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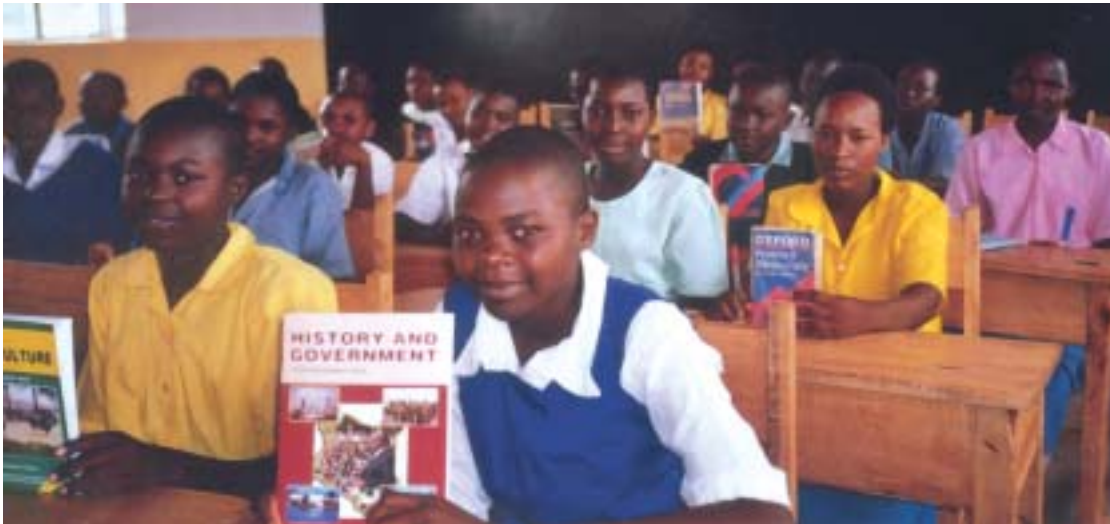
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DEADLINE MET FOR NEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



On Tuesday 1st February 2005 an historic event took place in the semi arid region of Ukambani Mwingi District. A new Girls Christian Academy was opened and the first intake of form 1 girls were enrolled.

Such was the public interest that the children were being enrolled amidst our workmen putting the finishing touches.

Even the lack of beds did not deter the parents. The girls were brought for enrolment carrying a new mattress, which must serve its function on the floor for the time being.

Apart from desks for the teachers, most other basic equipment is there, and by degrees over the next few months the final bits and pieces can be added.

As promised our Mission Policy will be carried on throughout the life of the school, with the Government paying the running costs.

Below: The 9 man team who completed the project in 9 months.



The Administration Block



Kitchen & Store



Staff Toilets

Washroom, students toilet block and water tank not shown.





Dormitory

The letter to the District Education Officer is reprinted here so that you may see just what we are for and what we stand against.

I have employed a resident chaplain, and his duty will entail morning assembly prayers and devotions, Friday fellowship, distributing literature – Bibles and counselling where necessary.

Our nurse will visit regularly to lecture on the HIV-Aids problem, and the physical and medical consequences of this scourge will serve to reinforce the spiritual lessons the Bible contains concerning purity.

We in F.A.M.E. are pleased that the community has its own school, and a much needed one at that, but also, that it will be a centre of witness for the cause of Christ in this needy and neglected area.



Classroom



Daniel, (left) Head teacher of Masavi Primary School has been given the responsibility of helping the new Girls' Academy get off the ground. Also in the picture D.E.O. (District Education Officer) Thomas Ndila (centre), and our new school chaplain (Philip Syethoka).

A retired teacher himself Philip is also an able pastor, having been entrusted with the care of several churches with I.P.C. Denomination. We trust his presence day by day will impart stability and inspire confidence in both the teachers and pupils alike.

Dear Sir,

... Ours is a non-denominational Christian Mission preaching the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation.

Our statement of faith is a simple one;

- A. That the Bible is the inspired Word of the one true and living God.
- B. That Jesus Christ is Gods son, and that He was virgin born. (Matthew 1v23)
- C. That He died for our sins according to the scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15v3)
- D. That He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15v4)
- E. That He is coming again personally and visibly, at the end of the world. (Acts 1v11)
- F. That this same Jesus is alone the door to Heaven, the Saviour of men.
- G. That Christ must be accepted by faith, and sins repented of in order to be saved.
- H. That this salvation is called in the scriptures being Born Again.

May I add Sir that we do not associate with those who hold strange and perverse doctrines, such as the healing-miracle-tongues phenomenon. Nor do we believe that this teaching is in any way helpful to the community.

