



Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

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Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

News update Spring 2017



The drilling rig and drilling support vehicle (DSV) have now been in Kenya since Easter 2016 and as mentioned in our last newsletter, they are deployed regularly drilling boreholes. In spite of a number of frustrations and difficulties, many boreholes have been successfully completed in Busia, Kakamega, Waitaluk and Kitale areas.



Les Saunders went back to Kenya in October 2016 and stayed for almost two months. He was joined by John Harrison for a month. Together they were able to spend time on site with the drilling crew; visit the Pokot area; deal with accounts and administration; have various "official" meetings; get borehole sites surveyed; visit a couple of churches and daily deal with the delays and frustrations which are part of Kenyan life. Les returned to Kenya on New Year's Day and is busy planning and organising sites and locations for drilling. (Pauline, Les's wife and family are remaining in the U.K. at this time).

West Special School



Livestock dying due to drought!



Recent boreholes have been drilled at Cherangany private hospital and nursing hospital in Kitale and also at West Special School in Chwele. The nursing hospital does mainly private work but also offers some free work. The special school has 48 children on site, some having mental and physical disabilities and others with visual and hearing impairments. A Canadian Christian charity supports this special school and have been waiting at least five years for a borehole.

Future boreholes will be drilled in the Pokot and Turkana areas of north west Kenya where drought and famine is severe at this time. These regions of sub-Sahara have too much sun and are desperately in need of clean water.

Chwele



Collecting water!



Meet the drilling crew:

1. Elijah Majuma (aged 40) is married to Pamela and they have five children: Mary, Valentine Nekesa, Valary, Teresa and Brian.
2. Mike Nabwire (aged 34) is married to Esther and they have three children: Davis, Joylene and Joel.
3. James Abdullah (aged 28) is married to Emily Akelo and they have a daughter, Shamsey.
4. Francis Chesoli (aged 52) is married to Jane and they have four children: Antony, Moses, Micah and Faith.



Zeddys Samson is our Kenyan Christian foreman whom we have known since 2003. He is very involved in overseeing the work, and also deals with administration. He has been able to show the 'Jesus' film on a number of occasions.



The vehicle licence plates were finally fitted in January 2017. Les Saunders was able to obtain the 'original' document from the minister in Nairobi in November 2016. Once that happened, the agent could proceed with ordering the licence plates. Fun fact...Nairobi prison is the only place in Kenya where licence plates are made!

Finances - Appeals for money have never been made. However, the aim has always been to keep everyone fully informed of the financial situation. We have a small bank balance and money given for specific things goes into a 'restricted' fund. Three restricted funds are for specific boreholes. The fourth is the new 4 x 4 Fund which stands at £2,264.37. Costs continue to be incurred for fuel, taxes, insurances etc. We are grateful that many people continue to support the charity and meet needs as they arise. A six-man crew tent was recently purchased out of general funds. The drilling crew need 'accommodation' when they are working in remote areas.

Vehicle - a 4 x 4 Mitsubishi Pajero has recently been purchased for use in Kenya. This is a much needed 'run-around' vehicle. As the 4 x 4 fund grows we would hope to purchase a far more sturdier vehicle that can withstand the rigours of north west Kenya.

Trustees In October 2016, one of the Trustees, Mr Kenny Johnson had to step down from his responsibilities on the board due to ill health. The charity is sincerely grateful for all his input since its inception in 2009.



Thank you... sincere and grateful thanks from the Trustees to all those who have supported with prayer and finance and continue to do so.

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