



Kenya Widows & Orphans Ministry

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Let the Construction Begin!

By Dawn Brown

We've been praying and planning. We've been searching for a "constructor", reviewing and working on contracts. You've been praying and giving. You've been doing fundraisers. We can't thank you enough, but THANK YOU!!!

Our Board of Directors in the USA and the Board of Directors in Kenya have decided that we need to start construction on the Child Arise Feeding Center! I believe that by the time you read this, we will have already started. Wow God! (Watch our facebook page for exciting pictures.)

God says, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Really God? It must be true, because it's written right there in Luke 17:6. I'm a planner. I'm a perfectionist. I like to have all my ducks in a row...I, I, I. I don't like to admit it, but my faith is as small as a mustard seed, but God says that's all I need.

There are so many things to be considered in Kenya that are quite different from our United States. We are still short an estimated \$50,000 to complete our building, but together with the Lord, we have come so far!

In Kenya, they are accustomed to starting a building without having the funds available to complete it. We are not. We don't have the needed funds, but our donations are coming in slower than the costs of the building are rising. It seems wise and prudent to begin construction now, so that we can get the biggest benefit for every dollar.

There, they have to consider the cost of driving to the river to collect water needed for concrete and other construction needs and whether or not the closest rivers or streams will be dried up. Elizabeth has been and will be, catching rain water from her roof to help with that cost. This is water normally used for her own personal needs. She is trusting the Lord to provide for her own water use.



We cannot use the water from the borehole. That's drinking water only and is much too precious to be used for construction.

Maybe our Feeding Center should be called our Spiritual Growth Center. The meal is only part of what happens when all our children or all our women gather. They share a meal, but more importantly, they feed on the Word of God. They teach, study and read from the Bible and spend time in prayer. It's during this time that they are encouraged, grow in their faith or come to a saving knowledge of our Lord.

Keeping our kids in school and our feeding programs going is so important, so we don't want that interrupted. However, we also hope and pray that we can complete this building without any workflow stoppage in the construction.

Please prayerfully consider if and how God wants you to be a continued part of this building preparation. Once again, thank you so very much for your part in this!

How Much Do You Love Your Child?

by Dawn Brown

Elisha, the profit of the Lord, met up with a widowed woman who was facing such hardships that creditors were coming to enslave her children. She cried out to him for help. She had nothing in her house but a small amount of oil.

Read about how the Lord provided for her needs through Elisha by miraculously giving her so much oil, she was able to pay her debts and meet the needs of her and her children! 2 Kings 4:1-7. What an awesome God we serve!

Think of how much you love your children. How they mean so much to you and how much you want to meet their every need and do what's best and right for them.

Now imagine if you have little means; low income, few opportunities, you literally don't know if you will be able to feed them 2 meals tomorrow. Your friends, family and neighbors are all just getting by, like you are.

What if the spouse of your dreams dies? How heartbroken would you be? How sad would your kids feel? How will you take care of them when it was so hard to provide when you and your beloved were working together?

Next it's you. You die and your kids are left alone. They are in bitter distress. Your friends, family and neighbors are still struggling to make ends meet for their own household. What if they pity your children, but just don't see how they can take them in? How can they have more mouths to feed when they're barely providing for their own children?



Prayer Requests

✝ One of our newest high school graduates is in training to be an airplane hostess. Currently, she has to take swimming classes and next she must learn French. She hopes to finish in 2 years. The other new graduate is now taking computer classes to prepare for college and hopes to become an engineer. Thank you for supporting them and please continue to pray they will do well, so that they can get a job to provide for their needs.

✝ Prices for food are going way high very fast. May God have mercy to help us.

✝ Elections are coming in August. The campaign is causing killings already. People are fearing. We need peace.

Can you imagine how you would feel if you knew someone did just that? Took your children in, fed them and gave them a roof over their heads? What if that person became a widow herself? What if she couldn't give them 2 meals every day and send them to school? Even worse, what if she didn't know Jesus or what if she was so overwhelmed and depressed, she couldn't feel His presence?

Like God used Elisha to bring hope and provisions to the widowed woman in the Bible, God can use YOU to meet the needs of the poorest widowed women in Mbooni Kenya. You can help someone who has taken in the children of another, when others would not, to feed and educate them. Through Elizabeth Mativo, you can teach them about the Lord, give them hope and help them to feel His love. You can be Elisha in someone's life.

100% of your donation goes to Kenya!

Donations can be made to

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