



TO: HIGHFIELD CHURCH

SUBJECT: NKUNGA (404-0015) QUARTERLY REPORT

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Rosemary giving de-worming drugs to the students at Nkunga CDP

Introduction

Nkunga is currently rainy and the community is preparing their land for planting. The previous rains experienced at Nkunga were in March. The school tank is still holding some water which continues to provide clean drinking water to the children at school.

Rosemary has been on her annual vacation for the last one month.

Success story- Beatrice Karwitha

Beatrice has been sponsored by CDP programme in pursuing a dress making course at St. Augustine vocational college. Beatrice was selected as a beneficiary because she lives with her elderly mother who has no source of income.

Beatrice has successfully completed her grade three trade tests and now she is enrolled for grade two courses. She is now able to sew clothes and hopes to start her business soon.



Beatrice busy sewing

Currently, Beatrice assists in conducting bible study lessons in Nkunga and has become a role model to many of the girls in the community.

Parents/teachers meeting

60 parents and 7 teachers attended a meeting to discuss how to improve the school performance. The meeting agreed to employ one part time teacher to fill the gap in the teaching staff. The impact of this is that every class will have a teacher and be able to learn all the required subjects.

Community Seminar

Nkunga community still practices some cultural rituals that are detrimental to the progress of the children and community. To address this, a community seminar was held and a trained facilitator addressed the following:

- Dangers of Female Genital Mutilation
- Early marriage and its consequences
- Parent and child role in family
- Dangers of alcoholism



Community Seminar

Doug Wakeling's visit

During the month of June, Doug Wakeling, David Finlay and Violet Ruria (CDP manager) visited Nkunga.

They attended a church service at St Matthew where they keenly participated in songs and prayers.

This was a very special service for all the men in Nkunga. The service gathered all the men and learnt a lesson on the power

of prayers. This service was to encourage the men to pray for their families and community.



Doug and David join the men singing in the church

After the service, a brief meeting with the Nkunga CDP stakeholders was held to deliberate on the progress attained in the school.

They then visited 2 Beneficiary families and shared encouragement with them.

Social Development

Three Children groups from Nkunga have participated in a music festival at the zonal and divisional level competition. One of the groups made it to district level. In both zone and divisional level they were ranked no 1 and no 3 at district level. The festival was an eye opener to the children and also enabled teachers to identify varied talents among the children which will be nurtured.

During the month of July, five homes were visited by the field assistant. Parents were busy preparing their farms in readiness for the planting when the rain comes in October. Rosemary was able to share with the parents the challenges they go through both physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Spiritual development

Children have continued to receive regular spiritual lessons which have a very high positive effect in their lives. Eight children have given their lives to God and confess Jesus as their saviour. There is noted behaviour change among the children as they apply all they have learnt in their bible study lessons.



Children present during Bible lesson



Children praise during spiritual camp

In September, Grade 7 and 8 were taken through the book of Esther. From reading the children were encouraged to be focused and determined and God would bless them regardless of their poor background. Nkunga pupils can rescue their community from drug abuse, illiteracy and all forms of negative behaviour. 51 pupils attended the lesson.

De-Worming Exercise



All the children at Nkunga School plus over 800 children in neighboring schools were de-wormed in this last quarter. This is part of a regular de-worming exercise to all children in our community. This has resulted in reduction of common ailments among the children and reduction of absenteeism in school. Additionally, the children are able to concentrate in school. Before de-worming, both teachers and pupils received lessons on how to maintain good hygiene.

Louise and Mark visit



Mark and Louise present materials to the head teacher.

Mark and Louise from Highfield Church visited one day in the month of September, during which they accomplished the following;

- Visited the school and were briefed on the development: water tank, kitchen, fencing among other things.

- They shared good moments with pupils in their classroom.
- They visited three beneficiary families. They acknowledged the goats' projects. Over 35 kids have been born from the toggenberg goat.

Prayer requests

- Pray for the grade 8 pupils and form 4 students as they prepare for their final examinations
- Pray and thank God for the new developments in the school.
- Pray that God will give wisdom to Nkunga leaders, church leaders and families as they lead the community.
- Pray for the families to support their children in education.
- Pray that the community will understand the dangers of alcoholism.
- Pray that the prayer groups and womens groups will promote a sense of unity to Nkunga community.
- Pray for more adults to attend the adult education program.
- Pray that the churches in Nkunga will teach the biblical truths and challenge the negative cultural practices in the community
- Pray for Kenya; currently there is food and water shortage nationally.