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Saving Lives in Kenya, one child at a time

Dear Friends,


The last few days of beautiful, warm weather reminds me how quickly this year is passing. The children are already back into their second term of the year. The primary dormitory is complete and the children are moved back into their new and improved dorm.

The building crew is taking a break from repairs at the Centre to build two MDP churches. The first one is in Osarara, and the second one is at Murantawua, in Magadi area. To get to Osarara, it feels like you are traveling to the far ends of the earth, it is a very remote area high up in the hills where a small group of people would tune in to Sadai radio every Saturday evening, and listen to “men that spoke from the Bible”. Through phone calls and text messages, the request came one and a half years ago now, to send a Pastor, which we did. How thankful they are to be getting a church to worship in. The building crew will then travel to the Magadi area, about six hours away to build another church in Murantawua. This church is much needed as it is a very hot, desert area with very little shade to sit under. This is the place where some of the church ladies walked 4 hours to come to church when we were in Magadi in January.


I just got word that the rains have hit Kenya with a mighty rush. There is flooding in many places. One area of the road to Narok, has sunk into the ground. I don't know how long that will take to fix and be passable again, but it does make travel out to the Centre a lot longer as we take an alternate, much longer route. Unfortunately, due to downpour of rain, it is also affecting our maize crop that we depend on. I'm told we may lose our crop, however, I think back about 10 years ago when there was not enough rain for our crops, While most crops wilted away, the crop at MDPEC flourished. It became a witness to the care and protection that God has extended to us.

We are happy to share with you that Simore, one of the girls I spoke of last month is now fully sponsored. How I wish I was there to see the smile on her face when she finds out she is sponsored. You can't believe what a difference it makes for these girls to know that someone loves them and is caring for them. Thank you.

We have received a request from another school in one of our new areas for 18 bags of cement for a much needed latrine for the students. What they lack is the cement to complete the project. The bags are about \$10 per bag. Any help would be appreciated. I am excited to share that we now have enough money for almost 40 desks for the Enkorika school. I just sent the money over last week for that project. We will continue to raise funds for the school as they could use about 100 desks. I recently received a note from the school thanking us for the school supplies that we sent to them, with a plea for a toilet block. They do not yet know that we already sent the money for that project. God is so Good!

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We are in need of more lay pastors, we have hired four, but need another four. If you know of someone or even a church group that would be willing to sponsor a lay pastor at \$200 per month, or a partial sponsorship at \$100 per month, that would help us get more pastors into the field. Some of our donors choose to donate to our General Pastor Fund rather than an individual sponsorship. Either is most welcome. The General Fund is what we draw on to pay for the non-sponsored pastors. However, if we had more individual sponsors we could use the General Fund for evangelistic purposes. I marvel how God always provides every month! In 25 years, MDP lay pastors have never gone without pay. I remember during one point when we weren't sure if we would have to lay off some of our pastors, the lay pastors suggested to us that they take less pay so that all could remain in the work. That is love and dedication!. Thank you once again for all of your love, support and prayers. Thank you for partnering with us in His service and for saving lives in Kenya, one child at a time.

Until next month,,

*Jan Latsha*

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**Left:** Completed and much improved dormitory



**Left:** The building team arrives at Osarara



**Right:** Much needed nourishment for the building team

**Bottom:** Osarara church in progress

