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Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

This Newsletter is full of Good News.

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The drilling rig and drilling support vehicle (DSV)...

are on their way to Kenya aboard the Asian Trust which is a vehicle carrying ship. This is great news especially after the two years of set-backs, frustrations, disappointments and delays. However, during the delays our engineer was able to make the necessary changes to the DSV as outlined in our last newsletter.



The vehicle waiver document...

has been granted. Les Saunders spent the whole of September and October 2015 in Kenya with the drilling crew and also making applications and representations to obtain a new waiver. The waiver had been granted before, but had expired before other paperwork was obtained to allow export from the UK and import into Kenya. It was like a vicious circle at one stage. Last October, Les' hard work was rewarded with a vehicle waiver document that expires on 31st March 2016. This too is great news.

Les Saunders...

in November 2015, Les underwent a major operation when both his knees were replaced. He suffered a lot of pain and discomfort for many weeks and had to learn to walk again. He is recovering really well and both the consultant and physiotherapist are amazed with his progress. He is walking well and driving again. Although he was in physical pain for many weeks, he worked like a Trojan on his laptop sending e-mails, up-dating paperwork, keeping in contact with Kenya, the engineer and suppliers and making numerous phone calls. Overall, this is good news.



Saunders family...

Les will be traveling to Kenya on the 24th February 2016 to make preparation for when the Rig arrives etc. Pauline, Les' wife and family are remaining in the UK at this time.

A shipping date...

was set for the 5th February 2016. The Trustees were able to do this mainly for two reasons: (a) because of the hard work done by Les in ensuring that most of the paperwork and documents were in order and (b) because of the approaching deadline for the vehicle waiver. Once a date had been set, then it was all systems go: final work, testing and checks on the vehicles by our engineer. During the two weeks before the vehicles were shipped, numerous problems arose with the DSV. The starter motor burning out and being replaced, clutch plate and flywheel being replaced, tank fuel gauge being replaced etc. The key barrel had to be replaced in the last hour before the DSV could be driven on to the low loader. Despite the “gremlins” and “glitches”, this is good news.

Before shipping...

the drilling rig and DSV were brought to Peterborough for the following reasons: **testing** - both vehicles had to have an emissions, brake test and pre-export inspection (both passed); **cleaning** - both vehicles had to be “smartened” up a bit (a local volunteer crew, along with Les and John helped to do this); loading - finally, on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th January both the drilling rig and DSV were put on low loaders for transportation to Tilbury Docks. Once loaded, some of the Trustees, Les, John and Brian Mahan and his wife Marion were able to say a prayer of thanks to God for this amazing progress and also a prayer of protection for the vehicles on this next stage of their journey.

Future plans...

for when the rig and DSV arrive in Kenya, all paperwork has been submitted and therefore a quick release from the docks in Mombasa is anticipated. Once the ETA of the ship is known, then Les Saunders, along with a small Kenyan crew will travel to Mombasa to help to ensure the release process. The vehicles will then be driven up country to Nairobi and on to Ol-Kalau, where the first borehole will be drilled. Paul Williams, the drilling rig engineer and John Harrison (Trustee) hope to be in Ol-Kalau at the same time.

Finances...

appeals for money have never been made. However, the aim has always been to keep everyone fully informed of the financial situation. Extra costs have been incurred as has already been mentioned in previous newsletters and e-mails. There will be further extra costs for fuel, taxes, insurances etc, once the vehicles are on Kenyan soil. We will need finances to cover these costs. We are confident that God will provide for each need as it arises.

