

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY / KENYA



TO: HIGHFIELD CHURCH

SUBJECT: NKUNGA (404-0015) QUARTERLY REPORT

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Nkunga preprimary school children in class

Despite the post-election crisis, Nkunga community had something to celebrate. The release of KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) results placed Nkunga School among the top 5 best schools in the zonal level. The record of 361 marks out of 500 was set by girl Purity Karuthu. This spoke inspiration to the many girls who feel disregarded by the culture in this community. The pupils, teachers, parents and community received the results with thanksgiving to God and the FH family. All the 6 students who attained over 250 marks have already been admitted into the scholarship, 6 have joined secondary day schools, and 4 will join vocational training. A total of 25 students sat for the grade 8 examinations.



Nkunga CDP children enjoying snack during break

Vocational students

The six students who were assisted to pursue their courses in vocational college have successfully completed their grade 3 Trade Test in mechanics, masonry, carpentry, electronics, tailoring and dressmaking respectively. It's with a lot of humility that they express their gratitude to FH for their financial support. Two of them have opted to register themselves for grade 2 examinations which take one more year. Four students have been recruited into vocational scholarship in this year.

Trainings

During the quarter, several planning meetings and trainings took place.

- 13 participants attended the CDP (Child Development Programme) stakeholders meeting.
- 7 Nkunga community volunteers attended a training on CDP management
- 60 Parents and 8 Teachers attended a Parents Teachers meeting.
- 80 beneficiaries attended Beneficiary trainings in the 4 clusters.

Discussions topics were:

- KCPE result analysis, sponsorship of pupils to secondary and vocational colleges
- Prayer for school and Kenya after the post election disturbances and violence.
- Coordination of Sunday school activities in the different churches.
- Follow up on the church fellowship and prayer meetings

Parents-teachers meeting

Although the KCPE results were good, both the parents and teachers felt there was need for more improvement. During the meeting, the following issues were discussed;

- Remedial teaching to all slow learners. Teachers were requested to do an analysis of the data of these pupils.
- Tuition for 51 students in both grade 7 and 8.
- The pre-primary parents agreed to pack a snack for their children to sustain them through the day with their studies
- It was recommended that the school and parents come up with ways to improve the general school cleanliness.
- Preparations were made for the UK work team visit.

Supply of Togenburg goat

CDP has continued to integrate with other FH programmes to improve the economic standard of Nkunga community. Lately the FHK livestock programme supplied yet another Togenburg goat to the community. In handing over the Togenburg to 60 community members, training was conducted that covered the following:

- Construction of the required goat's shed
- Feeding and the necessary veterinary services
- Keeping of proper records
- Cross-breeding
- Nutritional value of goat milk



Presentation of the Togenburg to the Nkunga community

CLF, Volunteers and stakeholders day

120 Nkunga members from churches, leaders, families, volunteers and stakeholders had a very successful prayer day. They converged to pray for peace, Kenya, Highfield Church and Nkunga community. The meeting was also an opportunity to recognize and award certificates of appreciation to various Nkunga groups and persons that FH has worked with for the last four years.



Julia is awarded a certificate for exemplary involvement in CDP activities in Nkunga.

School sports day

240 pupils participated and excelled very well in co-curriculum activities both at school level and inter-school competitions in ball games: football, netball, volleyball and handball amongst others. Their games T-shirt which has a message "I am wonderfully and fearfully made" was embraced by their player mates. Four Nkunga pupils are preparing to participate in District competition. Thanks goes to the recent UK work team that supplied the school with games equipments.



Nkunga children at the inter-zonal ball games competition

Deworming

Lessons on hygiene improvement have been a focus for this last quarter.

Deworming also continues to be a regular CDP activity done on termly basis. 240 pupils were given Mebendazole tablets for worm treatment. This enhanced pupil's general health and school concentration.

Bible study

130 grades 4-8 children have continued to enjoy the bible study lessons every Tuesday. The bible lessons are led by volunteer, teachers and field assistants.



Grade 4 pupils in Bible study

Home visits

During the quarter, 30 homes out of 112 beneficiaries have been visited. The farm produce has been good, especially the maize that was supplied by FH. During the home visits, post-harvest storage has been encouraged. It was also realized that parents are increasingly reaching out to support those in difficulty especially in offsetting the school fees balances.

Success story

Faith Kathure is among those needy students that received financial support to complete her secondary education. See the following letter.

Appreciation letter from Faith Kathure

Dear Highfield Church,
I am so grateful to your Highfield church for enabling me go through my high school studies. I managed a strong B- and I am intending to study mass communication come next year. My results were as follow;
English- B+
Kiswahili- C+
Mathematics - D+
Biology- B
Physics - C
Chemistry - B-
Home science- B

Your three years financial support has been highly appreciated; presently am involved in volunteer work at my community in Nkunga
Yours Faith Kathure



Faith feeding her families' cow

Prayer requests

- Pray for continued peace in Kenya
- Thank God for the good Nkunga school results
- Thank God for the good harvest and current rains
- Continue praying for Nkunga.