

Children Are People, Inc. Newsletter - April 2016

Donate Jewelry for Surgery



The cost of Pastor Tabitha's surgery is over \$6000 USD. We are trying to raise the funds to help with the cost of the surgery. If you have damaged or unused gold or silver jewelry, and would like to donate it, we will sell it and give you a donation receipt for the redeemed value. I'm just putting this idea out there to knock out as much of the surgical bill as possible. Pastor John is working to do what he can on his end. Put this on your Facebook pages and other social media, talk to your churches, friends and other organizations. Thank you for any help you give.

Oasis Church Blessings



UPDATE: APRIL TRIP POSTPONED (sad face)

For the last couple of months Pastor Tabitha suffered lower back pain. When the time came for me to purchase my ticket for April, I hesitated due to her back condition. She was in too much pain to have guests in her home. Pastor John did not want Tabitha to have back surgery with the risks and high cost. This past weekend the decision was made for us. Tabby had excruciating pain and loss of use of her legs. Pastor John took her to a hospital a couple of hours away in Eldoret, Kenya where an orthopedic physician practiced at St. Luke's Hospital. He is the same physician who did the surgery on the young man, Peter Gai, with the broken leg. After one look at Tabby, they admitted her and scheduled surgery the next day.

Now two days later she sends a message that the pain in her legs is gone and only the surgical incision is sore. I'm sure it will still take time for full use and recovery with no pain medications, but it's amazing. Yes, this doctor is very good, but a turn around like this? We give glory to God!!





Classrooms thru Grade 4 are COMPLETED!



Excuse the tin sheets in the foreground, Pastor John is marveling over the property with the water well tanks,

Pastor David Reeves arrived in Kenya the morning Pastor Tabby had back surgery. Pastor David and his wife, Teresa, pastor Oasis Church in Oxford, MS. This church is so supportive of Children Are People especially regarding Pastor John's work in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. Pastor David's visit the day of the surgery was such an encouragement for John. Besides praying for Tabby, they filled the food pantry at John and Tabby's house. Moving on to Bungoma Town this weekend, David is the featured speaker at the Word Camp Conference 2016. Thank you Oasis Church and all the churches and individuals from the great state of Mississippi!

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church, children's home, bathrooms and school. A kitchen to prepare the lunch for the children will be soon coming. We still have 4 more classrooms to build to educate children through grade 8 on our own property.

The Ministry of Education recommends we place them above the 4 just built. A two-story school house.

Look what the Lord has done!!!



Mt. Elgon: Pastor Davidson's New House

As you remember, Pastor Davidson's house leaked really bad during the rains. He cut the timber and built this mud house in January. The pictures show the tin roof Children Are People provided. Raining in the house no more!! His family



began using the new house in early March even though, he

is yet to install glass in the windows and a concrete floor. It has three bedrooms, storage, spacious living room, and veranda. Pastor Davidson's



wife, Janerose, and young son, Tony, are shown here. If you would like to help with window glass (\$10each), cementing (\$250) or electricity for his home (\$500), please designate it in your offering.

FUN-RAISING (Not Just Fundraising)



Most of us never stop thinking about the children under Pastor John's care. One young woman, Brooklyn Tingle, from Oxford, MS took her love to another level. She got permission from her school board to sell African jewelry as a fundraiser to pay the teachers of CAP's new school. She and the buyers had so much FUN and raised nearly \$1000 USD in one week. Brooklyn is in 7th grade. Who would have thought?! Just shows what young people can do.

Another Fun raising group led by special education teacher, Sheila Oberling of Quincy, IL, collected new educational materials for the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Sharon Anderson's sewing group made shorts for boys. The outpouring of love for the children of Africa always amazes me. We are in the process of organizing and packing all the supplies collected over the past year to get them to Kenya. Pray for us to find the best, most cost efficient way to get them there.

We are considering using the ministry in Butler, IL called "Love Packages." They specialize in sending 20'x9'x8' containers to different areas of the globe. The cost for sending a container to Nairobi, Kenya is \$6500. It may not happen this month, but maybe in the next year or so. The refugee camp needs a container of supplies of this size. It could carry education materials, the "Dresses for Africa" clothing, medical supplies and Christian literature. That is a room full of stuff! I would so love for this to happen.

Our ongoing "Scrubby" fun raiser submitted by Lil Tice of Fountain of Life church in Springfield, MO is still collecting dollars for Africa. Each non-scratch scrubby used for cleaning pans costs \$2.00 plus 50 cents shipping. Would you consider placing a basket of them in your church or business to sell? Salons or places where women hang out are great places to put them.

Thank you to everyone whose ideas turn into funds for Africa. God is giving us the ability to gain this wealth for his purposes!!

Thank you to churches, pastors and members, organizations, individuals, family and friends who participate with Children Are People. Spread the word about us to your friends and co-workers. All of your giving is tax deductible. If you are sending checks, make payable to CAP; mail to: PO Box 5113, Quincy, IL 62306. Contact Dixie: childrenarepeople@gmail.com

Or, <u>donate via our website</u> (PayPal does take a 3% fee). Click on the sidebar links to make us your charity of choice on eBay or Amazon Smile.

May God bless you and keep you!

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