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While in Moi's Bridge, we

November 2014

Dear Family and Friends,

Our recent trip to Kenya was very informative, but one of the most difficult. Traveling to Kakuma, our angels kept charge over us through shootings, abductions, little food, and poor, hot sleeping conditions. Returning to John's home was a welcome relief. The children under his care are growing and happy. Hundreds of children in the refugee camp are waiting and wishing they could join our children in Moi's Bridge. Lord, show us the way.

Chwele Conference

Pastor Davidson's

Our first stop
was Bungoma
where we
received a
warm
welcome. We
stayed in
Mama Doris'
home while
Pam Hall led a
two-day



Pastors Conference in Chwele. The Spirit of The Lord was very sweet and Pam's messages were well received. John and Dixie also did a workshop. At the close of the first day, a heavy rain descended. As we had been meeting under an avocado tree, we ran to a small mud hut where the meeting continued with testimonies of how The Lord had met various ones in attendance. Everyone received prayers and Pam was asked to come again. Of course we can never leave this area without having tea and roasted peanuts in Pastor Davidson's home. Notice the blue water filter unit just behind Davidson's right arm. There are many more pictures on the website blog. Click here for blog

Visit to Mois Bridge and the Sudanese Children

took a two-day trip to visit the Kakuma Refugee Camp where a large number of families from John's village in South Sudan have taken refuge. This was quite an experience. The camp houses 175,000 refugees; 49% are South Sudanese; 101,000 below 18yrs. of age. 29% of the 101,000 have arrived since Dec. 2013. 45% are girls. Primary education (ages 6 -13) has 46% in attendance. Secondary school has only 2% in attendance. With the influx of children this past year, there have been no new schools started. The system is overstretched.

We met with Pastor John's relatives from his village. Our message was one of hope for the future.

It was difficult for them to see beyond the hunger and fear of tribal conflict within the camp.

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Food rations from the WFP are not enough to take them through until the next distribution.

The people were so glad we came even if we didn't solve any the problems they experience.



Pictured above are just a few of the children waiting to come in Mois Bridge.

We spoke with a woman,

Our next stop was in Moi's Bridge (near Kitale) where John Akunguet Garang and the children from his village in South Sudan live. In the picture on the right Anita is



teaching Sunday school to the children there.

This trip we concentrated our efforts on the educational aspect of the children under John's care and getting an up-to-date photo and statistics for each child. We had a couple of very profitable days visiting several of the schools, and we learned a lot about how the educational system works in Kenya. We have left the remainder of gathering information on each student to one of John's helpers. We look forward to completing this effort.



This is a picture of children we support. It is near the end of the school year in Kenya. Their uniforms are worn out. When they can, they pass them down, but sometimes they are just too worn out.

We visited many of the schools the Sudanese children attend. How difficult it must be to learn two new languages, Swahili and English! Some children are rated top in their class; they take their education seriously. Pastor John works hard to place the children in local schools most of which are run by Christian ministries. This next year Pastor John and Tabby would like to build a multipurpose building on the church property to use as a primary school during the week and for children's classes on Sundays. Constructing a building would be helpful to keep the small children nearby, safe and under the care of accredited

Clara at the UN. She gave us helpful information regarding educational projects. The needs are GREAT! The opportunities are many. We spoke of the need for vocational training. We pray The Lord would raise up men and women who are skilled and able to endure the harsh desert climate with a vision to minister to this young generation.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, let Dixie know. The contacts made during our visit gave us an open door to help in the camp.



Showing gratitude for the help they have received.

teachers from the church. One woman has an early childhood degree and one of the men has elementary certification. That is a great pair to get a school started. If you know a church, another organization or even an individual person who would like to sponsor a school, let me know ASAP. Pastor John is ready to go!

School Fees

Another school year starts in January and all of the school fees will be due again, so please remember us as you make your 2014 tax deductions. We need every gift, large or small. It costs on average about \$75 per month per child for education, clothing, food, shelter and medical care. We need your help! Every gift, whether large or small, will make a difference in the lives of these children.



Pictured here is one of the children under John's care, Angelina. She is proudly displaying her report card.

Book Fundraiser

Animal Lovers Especially Doggies

The author of this book, Brian Brookheart, gave us copies for a fundraiser. \$12 will get you a copy of the story of his beloved Weston and how Brian learned about love from this dog. (Book size: 10" x 11")



This is a wonderful Christmas gift for anyone and will look beautiful on the coffee table. Email: childrenarepeople@qmail.com to order.

Thank you everyone for the faithful, generous support this year. When God called on us to form CAP we could not imagine who, what or how??? Building a children's home and now a school seems impossible, but yet we can't stop thinking of anything else. Caring for these children must be near to God's heart; He keeps putting the vision into ours. Send donations to CAP, PO Box 5113, Quincy IL 62306 or donate by clicking here for PayPal.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dixie Koch Children Are People, Inc.