

Dow Family Children's Home!

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What's Happening!

Greetings to all of you from all of us! We have had many changes and adjustments here over the past three months. We are busy and working with joy and our strength is renewed each morning. The children are growing and changing day by day. We have had some staff changes. Emily left and Emmy replaced her in the kitchen. Jackie and Joyce were added to help with the children.

On the farm we are celebrating the birth of four piglets, we are also raising another batch of broilers for meat. Christine the cow is getting ready to deliver and all of us are anxious to see if the calf will be male or female. We are transferring our pineapple crop down to our lower garden near the banana crop. The potato and maize fields are thriving. At the end of the month we have leased another field for planting corn as our ugali (main staple) need is great. For Peter's 15th birthday he picked tea with the locals and developed some empathy for their daily lives.

We have had visits from churches and the tea company Unilever. With each visit we are truly blessed not only by the supplies that they have offered but by the fellowship warmly felt. Pastor Kiprono and his wife Judy as well as Pastor Simon Bett and his wife and friends have also made several visits encouraging us and blessing us. They are the best prayer partners and are very faithful friends. Both Pastors are active on our newly formed Kenyan Advisory Board. Pastor Joel Kimetto, Davis Bett, and John Silate, are also members.

We have turned away many orphans these past months and it has pulled our hearts into prayer. Here in Kenya so many are suffering. Twins were delivered here in the village and they died within weeks as the mother was ill equipped to care for them. Mothers and relatives are coming with children wrapped on their backs and a plastic bag (all their worldly possessions) in their hands asking would we please take this child. The children are sweet and precious.

How must it feel to be so poor that you are willing to give up a child to the care of another just for its survival?

These precious ones are real and within our sight and we pray for the Lords mercy daily.

We have been granted another Visa by the Kenyan Government to continue this work. This new Visa is for three years. Your prayers lifting us up was apparent as the ease of the process was nothing short of miraculous. The gift of doing this work daily is an exceptionally humbling experience and we are very grateful to be here.



The two and Under Club



Mercy Chepgeno & Mom



Peter turns 15



The two to nine CREW



Peter picks tea leaves

Personal Note!

We are excited to announce the expansion of our small school to include the local children from the surrounding villages; Kapsiratet and Kipketi. We strongly felt the leading of the Lord and we are grateful for his direction. Over the past months we had the chance to meet with the Community board and other leaders in the churches regarding the school expansion. This opportunity in these meetings to say who we are and why we are here in Kenya touched more hearts including ours.

Our children in the Dow Family are thrilled to have new classmates and teachers and many new friends. Even our **ten** preschoolers age 2-4 are happy and busy from 8-12 in the mornings. The Kenyan mindset, stresses education above many things so as you can imagine the parents and neighbors are delighted to send their children here. We follow the very detailed syllabus provided by the KIE Kenyan Institution Of Education. We are registering and going through the process in the same way we registered the home. As a child of teachers Mary Rose spent many hours in the company of teachers and administrators and as an adult she pursued an undergraduate degree in Education K-12 (B.S.) Her Masters degree(M.S.W.) and certification in social work(C.S.W.) help as well. Little did she know how much these diplomas and hands on experience would help here in Kenya. Greg's degree in computer science has also been a blessing as most of the important tedious administrative tasks fall on his shoulders. There is teacher, staff and parental interaction which goes on and Greg is the gatekeeper sorting out people and priorities as the students attend class.

On staff we have a teacher of Special Education to meet the needs of the children who have learning disabilities, emotionally disturbed(due to dysfunctional past home lives), as well as gifted and talented students. Many children in a regular Kenyan public school would be overlooked if nothing else due to sheer sizes the average class sizes range from 50-90 per class. We also have a baby class (preschool) and helper, nursery(kindergarten), class one, three, five and seven class teachers at present. We are grateful for God's mercy, and guidance as we are trusting in Him all the way through for wisdom, patience, and clarity.

ALL students return home for lunch hour except our own. We remain faithful to the Dow Family Home schedule which helps the Dow family remain intact as a whole unit. The large preschool and kindergarten classes are only half day. Prayer and Praise 8-8:30 is really a powerhouse where all staff and children participate.

In faith we have staked out a location on this property to build five buildings. We are waiting on the Lord to provide the needed supplies. Our Kenyan Board is planning a fundraiser slated for Nov 6, 2010. They hope to break ground as soon as possible. The school in future we pray will be physically separate from the Dow Family Children's Home.



Greg Teaches



Village Children



Stepping out in Faith



Madame Caroline - class3



The boys



Madame Jane - Class7

Prayer Requests!

1. Continued finances,(There is so much more we could do)!
2. Someone to work on our behalf in the US,(Fundraising & Support)!
3. A newer reliable vehicle,(The one we have is running on a hope and a prayer)!
4. Bibles and other Christian Materials for ministry,(The written word is scarce here)!
5. Continued favor with National and Local Authorities!
6. Continued health, strength and wisdom!



Baby Mercy



Calvin



Judith

When I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me drink,
I was naked and you clothed me.



Daisy Maisy



Francis



Faith Cheptoo 2

Support Information!

All those desiring to contribute financially may make their checks out to -

✉ Lighthouse Community Church
Po. Box 266
Elizabethtown, Pa.17022

Please note your checks with Lancaster Fellowship Missions / Dow Family Support!
(100% of all donations comes directly to the Home)

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