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Pamoja

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hi everyone! Hope you enjoy this latest update of the work of Pamoja. Once again we extend our thanks to each of you for your interest and prayers.

The beginning of the year was a very difficult time as post election violence exploded. It not only put on temporary hold a number of our projects but also meant that the lives of many of our workers and the individuals we are trying to support were in real danger. We thank God that no one associated with Pamoja lost their lives but some contacts and individual families did have to relocate for fear of being targeted and some had their homes burned.

The level of violence and hatred surprised everyone but for the moment things have quietened down. Of course there remains suspicion and wariness between the tribes and cross tribal marriages are under real pressure.

Please pray for the coalition government that they will be able to work together for the good of all Kenyans. The real test will be the next election due in 2012 but for most Kenyans a more pressing issue is how to survive each day as food prices have rocketed since the violence. Inflation is running at 31% at present. This is a difficult enough situation for middle class Kenyans but imagine how those who were already struggling to afford daily food are under pressure!

Priscilla, Kioko and Fred, the Pamoja education coordinators, are visiting families on the education scheme and are offering practical help for families who are going hungry.



Election violence

Endau Clinic

Progress on the construction of the clinic continues with the main building now 95% complete. Work is already underway on two rooms for the nurse who will be appointed soon. We have not yet fixed a definite opening date but hopefully January 2009 will see the clinic open and providing help to a needy and isolated community. We still have to provide all the furniture, medical equipment and medicines needed to open so if you would like to contribute towards this do let us know.

Endau Clinic May 2008



Shikonde

Shikonde is being supported to attend bible college and this is a picture of him with books donated by a Pamoja supporter. He is also involved with the street kids work with Daniel.



Tractor for Tala

Another exciting development is the donation by Blythswood Care in Scotland of a second hand tractor put their way by Scottish Power. Robert has been praying for a tractor for many years to help deliver water to local communities who have no running water. The tractor will

also help with their farming to make their projects more self-sufficient. Pamoja has been asked to cover the costs of transporting a 40 ft container, which will be around £6500, including clearing the container in Kenya. We are also hoping to put a water bowser in the container and perhaps even a disc plough!



Tractor donated from Blythswood Care

If you would like to help cover these costs please send a designated gift for this very worthwhile cause! We would like to say thank you to Blythswood for not only putting the tractor our way but for also helping with organising shipping.

Tala

Robert and Rose are very grateful for the recent support given by Pamoja including gifts to help care for orphans and also designated gifts for two large water tanks to provide sufficient water from their borehole for the school and clinic plus a honey purifying machine. Robert encouraged individuals in the Kitui district of Kenya to collect honey to sell as a small business idea.

Being able to purify the honey means that they will get a better price for it.



10,000 L water tank



honey purifying machine



Omuga

Omuga – you may remember that Pamoja supporters paid for him to have an operation on his injured leg. The operation took place in March 2008 and Omuga has started school again which is fantastic. Please pray for a good recovery for Omuga that his leg will strengthen to the point that he can move around unimpeded. Also pray for his elder sister Beryl to be saved.

