



KENYA HOPE

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GOATS

Goats are becoming a main topic of conversation around our offices these days. This humble little animal is literally changing lives!! Goats are nothing new to us here at Special Ministries/Kenya Hope. For years we have encouraged you to invest in a young person's future through our Kids for Kids program. During the month of October we began a new pilot program that has the community very excited. With seed money from a donor, we requested the Hope Center committee to choose for us the 10 most neediest families. We then presented each of them with a female, pregnant goat. The purpose of this gift is two fold. First and most importantly it will help each of these families who have lost everything due to the draught, get back on their feet. When the first "kid" is born, it is returned to the Hope Center where it fulfills the second purpose. It becomes part of the center's "sustainability" herd. As the herd grows, it gives the Center the financial means to take care of it's own needs. The herd also allows the Center to meet the needs of other hurting families within the community by providing them

with their own goat. We are humbled and amazed how God is using this to touch lives. A church in California, raised \$2,500 during their Christmas bazaar. Two teenage girls in MI, realized this was something they could do and raised \$1,000 from their church. This year alone we have given out 31 goats!! This Valentine's Day give a gift that will be loved and cherished throughout the year!!



During our visit this past month to Kenya, we were warmly welcomed by each of the Hope Center's and communities. We praise God for the good work that has been started and how it has matured over the years. Our visit helped us gather the information we need to strategically plan for the next few years on what projects and goals to set for each center. It was our visit to the Katissa Hope Center, that brought home very vividly to us, how the people view our responsibility to them.

Dave was presented with an Elder stick, which signifies leadership and protection. *"To remind him of the children he must protect."* I was given a "Kyondo" a basket used by the women to relay responsibility to feed the family. I was told to *"look for help for the African children who are crying."*

The Lord is providing "help" in the form of two teams planning to go to Kenya this year. Geological surveys are scheduled for two more wells.

Pray with us as we "look for help for the African children who are crying."



With Grateful Hearts....

We want to thank you, our sponsors and donors who make this ministry possible. It is because of your faithful giving that we are able to continue to support the Hope Centers, dig new wells, promote sustainability programs and continue to touch lives with the love of Christ.

We want to assure you that *ALL* funds sent by donors and sponsors are *FAITHFULLY* being sent to Kenya to support the programs, children, staff and Hope Centers. As a registered 501 © 3 organization, we are required by law to distribute funds as designated. We are also members of the ECFA, which is a Christian organization that requires its members to operate in a Biblical and ethical manner. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you might have regarding your donation.

We are committed to Special Ministries/Kenya Hope and seeing that this ministry goes forward. We ask you to continue to pray for the Lord's direction as we move forward and work to bring the Hope Centers to full maturity.



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