

Fred's Kids Newsletter

December 2024



In early October there was a tragic fire that happened in the middle of the night at Endarasha Academy in central Kenya. The fire killed 21 young students and injured many more. The Kenyan Government implemented a set of requirements for every boarding school. Those requirements had to be completed by December or that facility would be closed. We agreed with the decision and set out to make the Marindi Academy facilities safer for our students and orphans.



One of the requirements was to replace the existing window frames that had bars to a 4 foot window that swung open to allow for an easier escape. Thanks to our donors we were able to get all of the requirements completed in record time. The government inspectors were amazed at how fast and how well the buildings were constructed and the other safety procedures that were required to be in place. There is no way to anticipate things like this. We are thankful that Marindi Grace Academy will see more days and that the orphans will still have a place to live.

There are things that never change when you have a school. Those things are the need for extra food and a need for medical attention for the kids. Tonny has been suffering



from swollen feet that cause blisters which burst as they grow. After a complete check of his kidneys, heart and liver, it was determined that he had an infection and needed to be treated with antibiotics. We thank God for that being the only issue. He was treated and is much better now.

The need for food is a constant. Food prices are very high in Kenya. When the food is available, the larger school contract with the farmers or grocery stores to buy it before it goes to market. After the larger schools buy most of the better crops, prices are raised on what is left to buy. Marindi Academy tries to buy what they can before the prices are raised. That is when we step in to help them get what the kids need for a healthy diet.



When Pastor Fred retired from his duties at Marindi PEFA Church, Pastor Martin was selected to be the successor. Several months ago Pastor Martin filed the papers to be ordained as a PEFA pastor. That service finally took place in December. We are thankful for the leadership that Pastor Martin will give to the Marindi Church group. We have known him for many years. Please pray for him as he leads Marindi into the future. Pastor Martin is also a teacher by trade. His wife is Rhoda and they have 2 children.

We are preparing the 2024 tax letters for your Fred's Kids donations. We expect them to be ready and in the mail by January 10, 2025. We thank you for your continued support. We appreciate every dollar that we receive and strive to make sure that it is spent wisely.

If you have any questions about your donations or Fred's Kids, please call us or send us an email.

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