

Mafanikio Newsletter



The past two months have been full of events. To begin with, Kenya has now a cabinet in place and already in the process of resettling the displaced persons. This has brought about peace and thus hopes for the future.

Lari Division and has also been involved in working with the IDPs through cooperation with other organizations. In this issue we have highlighted key issues like the Primary Exchange Programme that allows pupils from different nationalities to interact and learn about their different backgrounds. Finally, I hope that you may have a good read and please do not hesitate to send your comments and views about our activities. May you be filled with peace and goodwill.

Diana Chipo MCBO Coordinator

Mkwiro Bore hole

The bore hole has finally been completed. It is one of the most challenging projects ever considering the geographical area and their special need of water. We want to thank Maria Butler and the GRA Team for their great contribution towards this project. They have made this project real. More thanks to Wadamo Agencies, Sam of Mombasa Contractors

and the Mkwiro Community during this process. The bore hole water is saline, which makes it impossible for drinking at this point and time, however, it can be used for domestic purposes. According to the specialists, they have advised the plant of mangrove trees which suck up the salt it said that it will clear up with time.

This saline challenge has prompted us to conduct a documentary which will enlighten the government of our efforts and the need on the ground especially during dry seasons like now. This documentary will further be distributed to different quarters ranging from our Kenyan government to other governments.



Set up of drilling equipment



Drilling process



Hand pump installed



Community women fetching water



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K.C.S.E Results

The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education results were released in March and our two students, Teresia Ruguru and Jennifer Ohiwa did well. Jennifer excelled with B- while Teresia C+. Chances of Jennifer joining the university are 50-50 considering her grade. The following are Jennifer's marks per subject:

Mean grade: B-

English; B	Kiswahili; B+
Mathematics; D	Biology; B+
Chemistry; C	History; B-
CRE; B-	Agriculture; B



Jennifer

Jennifer is an orphan and comes from a very poor family. She is looking forward to joining college, however, her future is not so promising and thus she is appealing for assistance in order to pursue her education.

Kayaba Youth Sports

We have a team of under 16 and under 12 years. This team is involved in soccer and has been quite active. We formed it in order to keep the youths out of drugs and crime. This year, Deidre Moran, Ann-Marie Costello and Siobhan donated jerseys and balls to the club. This has since boosted their morale and working quite positively.



Under 16 and 12 team training on their jerseys

Exchange Programme

MCBO is tailoring an exchange programme which will involve students involved in soccer in Kenya and Ireland. This programme is aimed towards identifying and developing talents from the youth. It will also take part in reconstruction Kenya after the destruction prompted by the post election crisis. Currently, we are working towards identifying potential schools and partners to support it.

Internally Displaced Persons

The post election violence left over 350,000 homeless and properties worth millions destroyed. MCBO has been involved in working with them through cooperating with other organizations. At this point, MCBO will begin supporting the Internally Displaced Persons in Kirasha through Feeding programme of 62 children who fled together with their parents to look for safety. In Kirasha there are about more than 100 children and 60 families displaced. This programme has been sponsored by Deidre Moran, Ann-Marie Costello and Siobhan Connolly. This programme is envisaged to last for the next six months when the families are able to cater for their own food.



On the other hand, we want to resettle and empower these families so that they are ultimately independent on their own. This would require resources and we are kindly asking for your kind contributions to enable us implement this programme effectively.

Work Camps

Since the beginning of the year, MCBO has not been able to host any work camp. However, we will host July and August work camps. MCBO work camps have been refurbished to serve the volunteers and communities more effectively. They are more educational, entertaining and workforce enhanced. The programme will entail the following:

Day 1 Fascination at the giraffe centre/orphanage, city tour and local entertainment

Day 2 Knowledge & Experience by visiting slums and meeting people in their homes

and business premises and experience the disparity, visiting Kenya National Museum and National Achieves and learn more.

Day 3 Travel to the work camp

Work camp activities

Construction work
Teaching
Team building training
Excursion

Day 19 visiting Mkwiro project at Wasini Island thus crossing from the ocean. Shimoni means a ditch in reference to a cave where were

penned before shipped during the early settlers in Kenya. It's also famous for its deep- Sea and big Marine Park. Mkwiro is a village which isolated from the rest of the country and it borders Tanzania. Its main challenge has been water which is why Growth Reaching Africa and MCBO worked in cooperation with the local community to drill a bore hole. The project is significant because its main challenge is saline.

The communities will also enjoy the following;

Project materials

- Project support and materials
- Stationary for schools from the volunteers

Education

- The community will learn the importance of community development
- The concept of voluntarism
- Peace building and tolerance
- Exposure to different cultural background
- High school fee for bright but needy students

Feeding programme

The feeding programme is on again though this time it is faced by a major challenge of looming food crisis and high increment of prices. The whole country is threatened so obtaining food commodities has become such a challenge. However, we are lucky because our pupils have already started feeding.



Appeal for General Administration Support Fund

Since the beginning of the year, MCBO has not hosted a single camp following the cancellation of all volunteers. This has challenged the organization and has put it at a difficult financial position. MCBO does not receive any funds from the government neither any donor agency. It solely relies on donations from friends and well wishers and administration fee from the camp participation.

We are kindly seeking your contribution in order to continue to impact positively to the lives of the marginalized women and children who rely on MCBO. For more information please contact mafankio_cbo@yahoo.com, irishmaria@gmail.com, and www.gracharity.com

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