcome to make this project better. Please forward the to <a href="mailto:multimediaacademy@gmail.com">multimediaacademy@gmail.com</a>

#### IN THE NEXT NEWS\_LETTER:-

In the next newsletter, we shall show and tell and show you how we are re building the school and what we are doing and have done so far to get an extra income and steps we have taken toward development of this youth empowering and development training project.

#### **ACKNOLEDGEMENT AND VOTE OF THANKS TO YOU:-**

Sponsors:- On this note, we would like to thank you to all for all your support, but we would like to give double potion of thanks to Our Sponsors:-

Paulien, Bolke Burnaby, and the SR-Films BV to make the financing of the transport project possible.

Friends/Partners:-Were Okechi and Nanganda and friends

Volunteers:- Monique, Quirien de Leo

The LandLords:-, Pius Makhoha and colleagues,

We thank other colleagues, donors and sponsors not mentioned, and we are looking forward to hearing from you and we look forward for your support in, material, technical and indeed in finance to make this project a successful and a long-lasting one to continuously, train, educate, support and empower the many youth in various ways.

Yours sincerely.

Mabwa Gerison AKA-Uncle-G AKA-Mappie

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