

2019 October Caring for Kenya Update Newsletter

Gary Masters was able to make the trip to Kenya in July. Through conversations with Gary, phone calls to Erastus, and text messages from Justus Mutua we are able to provide this Caring for Kenya update. .

The new well is projected to be finished this week. It will provide water to the Kavonge Primary Academy, the Kavonge church, the school land, and the surrounding area. Gary met with all the water committees where we have drilled wells and stressed the importance of record keeping and talked about the annual audit of records that we plan to do.



The two new Kavonge Primary Academy classrooms have the foundation and walls in place. As the school grows, we see the church growing. We will be setting up a five station computer lab and completing more school construction additions during the 2020 school year. Two donors have already contributed toward the construction and computer lab.

We are projecting the 2020 summer mission trip will be July 15- Aug. 1. We hope to have a tech. person on the trip that is able to set up the computer lab and internet for the mission center and the primary school. Having internet at the mission center would not only help us but also make it possible to add Erastus and Vundi to the email conversations that we have with Justus.

Gary met with the preachers in the Zombe area and helped resolve the issues associated with the Zombe well project. Gary working with the Kenyans was able to move a diesel powered generator to the Mwangya well and provide water where the well had not operated for two years. Our last three wells are solar powered. The wells projects we have done in partnership with Rotary and Healing Hands International are now providing water for 45,000 people and 20,000 cows and goats.





During the trip Gary met with congregations and conducted community Bible studies. Two were baptized. Erastus reported that last week they had a speaker for a two day preacher's seminar at the mission center with all the preachers attending.

Gary was able to visit some of the 65 secondary school students that CfK donors sponsor and hand out student supply packets. Ilako Mutata Secondary School requested an agriculture workshop during the July mission trip. Celestine has expressed interest in more medical supplies and birthing kits for her medical clinic.



Gary met with the Kenya Vision Committee. They proposed a vocational school rather than a secondary school on the CfK 16 acre plot of land. They have expressed an interest in some fencing and a community garden as a starting point in utilizing the land now that we have water available. Agriculture would be the first area of vocational training. Two of our congregations currently are utilizing some of their land area with a church garden.

Erastus talked with Gary about planting another congregation. In my phone conversation with Erastus he suggested that a short trip to Kenya in December would be helpful in dealing with some concerns and in planning for the July 2020 mission trip. Steve Hollinger who was part of the 2001 trip is will be going with me. We hope to meet with the vision committee again and determine how to best make an impact with the 2020 mission trip.

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