

# NKUNGA QUARTELY REPORT- THIRD QUARTER 2007

The quarter has been the busiest in the year with many activities. The climax was the 12 Highfield church UK work team visit between 14<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The following were accomplished;

- Training on energy saving jikos (cooking stoves) in July
- 112 families were visited by stakeholders, volunteers and field assistant.
- The FH/Kenya country director - Keith Wright and family visit
- Preparation and consultative meeting with parents, churches, leaders and stakeholders in readiness for UK work team.
- Parents collected hardcore for construction of water tank base.
- Parents, pupils, churches and FH Meru staff practiced songs and skits for entertainment at different times.

## **September activities**

The school received a large water tank - 24,000 litres, which brought joy and celebration to both the children, parents and teachers in Nkunga School. The community

and the work team dug and prepared the water base, fixed the facial board and gutters in readiness for the rains from which water will be harvested. This was to scale up access to clean water to the school children and improve hygiene.



*The work team assisting in tank construction in Nkunga School.*

## **Bible club**

Children were taught bible study every day for two weeks. The fruit of the Holy Spirit lesson majored. Different fruits like mangoes, coconut, water melon and oranges gave a very good comparison to the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They sang songs on the same. It brought a lot of joy to the pupils and teachers too.

### Home visit

The work team had a chance of visiting over twenty homes in the course of their two weeks stay. They intermingled with families and had a real life experience of Nkunga people. They encouraged and prayed with them. Some homes had HIV/AIDS sick parents and this convinced them of God's love to them.



*Work team during one of the home visit in Nkunga village.*

### Prayer group

The work team visited the prayer group at Kanondone. It was great moment for them all. They acknowledged the IGA's activities the group had done i.e.

- Rope making using sisal
- Grinding millet in preparation for fermented porridge amongst others.
- The climax was the lesson on prayer ministry. Many were prayed for and many received Jesus as their personal saviour.



*Kanondone prayer group during the praise and worship session with the work team.*

### Women training

Women parents were taught on reproduction system and family planning methods for proper planning of their families. The work team adopted different teaching methods which made the training more enjoyable and successful.



*One of the work team display a female condom during the women training in Nkunga.*

### Medical screening

The screening of 280 children at Nkunga was very successful. The work team and Meru hospital personnel worked together to

make the day. They examined the height, weight, chest related complications, dental problems and other ailments. Every pupil from grade 1-8 carried home a tooth brush and tooth paste. Those with other ailments were referred to Meru general hospital.

### **Pastors training**

Reverend Graham Archer had a chance to meet and share with church leaders and pastors from all the churches in Nkunga. He urged them to meet frequently for the interdenominational prayers regardless of their church traditions, beliefs. They shared on prayers and intercession, church doctrines, sacraments and on everlasting life. They committed to meet again in the near future for review and for future planning.

### **Crusade**

This marked their spiritual climax in Nkunga. All roads led to Nkunga school group for the revival and worship crusade. Over 300 people including men, women, children, church leaders, government leaders, church leaders and even the FH Meru staff attended the crusade. Graham's message which was derived from the book of Acts 3:1-10 topped it all. The message was, "Gold and silver we don't have, but in the name of Jesus, walk!"

All the people had a good time in praise and worship and many people's lives were changed.



*A happy crowd praise God in Nkunga during the crusade.*

### **Games**

Children had a chance to play various games with the work team which included skipping race, foot ball, volley ball, rugby etc. They enjoyed all the games a signal to physical development. They also received t-shirts for games with the writing "I am fearfully and wonderfully made".



*Children perform a game in their new t-shirts in Nkunga School.*

## **Other successful accomplishments**

### ***Children's bible***

Each pupil received a children's bible which has pictures in it for quick reading and understanding. This will improve the children's spiritual growth as they read and share with their families.

### ***Environmental club***

This being one of the clubs that is in existence in Nkunga, the day was marked by tree planting by the work team. They wore dust coats as they took their jembes (hoes), spades and watering cans and they tilled the ground and planted trees. Children too joined in the tree planting activity.



*One of the work team member waters a tree planted in Nkunga School.*

### **Lunch**

The work team expressed their gratitude by taking over the parenthood role as they served the children and parents with lunch. The children and the entire community were overwhelmed by this servant hood.



*One of the work team serving children in Nkunga School with lunch.*

### ***Jesus film***

Children had a chance to watch the Jesus film. The theme of the film showed the obedience of Jesus from childhood to adulthood even while he on the cross.

### **Prayer Items**

1. Thank God for the successful team visit and the great impact this has had in Nkunga.
2. Pray for rains
3. Pray for the country as election draws near.

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