In our endeavours for the children in the Academy F.A.M.E. will provide properly trained and saved pastors to minister to the pupils in spiritual things.

Girl children are the mothers of every nation and it behoves us to set them on the road of life, moulded and fashioned in a stable, settled and wise manner.

Thank you for your understanding in these things. May God lead us to victory in the cause we have espoused, and may the children rise up and call us blessed, in that we have opened to them the door of hope, and shown to them the Light of the World.

Yours sincerely
Allan Dunlop



CLINIC ATTACK LATEST

As most of our subscribers already know, we had a robbery and rape at our clinic in the early hours of September 27th 2004.

After beating our watchman very badly, the gang managed to catch one of our young workers and, after forcing her to take them to the clinic and our dwelling house, robbed both places and then one of them brutally assaulted her.

Two other girls managed to flee into the bush and hide until daylight.

On that date my wife and I were in Spain for the Baptism of our twin granddaughters, Rebecca and Leah.

I received a text very early in the morning with the news and Rev. Hanna very kindly assisted me to get to the airport for the early flight back here which enabled me to continue immediately back to Kenya.

Since I was closely involved in the arrests, investigations and house searches etc. I feel it important to say a word here on the subject.

Here in Kenya, which is after all a developing country, resources are sometimes so minimal that large scale operations are greatly hindered. The police were willing enough to do the job, provided they could get to that point, which meant transport and fuel.

It was here that I was enabled to help. I sent a man after the suspects with a mobile phone for communication and when they were identified I took the police in my truck for the arrests.

I felt I owed it, not only to the girl who was so brutally treated, but to all my staff who labour so willingly to help the community. If this action of mine results in my being in danger at the hands of like minded thugs, then I can only say that I must take that risk.

But in the same circumstances I would do exactly the same for the same reason.

I took no pleasure in the raids on suspects houses. I took no pleasure searching mud and thatch dwellings for stolen property. In every home we visited I was conscious that the wife, the children, the mother, were as much victims as we were, and I treated them accordingly.

I performed with distaste a task I felt was my duty to perform that these men could be apprehended, and that the wider community would get the message that there are certain things which will not be tolerated concerning the welfare of our staff.

The court case will be up soon and if convicted the charges carry a death penalty. Unfortunately Kenya has followed the modern day

approach to such thuggery and there has been a moratorium on hanging for over a decade.

The girl assaulted is making a recovery, and has since returned to work, although I fear things can never be the same again for her.

Perhaps you could pray for this specific incident that the forces of evil may be kept at bay and that the work may continue without fear or intimidation regarding the outcome of the trial.



Above: This young man lost his leg due to a drunk driver, he was escorting a body from the mortuary with several others, when the driver of his vehicle lost control. We are presently enquiring about a prosthetic limb to enable him to again be the breadwinner for his family of seven children.



Left: Since the September attack I closed down our Mulinde outreach clinic as being too vulnerable and dangerous for a nurse alone. Since then our nurse Lydia carries on a daily programme of mobile medical services from our base, this gives us a wider coverage to more people in more remote areas. One day per week is also allotted to schools visitation.

FROM OUR



POSTBAG

NOTE: NEW ADDRESS

We are still receiving redirected mail from our old address in Frances Street Newtownards. Please try and prevent this happening by mailing to:

Allan & Irene Dunlop
9 LimeTrees,
Ballynahinch,
BT24 8NB



10th Dec 2004

Dear Pastor Dunlop,

We would like to thank you for all your sacrifice and dedication in providing us with a Seminar. Also for the good food.

We the Sunday School teachers do appreciate these wonderful teachings we have been receiving thus far. One thing we have learned is this, we did not know what teaching Sunday School was, leave alone how to teach. Our eyes are now being opened and we are ready to receive these teachings.

We request please can you arrange with our teacher for another Seminar during April or August 2005.

Yours Lovingly

(Ed note)

Signed by 37 Students Pastors and Sunday School teachers.

Letter of thanks

Irene and myself would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and support over these past 14 months with regard to Irene's deafness.

As most of you are aware Irene had an cochlear implant operation on the 17th January and on the 14th February the implant was activated. Within a few days she was hearing speech and conversing without the aid of written notes.

It has been a transforming experience for both of us and we are so grateful that the technology exists to enable this to happen.

Thank you for all your prayers, and our deepest appreciation also to the medical personell who have been so kind and caring throughout this whole ordeal.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where with we ourselves are comforted of God."

2nd Corinthians 1 verses 3-4



Left: Visitors rarely get free time. Here Leslie Kirkland fixes a radiator. Leslie and Flo his wife were visiting the clinic recently with my daughter Ruth and her fiancé Maurice.

