



R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

August/ September/ October 2011

Dear Partner in Ministry,

We are just emerging from 'my first winter ever' in Kenya. It has been cold with lots of rain. I even had to wear a jacket at times when the temperature dropped to sixty. (I can hear you laughing) but even the locals can't remember when Kisumu was this cold. The last few days it has hit 80 during the day and is very pleasant. Aside from the weather, the children have settled back into school after a long holiday and lots of activities.

Our students who went to the East Africa Student Convention all came back with awards. Remjus placed for his sermon preparation and preaching, Michael and Remjus placed in the art category and Fred placed first in the 1600 meter race. Both, girls and boys placed in the Dance category and the girls placed in embroidery work. They did Malava Christian Academy proud. Our older students went to the International Youth Fellowship and came home with life changing stories as they fellowshiped with students from many different nations.



Another opportunity for Child Evangelism

The Schultz family from Canada organized a soccer camp in cooperation with several churches in the community and met with over 200 youth who learned to play American football as well as play soccer. They were also presented with the gospel as the primary purpose for the camp is evangelization. Lunch for everyone was also provided and served by ladies from our church. One of the outcomes of the soccer camp came as a result of Bosco trying to exhibit his prowess on the field by trying to 'stand on the ball'. Perhaps you can imagine what happened. He landed in a not too comfortable position and broke his wrist. Boys will be boys so I refrained from chiding him as I walked him through the process of being put to sleep and waking up with his arm in a cast. Besides, I was reminded that when I was seven years old, our family had gone to the circus in town and I saw a clown walk on a barrel. Pretty cool and certainly looked easy enough so when we got home I tipped a 50 gallon drum on its side and I took off. All was well until me and the barrel parted ways and I fell backward and broke my elbow. Bosco is doing fine and the real miracle is that in all the years we have had some thirty plus children in our home, this is the first broken bone.

Time for some Africa intrigue. One evening Winnie came to my door asking for paper to write to her sponsor. When I returned with the paper, she pointed to something on my verandah floor and asked, "Mom what is that"? I looked to see and it looked like a large fist grasping something. I could see the 'fingers' with something tight in their grip. Upon closer examination, I saw that it was a snake. It had a bird in its clutches; the head was in the snake's mouth and was coiled around the bird and its feet were extended from within the coil. I immediately called Nathaniel and he killed it with a stick. It was only about 18" long but that's too long for me. We do have python's and some time ago one was observed ingesting a live monkey at Impala Park near our home. Obviously, the one in our yard was a baby but where's the mother? During August when our visitors were here, a Green Mamba dropped out of a tree just in front of some of the children playing. It slithered away before any action could be taken so we're still on the watch. We have taken measures to ward off future intruders by pouring motor oil around the walls (the common remedy) of our compound. Of course ultimately we know where our help and protection comes from.



Elaine Yi, Children's Pastor~The Kid's Church ---- E-mail: rock-ministries@maf.or.ke
PO Box 1153/Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 USA ---- PO Box 2281/Kisumu/Kenya 40100
www.RockMinistriesInternational.org





R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

August/ September/ October 2011

Great progress is being made at the Malava project. The pictures enclosed are the latest ones, and rainy weather has temporarily delayed firing of more bricks. We have come this far with all the bricks we had on hand and the remainder should be coming in about a week. Some of you have asked to be made aware of specific needs. We have funds to complete the walls and Ring Beams but still need funds for the roof. That figure is budgeted at \$14,182.68. So far we have been able to stay under budget. We also need an experienced on site project manager who is able to come, self-supporting, to oversee day to day operations, maintain quality control, stay within the budget and finish on time.



Despise not, the day of small beginnings



The walls are going up!

We also need a self-supporting teacher willing to commit to a year investing in the lives of our children using ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) curriculum. A special needs major would be an asset. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you feel God may be speaking to you. He knows just what we need and who best can fill that need.

Aside from trying to keep up with inflation and the rising cost of commodities, there always seems to be surprises along the way. Bosco's hospital bill came to \$443.00 which had to be paid before treatment (it had been estimated at \$721.00). Sunday morning we woke up to a freezer that had thawed and flooded the kitchen. Fortunately the meat was not completely thawed so we cooked all of it and refrigerated it for later use. The compressor burned out and there was a leak in the gas line. The repair was going to be costly and the freezer had been repaired twice before. We discovered that for an extra \$89.00 we could buy a new and larger freezer to meet our needs. That came to \$260.00. On a trip to Malava with visitors last week, the radiator sprung a leak and the engine overheated. We crippled back home and that repair cost \$90.00. All of the above needs are 'out of the ordinary' and therefore not part of our monthly budget. We are trusting God to meet our needs however and through whomever He chooses. If you are able to help in any way I know you will be blessed.

Please pray with us regarding the needs mentioned above. We desire to walk in obedience meeting the needs of children in Kenya and bringing them to an encounter with Christ that will shape their lives for eternity. Your prayer and financial support does not go unnoticed.

Many blessings are sent your way, Elaine



Elaine Yi, Children's Pastor~The Kid's Church ---- E-mail: rock-ministries@maf.or.ke
PO Box 1153/Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 USA ---- PO Box 2281/Kisumu/Kenya 40100
www.RockMinistriesInternational.org

