

NKUNGA QUARTERLY REPORT - 2nd QUARTER 2007

The last quarter was a busy one for the pupils, students, the community and even the CDP staff in Nkunga community. Some of the activities done were as follows:

Children's party and prayer day

During the Easter season, a prayer day was held that involved the pupils, teachers and church leaders in Nkunga community aimed at praying for some of the pressing issues in the community. The prayer day having coincided with the Easter holiday, the church leaders emphasized the following:

- The arrest of Jesus
- The betrayal of Jesus by Judas
- The crucifixion and death of Jesus
- Jesus appears to many disciples after resurrection.

Other activities like songs of praises were also done and some of the children surrendered their lives to Christ.



Parents gather during prayer day

Children's party

In recognition of the good performance in the last year's K.C.P.E. (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) results, a celebration party was held. This acted as an encouragement to the pupils who are currently in the school and will be taking their K.C.P.E. examinations by the end of this year. The day was marked by songs of praises, games, prayers and other children activities, which made the day more colourful.



Celebrating success!

Farmers club

Recently in Nkunga primary school, a rabbit hutch and a chicken cage were started in the school. This is through the help of the IGA (Income Generation Activities) trainings offered to the community by FH. For a beginning, 5 rabbits and 10 chickens are being reared. The children who are in the farmers club are the ones who are currently managing the project including feeding the animals. These animals being reared in the school are also making it easier for the teachers to teach agriculture and science lessons too.



Students in Nkunga primary with the rabbits reared in school

Youth training

In order to realize a healthy and wealthy community, training was carried out with the lakeside youth group in Nkunga during the last quarter. Some of the topics done included the following;

- Self awareness
- Self esteem
- Peer pressure
- Good & healthy relationships

The trainings seem to be positively impacting the youth in Nkunga who instead of engaging in immorality can now play games during their leisure time.

Success stories - The goat project

Towards the end of last year, a male Toggenburg goat bought by FH was taken to Nkunga community for the purpose of cross-breeding with the local breeds. As the community in Nkunga looks back to where it all started, today they have something to thank God for. As a result of this, five other improved kids have been sired through this goat. The families who had the privilege of getting the improved kids could not hide their joy. While Rosemary the CDP staff visited some of the families, one of the ladies

was quoted saying, "nowadays I don't have to suffer any more because of lack of milk. My children are feeding from this milk and I have noted an improvement in their health. We can't forget all that FH has done for us".



One of the families in Nkunga with his two kids sired by the Toggenburg goat.

Vocational students

Those students who joined vocational institutes last year through the help of FH will be completing their studies towards the end of the year. They are taking various courses including dressmaking, mechanics, electronics and even masonry. One student, Frankline, is on attachment to one of the garages in Meru town. He hopes to get a job after the completion of his attachment. The students too are very grateful for the assistance that FH has given to them.



Frankline: one of the vocational scholarship beneficiaries during his attachment.

Visit by Doug and Jackie

During the first week of June, Nkunga community was privileged to be visited by two of the staff from FH offices in the UK, Jackie and Doug. It was a joyful moment for the pupils, teachers and the entire Nkunga community. The following were accomplished during the visit;

- Home visits
- A visit to the sacred lake
- Meeting with the stakeholders
- Certificate awards to the students in the adult literacy class
- A visit to the goats project
- Visit to Naomi's small micro-finance business
- Planting of memorial trees in Nkunga primary school

The climax of the day was marked by the following poem recited by the grade eight pupils;



Community Visit of Doug and Jackie to Nkunga

A MIRACLE IN THE VILLAGE

*Things are never the same again
Since the intervention of FHI
For real their help is for you and I
To lift our lives from low to high level*

*In every way, life was always hard
Alas! What we have now is not what we
had before*

*School uniforms, bags, shoes and mosquito
nets*

And that is not all--- but just for a start

*Free medication is there when we fall sick
Out to explore we go for camps
Study hard and pass for secondary
scholarships*

Ease to our parents and guardians

*We are taught to rear chicken and rabbit
Another good way to earn a living
Parents are not left behind, water tanks
they have*

Trainings and seminars they benefit from

*We pray to God Almighty to bless FHI
For their assistance can't be paid back
To the heavens we look and pray
Because you have brought a miracle in the
village*

God bless FHI family

God bless the High Field church in UK

Thank you!

Prayer requests

- *Sufficient rainfall*
- *Children good health*
- *CDP staff and Volunteers as they serve the community*
- *The country oncoming general election and good governance*
- *Children preparing for their end of primary education examinations.*