

Children Are People Newsletter

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Dresses for Africa

Project

Rene Schwengel, a member of Central Baptist Church, made 25 dresses and is preparing to make boy's britches too!!

Dresses for Africa, project of Central Baptist Church Women, is teaming up with Children Are People to send much needed clothing. Sewers at John Wood Community College also made hundreds of dresses to add to the project.

A team formed from Rock Church of Quincy and Children Are People is planning a trip to Kenya the last week of April. The team will take as many dresses/boy's britches as possible.

The Christian TV station, WTJR, is airing the Dresses for Africa project next week. March 2 @ 9:30 am, March 4 @ 9 pm and March 7 @ 7 pm. The program is called "Outreach Connection." You can find it on the website too in the archives. Go to <u>WTJR Christian TV</u> and find it in Video on Demand section.

If you would like to sponsor a dress to Africa, you can send funding via Children Are People PO Box 5113 Quincy, IL 62306 Designate to Dresses for Africa. Gifts of any amount are welcome.

Dear Family and Friends of CAP,

Happy New Year!! (It's only the end of February.) As time flew the past few months, I cannot help but remember the last Africa trip and all of the people in the Kakuma Refugee Camp. There are so many things in my heart that I believe God wants to do for these people. It is a plan to prosper them, to give them a future and a hope! (Jeremiah 29:11) To prosper them would start with having enough food to eat, a future would mean they could return to South Sudan to rebuild businesses and homes, and a hope would mean they could live in their land in peace with one another. Did God not say, "All things are possible?" (Mark 10:27)

Let's watch God work!!

Hoping for an Education

Pictured below are some of Pastor John's boys who live in the house CAP built in 2010. They just want to go to school. It is not a small endeavor to place all of the 100 + children in school, especially high school since the cost is so high. They consider it quite a privilege to be able to pursue an education and work hard at their studies!!



The second term of the 2015 school year begins in May. Put on your calendar to send support for school in April. We need everyone's help. Thank you to all who support us for this purpose.

Just to remind you Pastor John's

mother-in-law built 2 classrooms for preschool ages on the property near the church. The two classrooms cost \$5000 to build. There are 68 children now attending. Pastor John wants to build 8 classrooms to educate Grades 1-8 on the grounds. We would pay the teachers with the funds we are now paying other schools to educate the children. If your church or organization wants to build a classroom, the cost would be about \$2500 for each. Let me know!!!

Christmas Dinner at Bishop O'Gara's Children's Home

A special hot meal of "ugali" (their staple food made of maize - corn meal) and goat meat with their invited friends made a very nice day for them. We try to provide something special for all of the children CAP helps support every Christmas.

The children's home needs paint and repair. The next team to Kenya will help the



O'Gara's and the children's home get the needed work done. Pastor John will bring a couple of men to help.

Pastor Davidson of Chwele



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Medical Need

One of our young teen girls has idiopathic thoracic scoliosis (curvature of the spine). She is in pain often and needs surgery to correct the problem. The cost is huge; about \$40 0 0.0 0. If you can help with it, please designate when you send your donation. And pray for her!!! Please!



This picture shows the heart of Pastor Davidson and his ministry near Mt. Elgon, Kenya. It was taken during Christmas dinner in his home. He farms to feed children and takes in his own family and many others, including widows, children and others who need a home. He would like to have electricity for his home and seed to plant his crops.

The Need for Clothing on Mt. Elgon, Kenya



Pastor Davidson is shown here with a mother, Seline, and her children. She lives in one room near P. Davidson. We met her on our last trip. Her children needed mosquito nets. blankets and dothing. We would like to build another room onto her house. It would cost about \$200. She grows maize on her small piece of land to provide for her family.

Davidson helps others when his own children need school fees and uniforms. Recently his sister who lived with him died; he now has adopted her children. Another young woman was cast out of her home due to an

unplanned pregnancy. He took her in. The child was named Anita after our own board member, Anita Currier.

So many children in the Mt. Elgon area need clothing. The team going in April will distribute the dresses and britches in this area. We will also share the love of Jesus with them. Matthew 19 teaches us how Jesus loves the children. They belong in his kingdom.

Thank you again for all of the support you give to Children Are People to reach children in the poor areas of the globe. God is expanding our ministry and taking us in the places he wants us to go. Personally I did not expect to travel back to Kenya so soon, but I told the Lord, "here I am, send me" so I guess He thought I was serious. And I was!! If anyone wants to help send me, please know I am grateful!!

Blessings to you,

Dixie Koch Children Are People, Inc.