

2010-11 CfK Accomplishments, Plans and Goals

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Spiritual Development

From the initial relationship between a few people in central Illinois and a Kenyan Airman 22 year ago, CfK has grown to include congregations from 6 states and over 200 individuals and families from 18 states and Canada. This year three new congregations joined the partnership: Clear Lake in Springfield, IL, Eagle Valley near Indianapolis, IN. and Northside at Bismark, IL.

In Kenya, 11 men have been trained to preach. In January 2010 Justus Vundi started his Nairobi Great Commission School (NGCS) preacher training. Children's Bible class teachers have been trained and equipped. 7 congregations have been established with over 400 adults and children attending. Land was purchased to build church buildings for the 3 newest congregations including the 7th congregation which was established in 2010. In addition

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to encouraging the members and church leaders, this year we provided communion sets, Bibles, Song Books, and water filters to each congregation

Health Care

Medical missionary, James Kitengu, has treated a wide range of problems, from malnutrition to malaria, typhoid, AIDS, and parasitic worms, as well as bandaging wounds, treating infections, pulling teeth, and dispensing eye glasses. In addition to James' mobile clinic CfK now has Celestine Mutua operating a medical clinic near the Nzawa congregation. This year CfK provided her with medical supplies and equipment, water filters, and blanklets and mattresses.

Water Projects

Money provided by Healing Hands International (HHI) this year increased the water pressure and the number of distribution points at

existing wells. CfK has raised money to drill a deep well on our school property. This well will provide water for both the school and the community. Erastus reports that the Dept of Agriculture has recommended to the Ministry of Water that the drilling permit be approved. We are praying drilling the well will happen in early 2011. CfK with the help of HHI and many donors has purchased and distributed 85 water filters. The filter will remove solid particles and 99.9% of the bacteria from contaminated water. The Kenyans are asking for more filters



that we hope to provide next year.

Agriculture and Food

In the past CfK has raised money for famine relief to purchase food for distribution, pay

medical bills, purchase hybrid seed, and pay for education. Funds have been used to pay wages for work on community development projects in the "Food for Work" program. The development projects have included brick making for a school, hand digging a well, digging terraces, raising chickens, and establishing a fruit tree nursery.

As a long term solution to the food shortage problem the people need to learn to raise more food in the dry season and preserve excess food in the rainy season. The result would be a

more stable food supply and improved nutrition. In June, 2010 CfK worked with Healing Hands International to conduct a 5-day hands-

on food production and food preservation workshop in Tulia. The 100 workshop participants committed themselves to applying the knowledge they gained and sharing that knowledge with others. We are hearing stories of the impact that this training is making in Kenya. Even an official with the Department of Agriculture said to a workshop participant, "Where did to learn to farm like that?"

Education

Education provides hope for Kenyans to move beyond the poverty of day-to-day survival. Our student sponsorship program grew this year to include 74 sponsors. The long-range education plans include CfK building their own secondary school on the land they have purchased. The land is purchased, bricks are being made, a school board has been formed, and a master plan is being developed. The land will be developed agriculturally to provide instruction to students and food for their meals. The CfK school will teach students the basic subjects plus provide occupational training such as carpentry, welding, mechanics, food production, food preservation and tailoring.



Community Development

During the June trip to Kenya we worked with Erastus to provide one family with an oxen to pull the plow, purchased a donkey for another family, purchased 8 goats to form a goat raising coop, and bought chicks for young people. In June, Justus Mutua began to lead community development programs. He graduated from NGCS and in 2010 he was trained in community development. He is providing hope and vision to people in eastern Kenya. Justus recently wrote, "my heart and my calling is not to receive, but to help and give to those underprivileged". We provided Justus with a motorcycle to travel throughout the region and an initial fund of \$1250 to provide grants and mini-loans for start up businesses. People are responding with great interest as Justus shares information about things like raising

chickens, goats, and rabbits. Recently 20 people were given one mature egg-laying hen and 20 kgs of laying mash (\$15 value). When these people were given this grant and information was shared on caring for chickens and uplifting their living standard, Justus said he saw a positive attitude. The people said, "I wish we had started this earlier; we could be in a much better position". Justus message was, "It's not too late. You need to keep a positive attitude and be focused on the work ahead." Justus says the young people in the group were very focused. He says, "They have in mind that they can be self-employed instead of depending on the government and others for their future." Justus says he is looking forward to seeing in a group of people in the future who are serving God in a peaceful environment with their daily needs being met. Justus also says he is also looking forward to seeing a local church, which can support their own preachers, secondary school students, and other projects bringing glory to God.



