

Kindfund - Prayer Letter



March/April 10

Lord what do you want me to do? Acts 9:6.

On board the Virgin Flight VS672 from Nairobi to London on Saturday 20th March 2010 my mind wandered back 10 weeks to 9th January when Pamela and I were flying out to Nairobi. I was wondering what has happened in those ten short weeks? Was it only 10 weeks ago? So much has been packed into them.

I could tell you about the building projects we have undertaken

- at Ngaremara a 50 bed Children's home constructed with cut quarry stone, cement and roofed with iron sheets 94ft long and 22ft wide, two dormitories, two mothers rooms and a store. Almost complete in the last 8 weeks now waiting finishing before the children move in by April.



- New 50 Children's Home



Thatched roof of orphan feed shelter



Internal road

- A small 10ft by 10 ft gate lodge shelter with thatched roof to enable us to control movements on and off our main site.
- A larger thatched shelter 25ft by 15ft built in the outer area of our site at Ngaremara to re-house the orphan feeding programme restricting further traffic through the children's home and eventually allowing us to develop the support and spiritual input into the 40 children who come daily
- An internal road system on our site to overcome the problem of movement during and after heavy rain.
- The completion of a well at the local secondary school and the purchase and installation of an Afridev hand pump to protect the children from typhoid and avoid closure of the school
- The commencement of a well at Sokitey Losai National Park among the remote Rendille tribe on what will be the site for our orphan feeding programme (now started with 34 orphans) and eventually our third children's home. The plot of land has been donated by the community elders and confirmed by the Government.
- The purchase of another 10,000 ltr plastic water tank for our Children's home at Wamba to be buried to catch rain water off the roof. The existing tank has proven its worth and warrants expansion. Also the extension of the raised concrete platform at the top of the site to accommodate further expansion of the buffer tanks storing water from the community supply.

Of course this development of infrastructure is important for the maintenance and growth of the work and it has gone hand in hand with meetings with Government Officials, educationalists and suppliers as we have sought to advance the physical aspects **but** it is the work of God establishing

his Kingdom in the hearts of boys, girls and adults that thrills our hearts most and gives us some early insights into the achievement of the long term vision of ***'an army of children from the pastoralist communities of Northern Kenya worshipping and praising God.'***

What did we witness that gives us this hope of God's Kingdom in young hearts?

At Ngaremara where we have 20 children between 8 yrs and 15 yrs we witnessed their participation in the daily worship, leading in prayer, witnessing to God's work in their lives through the Holy Spirit, speaking out God's word and its application in the events of the day. When we brought a very sick girl from a remote traditional village to stay we witnessed the transforming love of God in action in young lives as they attended to the sick girl's needs, washing her, sharing their clothing with her, and praying with her, attentive to her every need and not an adult in sight.

At Wamba where we have 34 children and a much younger age profile we nevertheless saw similar evidence of God at work. He is faithful and his servants have been faithfully sowing his word into young lives in worship song and memory verse. What a thrill to see 5 three to five yr olds worshipping and leading in worship.

On the anniversary of the official opening of Wamba at the end of February we brought the children from Ngaremara up 80 kms to Wamba for a thrilling weekend of sport, celebration and fellowship which will be long remembered. The children had been working at their dramas for days. Are these really the same most deprived and needy orphans from our feeding programmes we took so recently into our homes?



New clothes Ngare



Sports Day Wamba



Meet Rendille Elders



Wamba children worship

Let me tell you about Rebecca, Elizabeth, Evelyn, Martha, Esther and Jocelyn. Six teenage primary school leavers 15 – 18 yrs for whom we have designed a comprehensive in-house training programme. Girls with insufficient marks/ability for secondary education for whom life at home and in the village held bleak prospects of early marriage or pregnancy now fully participating in all the activities and fellowship of our children's homes

Add to them Freda, a deaf girl idle at home after completing secondary education (Kindfund had sponsored her) now living on site and training as a nursery school assistant, James a young man pleading for an opportunity now working alongside our builder as an apprentice learning skills, and Charles a. Form 4 secondary school leaver (sponsored by Kindfund) who has managed our sponsorship reports and photographs so efficiently in return for his keep and the esteem of work; all participating fully in the community of Christ. .

We of course had our disappointment when our administrative officer left for a new job without giving us notice, Amazingly God had prepared the way for us as he brought Joyce a young woman with Secretarial training across our path. We had interviewed her at lunchtime to find out later that same evening that Damaris was leaving the next morning.

Many of you will already know of Michael, son of one of our cooks who is still in Kenyatta Hospital receiving treatment for a tumour on his chin bone which was in danger of choking him. Pray for him and for the young Rendille girl discovered in a remote village with a similar tumour on her knee and thigh. She was at our home in Ngaremara and very weak. The opportunity to take her to hospital was thwarted by a strike. Her condition is deteriorating and she has been returned to her home.

Our hearts are also saddened when we think of three of our children in Wamba who have been in and out of the hospital there as the ravages of HIV have been taking their toll on the young lives.

We thank God for the caring house parents who visit daily and are much loved by them in return. Pray for Sophia, Eli and Sube.

What a deep joy and humbling experience for us to be addressed by many of our children as Mama and Baba.

Many of you have expressed an interest in what we provide for by way of food and the nature of the children's diet. I have reproduced below the monthly supplies for the Children's Home at Wamba. The expenditure in the month on food for Wamba is c.52,282 ks approx £430 varying according to the exchange rate and the fluctuating price of commodities.

Loc/Food	Maize kg	Beans kg	Flour kg	Mixed Cereal Flour kg	Spuds kg	Gr grams kg	Rice kg	Meat/cab/ban/on/tom/egg	Fat kg	Sugar kg	
Wamba Ks	220 4888	150 7333	150 4090	50 2750	30 450	50 5000	50 2300	* 5000	20 1740	22 2090	
B	Bar Soap	Omo kg	Vaseline dzn	Baby Por pkt 1kg	Baby Milk tins	Milk ltr	Total ks				
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Before we left our site on 15th March a three month stock of all the main commodities had been purchased for store

While maize and beans remain the staple food the variety of other cereals, fruit and vegetables has been greatly enlarged to provide a healthy diet. Protein is important for all the children but particularly those who are victims of HIV. This table has been extracted from the excel spreadsheet used to control the work. There are 11 more lines on the supplies sheet which describe the supplies required for all our projects. Our total food bill each month is 178,000ks c. £1500. It had risen dramatically in the last 18 months due to food shortages. For example for the last year we had been buying 90kg bags of maize at 3000ks (c.£26). Since January 2010 the price had gradually fallen back to 1800ks and when we were leaving Ngaremarara on 15th March we had put in place arrangements to buy from the current harvest 150 bags at 1400ks per 90kg bag giving us a substantial saving over the next 4 months. We use 35 bags of maize per month just over half being converted to maize flour for use as porridge. The total weight of food distributed monthly is c. 4.4 tons.



Joyce and Baby Moses



Chapati, Rice and Goat



Family visit Sube in Hospital

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 which are currently falling 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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