

Kindfund - Prayer Letter



Jan/Feb 10

Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Ps 82:3-4.

Thank you to all who generously supported this work throughout 2009.

In the last two prayer letters you have read reports from some of the people who came out to help during the summer and to see for themselves what God is doing. In every case God did not disappoint and you will have realized from the reports that he also did something within the hearts of those who obeyed his prompting to go to N Kenya. Don't rule out the possibility for yourself. Ask in prayer if this is for you. Obey what God puts on your heart whether Kenya or some other place. Don't miss his blessing.

From 24th Nov to 11th Dec 09 Ken paid a short visit to Kenya to see to some things that had come up including an application to the HIV/AIDS Council in Kenya for a grant of 350,000ks (almost £3,000) towards further development of the work of the Children's Home in Wamba and an application to the Chinese road builders at Ngaremara for an access road to our Children's Home and HQ site there. He was greatly blessed by the changes he saw in the children in the homes at Ngaremara and Wamba. Here is his report.

As recently as May 2009 we opened the home at Ngaremara for the 20 most needy of the 60 orphans between 7yrs and 15 yrs who were on our daily feeding programme there. To witness in just 6 months the transformation in their behavior, the improvement in their school performance and their general appearance and growth in confidence brought an inner glow to my heart. They are walking testimonies to the light of the gospel as they move around their village. To participate with them as they led worship on Sunday and hear how they had been visiting other churches one Sunday per month to participate in their services and how they were being brought to the front to lead the assembly at their primary school of 800 children brought tears of joy to my eyes. Is anything too hard for God? These were the poorest being lifted up and transformed by love, the word of God and his Spirit at work in their lives. We look forward to further growth when we host two YWAM mission outreach teams for two weeks in January. I met Joram from the Kenya Athi River base to finalise arrangements; and agreed 1 team of 10 at Ngare and the other to Wamba.



Joram (YWAM) and Dominic (House parent) with some of the Ngaremara children



Swing donated by Government for our nursery is popular with the children at Ngaremara home

There are of course many challenges. There are also opportunities to engage in the work envisaged in Ps 82: 3-4 mentioned above as our headline verse this month.

I spent four days at Wamba where we were again faced with the challenge of another two month old baby. The child had been born to a 14 yr old girl at a traditional village about 2 hours walk from Wamba. Neither the father nor the mother was interested in the baby. Here is a quotation from the Chief's letter to Kindfund "*The child was rescued from a duo who wanted to kill her being an outcast as was born outside marriage, a cultural beast.*" Below we have a photo of baby Pauline, with Margaret and Esther our House Mothers along with the teacher who brought her to the Chief.

We now have five babies under 18 months at Wamba. The growing Wamba family is also pictured below. Wamba now has 11 staff..



As a result of the visit 12 new orphans have been placed into the two homes and two children will be going to the Deaf school in January 2010. The orphans include two suffering from HIV/Aids who have gone to Wamba where staff are experienced in dealing with HIV.

Priorities for 2010

The limited temporary accommodation at Ngaremara is now full and the Kindfund Committee at its meeting in December approved plans to develop a 50 bed purpose built home, at Ngaremara in 2010.

In the light of the severity of the famine and destruction of the livelihood of many the Committee also approved the extension of our orphan meal a day programme to 20 Rendille orphans. Later in 2010 we plan the start of a home for Rendille orphans to be built in traditional units. Raphael and his wife Lucy who oversee the 8 Rendille nursery schools for us will manage the new programme. We also plan to dig another well for the Rendille supported by Erne Integrated Secondary School.

At a Turkana village 5 kms from Ngaremara where we have been completing a well the Committee approved a request from the villagers for a hand pump and a new nursery school. This will bring to 7 the number of wells and 8 the number of Turkana nursery schools (16 nurseries overall)

Give thanks for what God is doing to establish his Kingdom in the hearts of boys and girls, for the witness of all the work in the community and for the privilege of being fellow workers together.

Pray for Pamela and Ken as they travel to Kenya at the beginning of January 2010

How to Help

- Pray – when we work we work; when we pray God works. Give thanks for the children on the programmes (thank God for big changes in their lives), for the management teams, for their witness and let us also give thanks for the rains and pray for a good harvest throughout Kenya.
- Sponsorship from £5/€8 per month (ask for a pack) or gifts to Kindfund, Manoo, Kesh BT93 1TL.
- Invitation to share about the work or purchase a **gift card** (Tel. 028 6863 1562).
- Share this prayer letter with a friend or fellowship

'All...who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord commanded them to do.' Ex.35:29.

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