

kanthari international in India, is an incubator for people, who come up with extraordinary solutions to most pressing needs of marginalized communities.

kanthari plus supports kanthari graduates by showcasing their amazing stories bringing them closer to each other, the people and support they need.

In the **kanthari plus** newsletter you will find how kanthari graduates are spicing up their communities these days. Why? Because we want to share the progress of our projects... between ourselves but also with our potential supporters. Thank you for being part of a global community for ethical mindset change!



Tomek Kozakiewicz, kanthari graduate 2013, Poland, www.kanthariplus.org , FB [#kanthariplus](https://www.facebook.com/kanthariplus)

EAST AFRICA:



VIDEO SUCCESS STORY - Harriet Kamashanyu, Uganda – Harriet graduated from kanthari in December 2013. In a few months she registered her organization, found an office and formed a team committed to solving the issues of HIV positive sex workers. Harriet was recently appreciated in the Global Let Girls Lead Video Contest. Her video won among 140 videos sent from 25 countries and came with a cash prize, video equipment and training. kanthari plus is proud to have supported Harriet in making the video! Click [here](#) to watch it! [FB page](#) / [website](#)

300 GIRLS SAVED FROM FGM? - Monicah Kaguithia, Kenya – Monicah is empowering the women of the Masai community in the Rift Valley. She is fighting the tradition of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). She has so far initiated 9 woman self-help groups and created an alternative rite of passage, which has saved almost 50 girls from FGM. This year the number could rise as high as 300, as her project has expanded to 13 schools. More [here](#).



NEW RESIDENCE FOR CHILDREN - Steve Onyang, Kenya – Steve and his wife Rosemary, run a life transformation springboard for HIV orphans in a small Kenyan village next to Lake Victoria, where 1/3 of population have HIV AIDS. They recently built a small residential centre for 5 of the children. They are now looking for blankets, bedsheets, mattresses, bunk beds & mosquito nets so that the children can sleep safely. Watch the 3min video of the project [here](#).

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A BRUTAL ATTACK - Ojok Simon, Uganda – Ojok, who is running Hive Uganda Ltd., a unique social enterprise, which has trained more than 38 blind beekeepers in Northern Uganda, has been attacked (May/June 2014). Ojok was injured and robbed of the money he took from the bank. Fortunately he has recovered from the attack and returned to his day-to-day duties. **Ojok, we are with you!** [website](#)

INDIA :

A DREAM COME TRUE - Sristi G Karthikeyan, India – Karthik founded Sristi Foundation and Sristi Village, a self-sustaining, inclusive and eco-friendly village for intellectually disabled and marginalized. With the help of generous supporters from around the world, 9 acres of land just outside of Pondicherry were acquired for the



project. Currently 10 children from nearby villages with various disabilities are benefitting from the Sristi Special School. Current project need is a solar water pump and a mini van for the school. [FB page](#) / [website](#)

243 CHILDREN OF PRISONERS - Raja Rajendiran, India – Raja succeeded in establishing GNEquality, an organization, which aims to support the needy children whose parents are in prison. Raja has identified 243 of such children and provided educational opportunities to almost all of them – with a recent full scholarship for a staggering number of 205 children worth above \$10 000 by Arul Bodhi Students Welfare Trust – Chennai. [FB page](#) / [website](#)



BOYS AND GIRLS IN INDIA, Soni Resal, India. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Indian society where women and men live together with mutual respect? Says charming Soni as she launches "Genderless" (Trivandrum). A platform for boys and girls where they can interact freely, learn to mingle with each other and enhance their communication skills!

Left: Genderless Summer Camp at kanthari, April 2014



MONTESSORI IN THE JUNGLE - Mary Battihun Khongmawloh, India and David Sexton, USA, live in North East India, Meghalaya. Next to a huge waterfall is Mary's ancestral village, where they are running a Montessori preschool for 15 children (3-6 years old). Current need: creative volunteers to help with teacher training. [website](#)



YURT ON WHEELS – John Peter, Pondicherry, India, wants to address the educational needs of nomadic (Narikuravar) community children by initiating a mobile rickshaw with educational resources so that the children can integrate into formal schools. Past six months John managed to register his organization, run regular classes and conducted a summer camp.



WEST AFRICA



FLUSH EBOLA OUT OF LIBERIA – Kaprie Kanu, Sahr Yillia, Monrovia, Liberia. To curb the infection rate the brave kantharis have set up hand washing stations and are conducting street and door-to-door outreaches. They also provide food relief for quarantined households. As little as \$10 can buy them a bucket and a set of antiseptics. Do it [here](#) before it's too late!!! [FB page](#) / [website](#)

BLIND SPARKS - Jacqueline Edem Dorleku, Volta, Ghana, set up a resource and material library for blind children (4-18 years). She produces digital and tactile teaching materials and works with the municipality to introduce a special model of inclusive education where blind children from rural areas catered for in a government boarding school receive training from Blind Sparks. [Website](#)



START NOW – Alieu Jaiteh, from The Gambia, does not want the blind to choose between becoming a teacher or a beggar. He founded Start Now, which prepares visually impaired high school graduates to enter university. Apart from the branch in Banjul he recently opened a training centre in West Coast Region where 10 visually impaired are receiving IT skills, Braille, mobility and career guidance. Watch [video](#)



SOUTH AMERICA



BATS IN ACTION – Anja Pfaffenzeller, Ceara, Brazil strives to set up a preparatory school to empower blind children and youth in rural Brazil to take life in their own hands. With her amazing team she convinced the local government to provide a classroom for regular activities. Around 10 children attend classes in addition to regular school and learn Braille, the use of the computer, independent movement and daily living skills.

At the end of June Bats in Action organized its first summer camp for 20 blind people. [FB page](#) / [website](#)