

## 2021 Caring for Kenya Update: Meeting Needs ...Physical and Spiritual

We are praying for the end to Covid and the restrictions that it brings. Thankfully our sponsored students are in school. Again this year American families and congregations are sponsoring 65 secondary school students. In addition to paying school fees Caring for Kenya is providing some assistance with lunches at school. During the height of Covid CfK provided food relief twice to church families.



Currently we are funding the cost of materials to build the fifth and sixth classroom for the Kavonge Church sponsored primary school. In the future we hope to work with the community vision committee to develop a vocational school on the land we have already purchased.

Recently we have completed the conversion of our seventh water well to solar power. Diesel powered generators are costly to operate and where electricity is available it is often undependable. Solar requires less maintenance and reduces cost.



CfK is also partnering with the Kavonge community to build three dams across the river as a way of slowing the flow of the water resulting in raising the water table in the area. The dams will also hold back sand that is used in the dry season to make mortar and concrete in building construction.

During the pandemic when churches were not allowed to meet wall plastering and building construction at five churches was able to continue. The Kithumula church building walls are going up this year.



The Nzawa congregation is rebuilding their latrine and utilizing its land to develop a church/community garden. Currently one acre of tomatoes and 2 acres of onions are growing. We are hoping to develop gardens on Kithumula and Kavonge church property too. The 2020 CfK food relief included Kitui Prison. Plans are being made to conduct a survival gardening workshop at the prison. When prisoners are released they will be able to raise their own food.

In March the church leaders had a three day leadership seminar. Covid food relief plus meeting needs for clean water, health care, and education for children has opened doors and minds to the message of the Gospel.



Caring for Kenya from its beginning has strived to follow Matthew 25... feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, cloth those who need clothes, and care for the sick. As we meet physical needs it truly produces opportunities to meet spiritual needs.