



WALINDWA
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Kenya! Walindwa Directors and a team from The Village Church in Rancho Santa Fe, CA were able to visit Kenya in June and returned with "Greetings" to all of the Walindwa supporters, from all of the staff and children at EBCCK. These trips have a practical purpose, as they help us ensure that your donations are used for their intended purpose. They also have a huge spiritual component, as shown in a note from my journal, written during the trip. Blessings, Jill Weller

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

I have much to be thankful for today. Yesterday was the first rains of the month and we are all praising God and asking His blessing that the crops will grow and flourish. Secondly, I'm an exhausted teacher today - and that's a good thing! I spent the day at the Elma Kamonong High School teaching computers to the Form 1 (Freshman) class. Most of the kids from the Kamonong community had never even touched a computer before so we had to start at the

community students on the computer. Proud moment, that I once taught them a few years ago and now they are spreading their knowledge by teaching others! I pray this project will only continue to grow.



MORE KIDS = MORE WATER!

Walindwa successfully dove into the world of crowdfunding by launching its first FundRazr event to coincide with the recent trip to Kenya. After consulting with the Kenyan board to identify a concise project that was an immediate need, the "Kids Need Water: Rain Gutters and Water Collection Tanks" event was born.

Although there is a well onsite, well water can only be used for irrigation and plumbing while rainwater is used for drinking and cooking. "Right now we are very concerned about the increased water needs from the High School and that will only continue to increase as we grow," said Roy Stover, of EBCK, "The need is to install

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who donated! The four-week event received a grand total of \$2975 toward the \$3500 goal. The team was deeply gratified to be able to immediately share with the Kenyan board that funding was available for them to begin the project. Look closely at the photo above and you can see the new gutters along the edge of the roof line. The tank will be installed at the corner of the building so that water can flow down a pipe to the dorms and kitchen.

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Form IV
classroom.
Bring on
those
Seniors!



We spent 8 days visiting the Children's Centre and seeing progress on the new high school (Elma Kamonong High School). Form I-III classrooms are done with the Form IV classroom under construction. We have new dorms for boys and girls, a new kitchen and administrative offices. The goal is to make the HS profitable as a boarding school to provide support for the EBCKK operations. We are raising almost all of our own food and have chickens and cows. All the kids are healthy and are thriving in their school no matter what level. Truly blessed and cool to see. The Village Church group joined us for four days and brought crafts, gifts of clothes and games, and shared in the foot washing and loving on the kids. And, of course, the goat BBQ. The last four days were at Kijabe Hospital where Avery and Shiloh got to observe and assist surgeries and attend births, Lori got to help with kids in the Children's Hospital, and I learned about the possible role of Interventional Radiology in a mission hospital setting (promising). If anyone out there would like to join us in our care for these abandoned kids please consider sponsoring a child, joining our volunteer team, or donating to one of our projects. No amount is too small to help us complete the high school, enhance our water supply or just help keep the kids clothed and fed. It will be the cheapest child you ever help raise!

Blessings, Keith Edwards



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