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ORPHANAGE IN ACTION

Project Administrator's Report

We currently have 12 orphans in the dorms. The number goes up and down considerably as new orphans are taken in and other orphans are adopted by kind village people able to support them.

It is our policy to accept only the most desperate cases into the orphanage—orphans with nowhere else to go. We now have a program in the schools to identify children who need our help. From preliminary discussions with teachers, it seems likely that we will need to take in a new group of children in the coming month or so.

Of our recent additions, Musa and Zakayo are doing great. They both came in on the verge of death a few months ago and are now both in excellent health. Musa is even getting a bit chubby. Whenever we have dances, Musa cries until he is set down next to the seats occupied by the kids that dance. Zakayo is slowly learning Kiswahili. He knew only Kihehe (the local language) when he arrived.

Becca, was brought to us in very poor health by her grandmother. She was then cared for by Dr. Patrick and wife Kate on a daily basis. At first it seemed there was no hope for her, but she eventually gained strength and has now fully recovered. We call her our miracle baby. Her grandmother then asked to be able to take Becca home to care for her. We gave our blessing and have since supplemented grandma's care with clothing, food, medicines, and other things the grandmother could not afford. This is evidence for us that our system does work.

The rest of the children are doing well.

Recently, we worked with Davis of Play-Our-Part, a fund-raising UK organization, that provided sufficient funds to construct and furnish Orphans House #4.

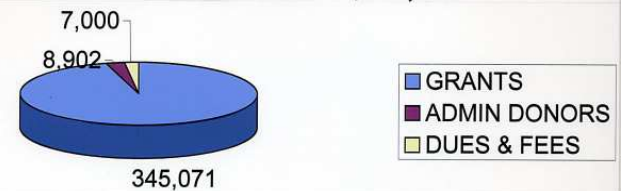
We have also been recruiting staff for the orphanage and the recently renovated medical facilities. In some cases the Tanzanian government has agreed to pay salaries while we take care of accommodation and sustenance expenses.

The government has approved our plans for the Care & Treatment Center. We now have nearly enough funds to build the facility under the kind guidance of the District Medical Officer.

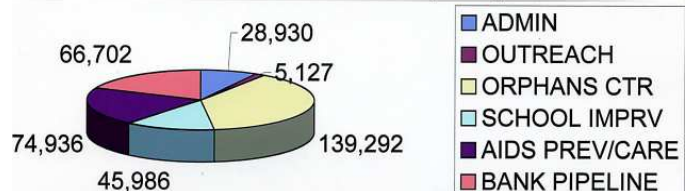
The new librarian, Sauda Sebastian, is now supported by donations from a Canadian couple that have provided funds for educational support. Thanks to all for the grand support given by donors around the world. - Geoff Knight

PROJECT FUNDS STATUS

INCOME TO SEP 2008 = \$360,973



SPENDING TO SEP 2008 = \$ 360,973



NOTES ON FUNDS ALLOCATION:

Funds shown above include only money that has gone through the Project bank accounts. Our financial statements do not include the monetary value of donations-in-kind.



Becca, upon arriving at the Project site. Called the Miracle Baby, she beat all the odds, has now recovered full health, and is living with her grandmother again. Kate Ney—Feb 08



ABOVE: Housemother Lena with baby Musa upon his arrival at the orphans center. Musa went from near death to good health with Lena's care and medical help from the Neys.

Ruth James—Feb 08



ABOVE: Orphans in their new school uniforms. These are the older orphans. Many of the older children have since returned to village homes after the Outreach Program started subsidizing their upkeep and retroviral drugs were made available to heads of households.

Kate Ney—Jan 08



LEFT—This grandmother is just learning to use her new crutches. Recently her children died of AIDS and left her with several grandchildren. She did her best to take care of the children, but had little to do it on. The Project moved her from the little hut she lived in to a new-built house. The younger children moved into the Project's Orphans homes. With the small subsidies the Project provides, she says she can now cope with life. Marion Gough—Sep 08

Marion Gough's Recent Visit—Partial Report

I have been going around the villages, schools, and hospitals familiarizing myself with all that is needed. We are making up packs of blankets, sheets, warm clothing etc for the Bibis (grandmothers) living in the homes recently built for them by the Project. Amongst them are a couple of Bibis with only one leg. Yesterday, Geoff and I gave the oldest one a pair of crutches. I wish you could have seen her face. Each orphan that she looks after has been given a hand-knitted blanket.

I then went to the orphans center and gave the orphans a slide show. I first showed them all the pictures I have of them and enjoyed the tittering as they recognized each other. Then I showed them pictures of African animals, asking them the animal names and telling them the names of those they didn't know; in both English and Kiswahili. Half way through we gave them some chocolate brownies made by the house chef. It was such a good afternoon. They are a lovely family now.

I went to the schools today with things I brought with me. Jenny then gave me her wish list for next time. Highest on the list are Swahili-English dictionaries and books. The children especially like the books with pictures in them.

I also visited the hospitals and clinics being constructed or rehabilitated. Ibwanzi is coming along well now. All the walls have been rubbed down and painted. There are some beds already in there as they were needed desperately by new patients.

Marion Gough— 6 Oct 08

SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS



Beth Pruett and her husband Keith joined the Mufindi Orphans fund-raising team in 2006. After giving a nice donation to support the orphans in Mufindi, they asked if they could also donate some time to support the fund-raising activity. Beth has been writing letters of thanks to our generous donors ever since. This is a time-consuming, but rewarding effort according to Beth. It's great to have these capable and dedicated folk on our team.