April Newsletter: President's Message, Spring Chickens, Sponsors' Trip, EKHS Update



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

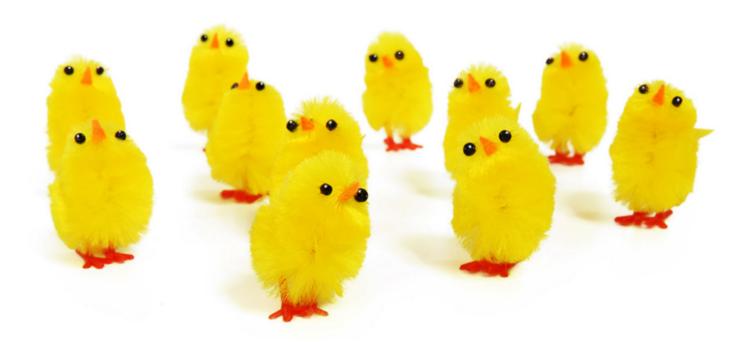
Greetings from Kenya,

Bwana Asifiwe! (Praise the Lord in Kiswahili) There is much to be thankful for in Kamonong, Kenya! God has been very merciful and gracious to us in just the few months since my last trip. I've seen great progress in the EKHS construction. We are also thankful for two new children in the home, Brian, and his younger sister, Mercy. They come from a very vulnerable background and the Mother was unable to care for them. They both washed dishes at local restaurants and as payment were allowed to eat the leftovers and scraps from the plates. They are both entering there third week at the home. Please pray they continue to assimilate smoothly. Lastly, we praise God for the Form 3 class that began in January. We now have 72 pupils at Elma Kamonong High School!!

As I sit here in Nairobi, I'm already planning for the upcoming trip at the end of May with 3 other Walindwa board members. We plan to have a seminar with the teenagers that will be on the trip with us. We will be sending out a short email closer to the time about needs for the home if you would like to participate. We are always in need of underwear, clothes, and shoes for the kids.

Blessings from Kenya,

Jill



SPRING CHICKENS - Let's Coop 'em Up!

With Easter eggs just behind us, can the spring chickens be far behind? At Elma Barnett Children's Center, the chickens are plentiful, as are the benefits they provide: eggs, meat and broilers to sell to the neighbors. Philip, our farm manager, would like to increase the number of chickens to 75, which means EBCCK will need to have a chicken coop. If 100 of our supporters can each donate \$20 we can reach our goal! Please make the note "Spring Chickens" on your check or PayPal donation



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Sponsors' Trip to EBCCK

We had the pleasure and blessing to spend several weeks at the Elma Barnett Children's Center and Elma Kamonong High School. These children are loved and are thriving, both spiritually and intellectually. The staff is very competent, loving, supporting, and capable. EBCCK and EKHS are growing and striving for self-sufficiency in both food and management of the facility. However, sponsorship of the children will probably always be necessary, especially if they pursue higher education or trade schools.

We planned to teach in the schools of EBCCK and our first priority was to talk to Mr. Keter, the Principal. We found that he is very competent, knowledgeable, and caring and was very enthusiastic of our "enrichment" approach to teaching. We focused on teaching at the high school (Ginny math, Gary physics). It is important to note that we approached this time as "enrichment" of their usual classes. We did not come to displace what the teachers had been doing. In fact they extended the school year just so we could teach. We found this teaching to be rewarding and we definitely developed a rapport with the students. And they wanted to learn. Gary was a little intimidated at first since he had never taught before (Ginny taught for 20 years), but he really enjoyed the experience.

Ginny's goal for this trip to EBCCK and Elma Kamonong High School was to be a visiting teacher and encourage other teachers to come to these schools to teach. If you are interested in teaching academic classes, art, music or other skills, please contact Ginny at <u>gvbjackson@gmail.com</u>.

Humbly in His Service, Gary and Ginny Jackson The Lord has truly blessed our efforts to establish a highly competitive, boarding high school in the Kamanong area to serve the children from EBCCK and the surrounding community.

We now have our first three classes (Form I, II and III) well underway. The new Form I class began in January with 30 students, and we have wonderful teachers and dorm parents to mentor our young men and women. The dorms are fully functional, and we have desks and beds for all the boarders.

Even though we have not actively advertised for students, there seem to be many Kenyan parents wanting their children to attend a strong school with a deep Christian foundation. We have actually had to turn down some applicants because of lack of space in classrooms.

The future is bright. Support our spring chicken drive. In the coming months, we will focus on improving the solar power, purchasing more beds and desks, installing water cisterns, and constructing more classrooms. Big picture plans include an apartment building for the teachers and visiting missionaries (hopefully you!). All in God's good time and with His blessing.

Thanks to all who have supported our Help Us Grow project to become part of the Walindwa Family. Many blessings to your family.

2015 Financial Summary

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| Corporate Contrib | 5,081 | Higher Ed Sponsorship | 21,284 |
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| Corp Matching Gifts | 1,000 | EBCCK Gen Support | 1,986 |
| Churches | 56,412 | EKHS High School | 4,438 |
| Individuals | 24,423 | Memorials | 1,210 |
| Sponsors | 35,460 | Unrestricted | -873 |
| Securities | 175 | Checking Total | 28,045 |
| Special Events | 10,499 | Savings | 501 |
| Total Income | 133,051 | PayPal | 6,386 |
| EXPENSE | | Petty Cash | 12 |
| Awards & Grants | 116,049 | Securities Acct | 188 |
| Program Exp | 3,765 | Total Current Assets | 35,248 |
| Business Exp | 2,518 | | |
| Operations | 591 | FIXED ASSETS | |
| Other Exp | 548 | Assets | 15,204 |
| Total Expense | 123,473 | Accum Depr | -3,140 |
| Net Ord Income | 9,579 | Total Fixed Assets | 12,064 |
| Other Income | -1,284 | Total Assets | 47,312 |
| NET INCOME | 8,295 | LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| | | Retained Earnings | 39,017 |

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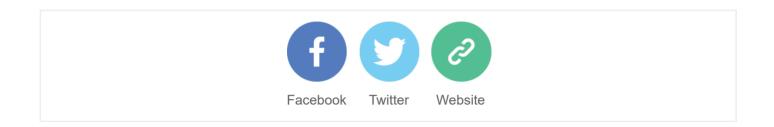
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