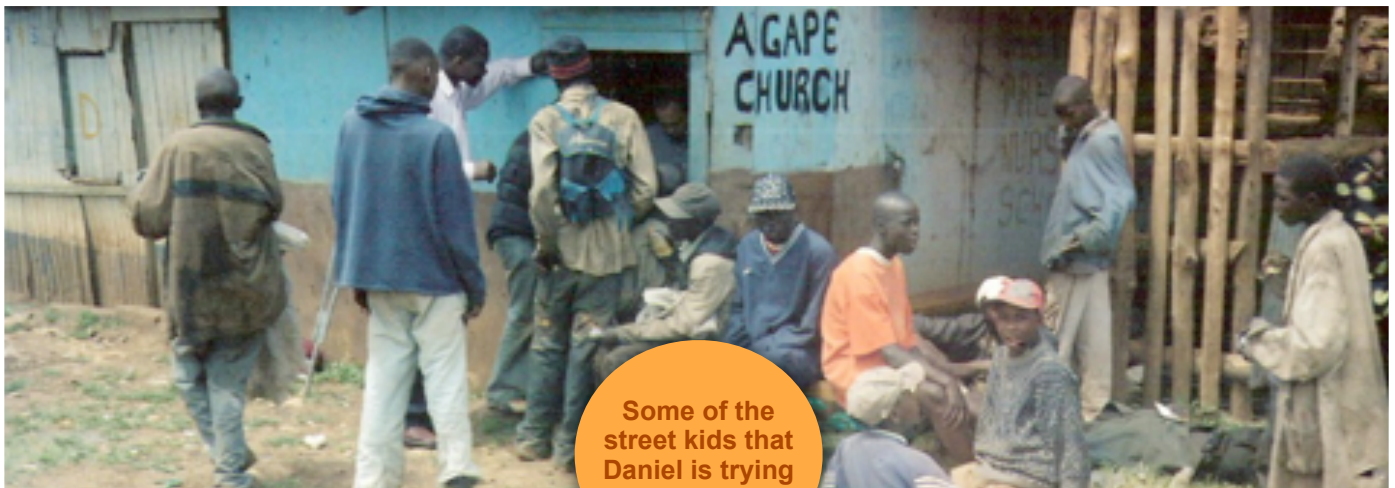
Magina classrooms

The schoolrooms were started during the visit of a UK team in July 2007. Millicent has continued to manage the construction and so far a block of four classrooms, a staff room, toilets and a room for a night guard have been completed. Because of the post election troubles and based on advice from the Governments education advisors opening of the school has been delayed until January 2009 which is the start of the new school year. Between now and then Millicent has many things to organise not least organising the construction of a kitchen and dining room, interviewing and appointing teachers and having the school equipped with the essentials for opening like furniture and stationary etc. Please pray for Millicent as she is under considerable pressure but thank God for her willingness to drive this project forward. We are sure the school will have a huge impact on the local community and will also provide

orphans in our care centre with good education. If you have teaching experience and would like to go out and help with the work for a few weeks, a month or a year get in contact. We plan to start phase 2 of the project, including four more classrooms during 2009.



Nairobi street kids work



Nairobi street kids work – this is a new initiative supported in part by Pamoja in Kawangware slum reaching out to the street boys and girls. Daniel (the Pamoja Kenya co-ordinator) and a few others meet with the kids every Thursday and provide a meal and bible teaching plus also counselling for those who need to talk. The work is not easy as these young people are demanding which keeps Daniel and the others on their toes! Daniel has already had his mobile stolen by one of the kids and at times they can be very disruptive.

However, the great news is that already two of them are now in school, one went back to class seven and the other to technical college for a welding course. One has even been rescued from the streets and reunited with family. Some of them have given their lives to Jesus in response to the bible teaching they are now getting. Pray for Daniel and the team and ask the Lord to touch the lives of many of these children.

Feeding Programme 2008

Thank you to all who generously gave to our appeal in January. Almost £10,000 was raised and sent to Kenya to provide food, cooking utensils, blankets etc. for those affected by the violence.

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Magina care centre July 2008 after recent maintenance work – very smart! The Centre is home to 26 orphaned or needy children.

Pamoja supported a **pastors retreat** for leaders of the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church in December 2007.

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You are all invited to this years meeting on Saturday the 4th October 7.00pm at Velmore Chapel in Chandlers Ford. All welcome.

Education Update

So far this year more than 20 children have joined the education sponsorship programme.

Team Trip

The next team trip is scheduled for 2009 possibly summertime. Of course you are welcome to visit the projects at anytime!

As you have read Pamoja is supporting a considerable number of individuals and initiatives. Please do pray for all that we are doing as we are mindful that Psalm 127 reminds us

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain"

Donations

While giving directly via the Pamoja bank a/c is administratively the most efficient way, there is now a facility to

DONATE ON LINE:
<https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=155183> or via the website.



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