

NKUNGA APRIL-JUNE 2006 QUARTERLY REPORT

The second quarter of the year was fine with varied activities planned and accomplished as follows;

Home visits

All adopted homes were visited during this quarter. The field staff and volunteers had time to listen to each family's challenges, share in their difficulties as well as share the word of God. FHI staff also got to know the immediate needs of each family and together they are seeking for possible solutions.



Doris during home visit attending the burial of one of the beneficiaries who died after a road accident.

Junior bible camps

Forty children from grade four to five attended a yearly children's camp organized by FHI. The purpose of the camp was to enable children to learn the word of God and interact with others from different areas. Counselling sessions for children with different special needs was conducted. At the end of the youth camp, 27 children gave their lives to Christ. Follow up and a discipling programme for them is in process.

Bible lessons

With the help of the volunteers, teachers and FHI staff, all children in grade four to eight go through bible lessons once every week. During these bible lessons, children pray, share the gospel and praise God together. Children also are taught memory verses from the bible during each lesson. It also helps the children know more about God and broaden their world view of the Kingdom of God.

Scholarship

Several boys and girls from Nkunga community were assisted through payment of school fees during the quarter. Their guardians contribute 30% of the formal school fees while FHI donate the remaining 70%. Five youth from this community have benefited from vocational scholarship. They are training in varied courses in a neighbouring technical school. These courses include tailoring, carpentry, cookery, mechanics and woodwork. This has encouraged these young people who could else have stayed idle and engaged in illegal behaviours. The courses taken will also enable them become self reliant and assist their community.

Sponsor visit

Representatives from Highfield church and FH/UK visited Nkunga in the month of May. It was a great opportunity for the sponsors and the villagers to interact, hear from each other, share the challenges in the community and share the word of God and the special message sent by Highfield church. Seventy bibles were shared amongst different groups and churches in Nkunga

community. These bibles were a gift from Highfield church. The community appreciates them and wishes them many blessings.



Joyous community members sing happily to the visitors from Highfield church.

School feeding programme

During the first quarter, Nkunga had very little harvest and many children had to attend school without food. FHI came in to support the school with some food stuffs. This was to continue until the community gets enough harvest in this quarter. In this quarter too, there is minimal harvest. The long rains did not rain adequately. The planted crops did well at the beginning but now they all have failed hence too low yield. FHI is still supporting the school.

Stakeholders meeting

Stakeholders have been meeting monthly. They help in the planning of activities and implementing these activities within the community. During this quarter, five planning meetings were held to plan for the Highfield church visit, water project, agriculture and health projects among other activities.

Environmental club / tree nursery club

This club includes school children and adult learners. The club has started a tree nursery in school to boost the environment. Trees of different types have been planted in the nursery bed and will be transplanted to main fields. The members of the club water the seedlings and take care of the seedlings. They are taught on the importance of tree planting and the matters relating to environmental conservation.



School children help care for the seedlings.

Adult literacy class

The adult literacy class is ongoing and the members are trained to read and write and other matters which relate to every day life.

Prayer groups

The prayer groups are doing very well. They have greatly benefited from bibles donated by Highfield church during the last sponsors visit. The groups are still doing merry go round and soon after they all go round, they will start another income generating activity. More and more interested individuals are registering with the group.



A prayer group in Nkunga sit down to share lunch after a successful fellowship

Trainings

Clusters are trained monthly on different topics. After the agriculture survey which was done last quarter, it was found out that dairy goats can do very well in Nkunga community. All the clusters have thus been trained on goat keeping, housing and cross breeding of the goats. FHI will provide a Togenburg goat to improve the breeds of goats in Nkunga community. This will improve milk production in this community.

Teachers training

School and Sunday teachers have been trained during this quarter by a work team from Grace Community church-USA who visited in June. The teachers gained knowledge and skills of effective teaching of different groups of children to improve children performance. The topics covered included building self esteem and character development.

IGAS (income generating activities)

During the first quarter, Kanondone A (income generating group) was trained and during this quarter, Kanondone B has been trained on the same. The groups have already

opened bank accounts and are ready to start on savings.

Challenges during the quarter

- Insufficient rain leading to insufficient harvest.
- Loss of two beneficiaries through accident and sickness.
- Lack of enough water for the nursery bed because at first rains were expected for transplanting and failed before germination.
- Parents inability to raise the food stuff agreed to add to the feeding programme started by FHI in school.
- Many youth are still in the community who have not joined high school or vocational training and FHI cannot meet all their needs.

PRAYERS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

- Pray for sufficient rains.
- Pray for all our planned activities/projects for the next quarter.
- Pray for unity in our churches and all other groups we are working with.
- Pray for our continued and increased support to our projects.

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