We are always glad to have visitors, especially if they have skills we can put to use, if not their company will suffice and is a welcome break to the loneliness of bush life.

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TRAGEDY STRIKES TWICE AT KALULU

Our Sunday School work has suffered the loss of two children from the same church. Last year it was the Pastors son who was drowned, (see letter reprinted right).

This year I had the task of delivering the body of a 16 year old girl to her final resting place, who had succumbed to malaria in the local hospital. This double tragedy serves to underscore the need for child-evangelism for death is no respecter of persons.

Do please remember in prayer our work in all it's parts. Do remember the plight of those for whom we serve. This is the third child this mother has lost.

In the morgue



For the interest of our supporters I have given a pictorial account of what this duty entails.



*Pastor Joseph M. Mueke
 Kalulu I.F.B.C.
 P.O. Box 31
 Nguni
 7/12/2004*

... to come to the theme, let me first say sorry for being late. I planned to have been there yesterday for the study but I could not make it.

On Saturday at around 4.30 pm 4-12-04 my child of 14 years old fell into a water hole and unfortunately died. The burial has been taking place over Sunday and Monday and I had to bear with the situation.

That is my reason as to why me and my students never attended the study...

(EDITORS NOTE)

I was amazed to receive this letter. How that in the midst of such a tragedy this Pastor could even be thinking of the Seminar. And yet the letter only crystallises the acceptance of death and the courage in the midst of life's trials African people exhibit. In very many things we could learn from them in things Spiritual and things temporal.

Loading the coffin



Friends & family waiting

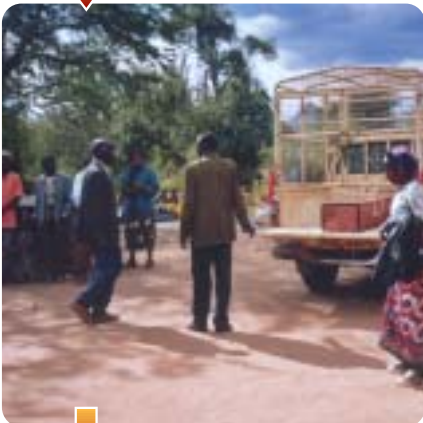


CHILD RESCUE CENTRE ALREADY UNDERWAY

The girls class waiting



Arrival at the Homestead



The open grave



In response to my Christmas appeal in which I outlined the urgent need for a children's home in our base at Curran Clinic

I give thanks to God, "The father of mercies" and I extend my appreciation and sincere thanks to our subscribers who once again have demonstrated their interest and commitment to our Child Rescue ---- Evangelism programme.

Although building will not begin until April, yet there is much to be done in anticipation of the excavations. Two of our directors David Garrett and Francis Lecky are coming in April to mark out the new complex and set the levels.

The site has already been cleared to make way for the layout and a bill of quantities has enabled us to compute exactly where our main expenditure lies. The site will be fully loaded before work commences and this will give us a big help when the work actually commences.

The first stage will comprise of accommodation for the Manager and his family, two dormitories, two large water tanks to supply kitchen and domestic use, a store, kitchen, toilet and washrooms.

Mature trees at present afford welcome shade on site and will be invaluable when the time comes to admit the children. We hope to plant more fast growing shade trees for the March - April short rains, and when grown these will provide a natural shade area capable of accommodating 100 people. An area like this on site can be more valuable than an actual building and we hope to exploit the area we have to the full.

Trees also give a restful and pleasing aspect to the eye, a welcome barrier to the blinding glare of sunlight on sand.

We will keep you posted of our progress, but by our annual dinner in October, I hope to have made substantial progress in this project. At the time of going to print the Christmas appeal has reached £27000.



Above: Mervyn Steenson and Dr. Japeth Mwanthi discuss the printing of child evangelism literature in Kikamba. Literature such as this is invaluable to our work. Mervyn and Valerie have responded to the very evident interest in teacher training and are due to return Easter 2005.



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F.A.M.E. is an independent organisation that follows the programme of Evangelism through medicine and other humanitarian aid in remote areas of Eastern Kenya. There we have two Medical Clinics. We also have an orphanage in Kisumu Western Kenya.



Our Funding comes solely by Voluntary Subscriptions from the Lord's people. If you would like to become a "Friend of Africa" by joining our £1.00 per week scheme, giving a gift (tax deductible) or sponsoring an orphan child please feel free to contact David Garrett, Francis Lecky or Sandy Boyd respectively.

Please see our Board members address list.



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EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER

15th October 2005 7.30pm at
The Paisley Jubilee Complex
Ardenlee Avenue, Belfast
Singers - Amy Roberts
& Betty Spratt
MC - Rev. Harry Rea