In addition to identifying and training people interested in helping themselves out of poverty, Justus has met with animal suppliers, feed suppliers, and potential market outlets. Elizabeth Sammy was one of the first to benefit from the community development program. She purchased 100 chicks to be fed out for meat. 8 weeks later Elizabeth sold her boiler chickens for a \$135 profit and repaid her mini-loan for feed purchased. Elizabeth now has 300 more chicks ordered for December delivery. Another lady, Mrs. Mua, is also raising 100 boilers. People who raise boilers know that Justus has a buyer for up to 300 boilers every 2 weeks if they can be raised. To provide an economical local supply of baby chicks Justus has on order a 48 egg incubator that will hatch chicks every 21 days. We hope to purchase 2 more incubators.

Madam Nzia and Justus Mutua both have purchased 175 chicks that will be laying hens at when they reach 6 months of age in February. The investment in chicks, a small brick chicken house, and feed will result in laying hens that will provide an income of \$6/day, \$180/month, \$2160/year. Several other people are interested in having laying hens and selling eggs.

Rabbit raising provides a new opportunity for eastern Kenyans. Ten young people are interested in starting rabbit raising projects. One female rabbit (doe) can have a liter of 6-14 rabbits 4 times/year. The rabbits can eat plant residue and be ready for market in 4 months. Justus has identified a source for purchasing a young doe for \$2.75 and a buyer for fed out rabbit at \$5 - \$8 each. Each person needs a \$50 start-up fund to buy a rabbit, build a rabbit cage, and purchase start-up equipment.



2011 PLANS AND GOALS

Completing the deep well on our school property is a high priority. The well be helpful in brick making and the construction of our secondary school near Tulia. We hope to ship a container to Kenya containing equipment and supplies for the school. When the well and some school buildings can be built, plans are being formulated to conduct another set of food production and food preservation

workshops in the summer of 2011 or 2012. The food production workshop would include a livestock (goats and rabbits) section and the food preservation workshop would include time dealing with health, hygiene, and other women's issues. More water filters will be taken to Kenya and the community development program will expand providing hope and income. Kenyans expect to plant at least one additional congregation. Listed at the end of this newsletter are needs for 2011. Prayerfully consider how you would be willing to impact lives in Kenya.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

3. Train a preacher (2 year commitment)

Listed below are areas where we need help in 2011. Donations can be made to "Caring for Kenya", 3508 E. University Ave., Urbana, IL 61802. Specify what you would like your donation to fund. "In honor of" and "in memory of" donation cards are available on request.

FOOD PRODUCTION

1.Provide a drip irrigation kit for a family to produce vegetables 2.Purchase 10 baby chicks and starter feed 3.Purchase a bred goat for a family 4.Purchase a bred doe rabbit, build a rabbit cage, and rabbit feed 5.Purchase an incubator for chicks 6.Purchase a donkey to carry water and pull a cart 7.Purchase an oxen to pull a single bottom plow WATER	15.00 10.00 25.00 50.00 100.00 100.00 125.00
 Provide a water filter for a family Provide a water storage tan 	50.00 300.00
3.Add an additional water kiosk to the existing deep wells EDUCATION	2000.00
1.Pay for a school/personal hygiene packets for a student	10.00
2. Help build a school buy bricks and a bag of cement	15.00 150.00
3. Sponsor the education of a secondary school day student4. Sponsor the education of a secondary school boarding student	500.00
MEDICAL CARE	300.00
1.Treat a patient for typhoid and malaria 10.00	
2.Purchase basic medical supplies for the clinic 50.00	
SPIRITUAL NEEDS	
1.Support a preacher for a year	1500.00
2. Assist with local congregational needs (purchase land or building a church building)	1000.00

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