



CHinK Newsletter

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MAY VISIT TO KENYA - LATEST NEWS

Having returned from our latest visit to Kenya, we discovered that the conditions encountered were much worse than in the past. We felt it important to reassure everyone regarding our school, the children and their families. There was post election violence in Mombasa and all transportation came to a halt. Car drivers, public transportation etc was being burned, businesses were being looted and people attacked, this was a frightening time for the people there as you can well imagine. The violence and troubles hasn't affected the area around Mtwapa, which is very reassuring to us. Caring for these people as we do, we feel for their frustrations and lack of hope of a better country. All these people want is a country where they are free to work without corruption.



**ENJOYING A MEAL
OF RICE AND BEANS**

The most frightening thing at this time for our children's families is loss of tourism. To understand the culture of the Kenyans, when one member of

the family has a job he or she takes the responsibility of the extended family helping where and when they can. The hotels lie empty with tourism coming to a complete halt. As you can imagine the outcome of this has affected all the supporting services etc. At the onset of the violence one supermarket was cleared of food overnight, once the market was re-stocked rationing took place. In the villages food has risen in price by 20% and as predicted will continue rising dramatically, owing to the lack of transportation, making the poor and needy struggle even more. We have some children who went home with their families to vote and have not yet returned to the coast. In an area that struggled to survive previously this means devastation. It is so so sad as after many years working there, we were witnessing a country starting to see some major improvements, now being set back twenty years.

The rise in the cost of living has also had a knock on effect on the school budget, the estimated cost of food, necessities, books etc has risen enormously.

All the children looked in good health and were pleased to see us with smiles beaming off each child, which could fool anyone into thinking they were the most well off children in the world.

We now have 102 underprivileged and poor children, this number of children is too great for the small school with already over full classrooms, but the children are so keen to go to school, get an education, wear the uniform, that it is hard to turn them away and not discourage them. When our own school is built, this number of children and more will be catered for.



**CHILDREN IN THE OVER
CROWDED CLASSROOMS
SO WILLING TO LEARN**

2 days after arriving in Kenya, we took the opportunity to check 3 plots of land that were for sale and chose the one that has the best potential for future extensions to the school. We are in the process of purchasing 2 plots, through a Kenyan lawyer to make sure it is legal and also, at a later date we hope to obtain an NGO. (Non Governmental Organisation is similar to being registered as a charity in UK). Also - plans for a new school are being drawn up.

NEW DESKS

The rent for 2 small classrooms at the Baptist Church, £25 per month, has doubled since our last visit in November and the Church representatives have stopped the young children from having their afternoon naps in the church.

They now have to try and sleep at their desks, heads down on folded arms, 4 to a desk, this is a very uncomfortable to say the least.



SEATED AT THE NEW DESKS. THIS IS WHERE THEY NOW HAVE TO SLEEP AT REST TIME

FUNDS NEEDED



2 OF THE CHILDREN WERE LIVING IN THIS HOUSE

We would hope to obtain some funds from sponsors, local business, schools etc, so a new school can be built as quickly as possible, to save these children from further hardship.

The children we put through our Sponsor Program would not receive an education without our assistance. Their families, if they still have one, struggle to feed them and certainly do not have the money to educate them. We feel every child has the right to an education and together we can change that, one child at a time.

CAN YOU HELP

All the money donated goes directly to our children in Kenya. There are no administrative costs, fees, or salaries held back for those who run CHink. You can be assured that of what you donate, 100% of it is invested in qualified local teachers, school supplies, a uniform, and 2 meals each day for the child you sponsor. In return, you will receive letters from your child, an occasional picture, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a positive difference in the life and future of a child and their family.

"Children who have been hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, without parents, without education and without hope are now being fed, clothed, sheltered and educated."

Special Wedding Announcement

08/08/2008

Congratulations to

Andy Feeke & Sally Gough

*From Carol Feeke of Retford, who is presenting them with a **CHink** sponsored child as a special wedding gift.*

Do you need an unusual gift for someone special? Yes, then sponsoring a **CHink** child could be the answer.

If you would like more information our contact details are listed below

FUTURE DREAMS - SOON TO BECOME A REALITY

Our latest visit was an exhausting one, we made endless visits to the solicitor in Mombasa, to confirm arrangements for the sale of the land we completed before we came home.

We now have to try to raise as much money as possible to make our dreams into reality. After the purchase of the land is complete, then the building will start. The 2 plots of land together are large enough to accommodate an extension at a later time.



LOOKING TOWARDS THE 2 PLOTS OF LAND - UNDER THE MANGO TREE

FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS

Saturday July 5th
Jumbo Sale 4 Newcastle Street
Tuxford
10 am to 2 pm
Very popular event

Saturday July 26th
Village Harmony Concert
St Nicholas Church Tuxford

Come along and join us on a Summer Sponsored Walk
July or August and also
Bag packing in ASDA

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