

July, 2016 Caring for Kenya Newsletter

During our July, 2016 mission trip we worked on the water project that is a partnership with Caring for Kenya, Healing Hands International, Shumard Foundation, Rotary Clubs, and Rotary International. We estimate when completed 15,000 people in the three communities of Nzawa, Masaani, and Kithumula will have clean water. Our goal was to move this project toward completion.

The wells at Nzawa and Kithumula have been successfully drilled, tested, cased, and capped. The power house and kiosk at Nzawa are complete and the tank stand is under construction. The well at Masaani was drilled as a 250 meter dry hole. The Kenyan geologist who sited that well has fortunately retired. During the trip, we met with Thika Rotary to seek Global Grant funding to re-drill the well at Masaani. They approved funding from the grant “unexpected expense category”.



U.S. Hydro-geologist Dean Ekberg picked the new Masaani drilling site followed by “Drilling for Life” geologist Henry’s geological survey. The survey indicates that we will hit water three times with a 50 meter deep well. We met with the “Drilling for Life” company to price drilling and schedule the drilling date. We met with the Masaani landowner family to buy drilling site land. Caring for Kenya purchased the drilling site land knowing

that Rotary does not buy land. Thika Rotary’s delays in paying the bills incurred by the driller and grant contractor have delayed progress on the project.

During the trip we attended a Global Grant Community Health Care Training Workshop conducted by local health care professionals Celestine, James, and Beatrice at Kithumula. Attendees are pleased with the training and are asking for more training. We realize that providing clean water is only part of improving people’s health.





In addition to the Global Grant project Dean Ekberg and the Drilling for Life geologist sited and surveyed a drilling site for Zombe, Kenya at Caring for Kenya's expense. The drilling would be 150 meters deep with a cost of \$12,000 for drilling, casing, testing, and capping. We estimate costs for pump, power house, kiosk, tank stand, water tank, and electrical connection will be another \$15,000 to \$18000. We are seeking funding for this water project in 2017. Once we complete a community water project we see the church grow. As we say first the water, then the living water, Jesus Christ.

During the trip the team visited congregations, church sponsored schools, and visited schools where U.S. families are sponsoring the education of 45 secondary school students. School supplies and personal hygiene supplies are given to the students. We continue to learn of the impact that the student sponsorship program has on the goals and dreams of young people.



Work on the Caring for Kenya Mission Center continues. Cleaning floors, painting walls, varnishing doors, and setting up the kitchen were part of the trip. In the future we hope the Mission Center will house preacher retreats, a preacher training school, women's conferences, youth rallies, and women's coop meetings as well as provide housing for mission teams.

In July, 2017 we expect a large mission team to be involved in community evangelism and work to complete the Mission Center. The congregation at Kithumula will be building a church building. Two church sponsored primary schools are adding classrooms. If you interested in being part of the 2017 mission team email cwburkybile@gmail.com.

