

**FOOD FOR THE  
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**Nkunga children during a hiking trip.**

## NKUNGA QUARTERLY REPORT

The month of April began with the visit of vibrant energetic young men and women from Highfield Church. Their beautiful printed tee-shirt which had a label "Nkunga village 2008" reflected their good thought and hopes to the Nkunga community.



**The team poses in Nkunga school**

### **Teachers training**

The eight teachers from Nkunga received well analyzed lessons from Katie who had a lot of experience with both African and UK schools. The objective of the training was to interactively demonstrate and allow teachers to discover that the learning of the pupils can be enhanced. Amongst the topics shared included;

- ✚ Building and encouraging the children
- ✚ Child involvement in learning process
- ✚ Usage of creative arts
- ✚ Importance of five senses in enhancing learning
- ✚ Trauma among pupils

### **Pastors and youth leaders training**

Nick and Rob led the training by discussing various Bible verses like "I am the way the truth and the life." This was to encourage those in attendance and help

them realize that youth issues are similar world wide. Amongst the topics taught were;

- ✚ Communicating with youth
- ✚ Truth and lies that every youth must know.
- ✚ Good morals among the youth
- ✚ Listening skills - Jesus listened to Cleopas as they went to Emmaus
- ✚ Discipleship
- ✚ Pastors and youth relationship must be honest, faithful and good model

### **Bible study**



**Group of youth during the Bible study**

Some of the Bible heroes like Noah, Daniel and David were taught to children from grade 1-8 - a total of 210 pupils. Skits, songs, drawing, painting and blowing of balloons were some of the methods used to deliver the heroes messages. The following lessons were learnt from hero's story from 1Sam 17; 1 Genesis 7; 1 and Daniel 6; 1

- ✚ God has good plans for everybody
- ✚ Sincere prayers bear fruits
- ✚ Faithfulness to God
- ✚ God is a deliverer
- ✚ Everything is possible with God despite how difficult the situation



**Children during the bible study**

### **Youth training**

The training attracted over 70 youths from Nkunga community.

Amongst the highlights during the youth training included the following;

- ✚ Team work building
- ✚ Learning, practicing and keeping Gods word for their success and prosperity- Joshua 1:8
- ✚ Distribution of Bibles (NIV) to all youth in attendance.
- ✚ The training was a great inspiration to the youth. It encouraged them physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

### **Home visit**

During the quarter 59 children were visited at home. The work team visit had a lot of psychosocial effect to the families. They came face to face with the village life and their challenges. They supported some of the family in threshing maize and preparing their garden for the next planting season among other domestic chores we played and encouraged them.

### **Construction of kitchen**

For two weeks the group started their busy day by participating in construction. They carried stones, gravel, dug the foundation, mixed concrete and put stone on top of each other. In gloves on their hands, tough safari boots and hats on

their heads the team worked tirelessly. The pupils, teachers and parents teamed up. As they worked the nursery pupils encouraged them as they sang, "Yote yawezekana kwa imani" meaning, "All is possible for those who believe".



**Teamwork and the community collecting hardcore for the kitchen foundation**

The kitchen construction completion continued after the team left and the energy-efficient stove was installed by the close of the quarter.



**The community leaders are trained on usage of energy efficient stove**

### **Stakeholders**

Stakeholders met to discuss the successes of the April work team, and planning for this quarter - especially the completion of the kitchen.

### **Youth in the village**

The youth from the MCK (Methodist Church of Kenya) church organized an inter-church visit. Spiritual growth was

the major topic of discussion. 10 youth received Jesus as their personal savior.

### **Sports (social development)**

It's a season for athletics again; the children did a lot of practice in readiness for competition. 15 students from Nkunga represented the cluster of six schools in the zonal level, 10 to the division level, 5 to the district level, 3 to the provincial level and one girl, Jane Karimi is representing the province at the national level.



**Nkunga pupils take part in sports**

### **School Furniture Provision**

The school received 30 double desks for sixty pupils, 10 lockers and 10 chairs for teachers.



**Labeled desk for pupils**

### **Clothes Donation**

The teams visit coincided with the clothes distribution activity of the CDP. The Kenya Red Cross supported the Nkunga program by provision of clothes to needy children and parents in Nkunga School. This was because some of the children and family scarcely have clothes to wear. This is part of networking established to leverage the support to Nkunga.



**Children benefit from Red Cross clothes support.**

### **Challenges**

- ✚ Drugs and illicit brew is retarding the development of the area
- ✚ "Miraa" (khat) chewing continues to be a major challenge since it is widely grown in this community
- ✚ HIV/AIDS related sickness has claimed 3 parents.

### **Prayer request**

- ✚ Pray for the pupils as they prepare to do their end-of-term examination
- ✚ Pray for peace in the country
- ✚ Pray for the rains
- ✚ Pray for HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children
- ✚ Pray for unity of the church in Nkunga