August Newsletter: Construction Continues; Sponsors Needed; Let's All Smile; I Wish It Would Rain!

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Construction Continues

The construction of the next classroom at Elma Kamonong High School continues, with the brick making machine in full operation. The project is under the oversight of Mr. Dickson, who has worked at the Elma Centre previously and is known to hire reputable, competent workers. The new choos (toilet areas) for the boys and girls are now in use, which was a necessary step in the continuing certification of the school. Pastor Roy Stover personally built a large, locking cabinet and two matching bookcases for the science lab, giving the room a very professional look. A matching donation from Pfizer is helping to furnish the lab with supplies and equipment.







Sponsor Needed

Walindwa's goal is to protect, care for, and educate vulnerable children and orphans in a loving, Christian homelike setting. Our ULTIMATE goal is to nurture these children to become confident, productive members of Kenyan society. One such child that needs a nurturing sponsor is Irine. Irine J. is a sweet, shy young woman who is a Form 4 (senior) student at the Maji Mazuri Girl's School. Her goal after graduation is to pursue a degree in the field of business accounting or banking. Two things are needed in order for her to achieve her goal. First is a good score on her high

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Irine recognizes that the grades and test scores are up to her. She is well on the way to achieving the first requirement as her grades are above average. Could you play a role in meeting her second need? Walindwa recognizes that Sponsorship of an EBCCK higher education student is a large commitment. The need can be \$2000 per year for 2-3 years but the payoff is priceless. The reward is huge. You will have a life changing impact on Irine's future, and she will have a chance to be a self-supporting adult. Perhaps you and friends, family, co-workers, book club members or other small group could join together to give Irine the future she is dreaming of. You can learn more about Irine and the other students who need sponsors by visiting the Walindwa website or by emailing Walindwa.

Let's All Smile

Are you an Amazon.com shopper? If so, you can make the kids at EBCCK smile simply by shopping at AmazonSmile. You'll enjoy the same selection of products and the same prices as on Amazon.com, but the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Walindwa. Just remember to start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com** and to select Walindwa Charitable Corporation as your charity of choice. Tell your family and friends too!

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I Wish It Would Rain

No, this is not about the song by the Temptations. It's about the rain at EBCCK, or the lack thereof. We in San Diego can relate. There are two distinct rainy seasons at EBCCK: the "long" rainy season of March to May and the "short" rainy season of October to December, with April being the wettest month of the year. This year the long rainy season was disappointing, impacting both the crops and the wells at the Children's Centre. Philip Koskei, EBCCK Director and manager of the farm, reports that the maize (corn) crop is looking very poor this year, but the bean harvest has begun. He has been able to harvest some seeds from the hay which is good news for next year. Last year a similar lack of rain stopped the

meantime your prayers for rain are appreciated.



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