

THE SEGERA MISSION JOURNAL



Djambo! Another busy time at Segera Mission! I hope you enjoy Edition 2 of the Segera Mission Journal!

The Great Garden (Shamba) Operation

Serge Musasilwa is mobilizing everyone at the Mission to work in the garden (shamba) three times a week for one hour in order to improve the shamba's productivity and thwart the Director's scheme of making it into a pond and raising crocodiles. Margaret our accountant, below, decided to come out to the garden in some of her nicer clothes.



Here's the result after only two hours so far:



A Woolly Gift to the Mission

Mr. John Siparo, our neighbor across the Uasonyiro river, gave the Mission a sheep on the 16th of April! He was assisted in getting the ram across the river by his son-in-law Joseph Suramat, and his grandson Philip Timalo. It made a nice meal for Mission staff and their families!



Boarding Students Going Home After Break

Soon all our boarding students will be headed back for their schools. They helped the Mission out in a myriad of ways to include working on the shelves for the Mission, fixing the plumbing in the U building, cutting a LOT of grass by hand (our lawn mower is dead), removing stones from where the British Army will soon be building two soccer fields for the local area finals in July, and much more.

All of our students studied hard last term, with some of the students scoring very well on their term exams, to include: Diffather Kamau, Emmanuel King'au, Prician King'au, Bonface "Bone Man" Kitoe, and James Mwiti.

Vehicle and Infrastructure Status

We made an all out attempt to fully repair the white pickup truck, and get the required parts we need for the black pickup. Cliff Bush and Enoch Omondi went to Nairobi for a few days and now the white pickup is in decent condition and we are focusing on repairing the black pickup. Both are very old and have seen a lot of rough roads here in Segera, but they are holding up for now. Cliff also got supplies for our water treatment system, picked up medicine for the clinic, bought three used but serviceable fire extinguishers, and found a supplier of parts for the Bedford truck. Once we have some funds we're going to start work on the Bedford.

We are also working on replacing the 13 broken windows, and painting exterior wood

that is exposed to the elements. Our cross has been sanded and varnished, and the rocks at the base of it and the flagpoles cleaned up.

Clinic Update

We're sending a young mother to Kijabe Hospital with a very serious foot problem in the hopes we can save her foot.



The clinic has seen over 380 cases since the 1st Edition on April 11th. The most common cases we're seeing are chest infections, malaria, eye infections and ear infections.

The clinic is getting some new shelves thanks to Cliff and the boys. We've had two babies at the clinic with one named Janice and the other Richard.



(Night Guard Simon’s wife Beatrice and baby Janice)

Nurse Joyce deployed late one evening with Serge and Enoch to a place around thirty kilometers west of the Mission and saved a young man’s life: Jacob Lodung. He had been tending goats in that area, and had a chronic respiratory illness that turned critical.

Baby David, who was in serious shape a few weeks ago continues to gain strength and even kind of talked at me today.

The Mission’s Barking Sentinels

All the dogs are starting to put on a little weight after being inoculated, de-wormed and getting better food. They are also a bit friskier. (Goolay, below, not so frisky)



Operation Goat Gathering

Thanks to George MacMaster (sorry I couldn’t keep it anonymous please forgive me George) the Women’s Club of Samaria have three new goats for their goat raising enterprise! I’m still trying to find another one or two with the funds he provided, but the grass is good so the market is lean. Thanks again George!!



Quote of this Edition This quote once again came from Enoch Omondi. “Muddd is gooddd. Itt preventttss dusssttt, which preventttss vehicleless diseasessss.” Meaning if there’s mud, there’s no dust, and dust damages vehicles. Thank you for that one, Enoch! Runner up quote came from student Bonface “Bone Man” Kitoe, “I want to explain the program to you. First, we are going to remove the life of the goat, then...” He was referring to slaughtering the goat we shared with the wazee (elders) from Gate, which we had over for a lunch on the 1st of May. (See next article.)

Elders (Wazee) from Gate Lunch

The Mission hosted 11 of the wazee from the village called “Gate” – they are our immediate neighbors here in the Segera area. We had goat stew, ugali, cabbage, and

much more. The discussion was as good as the meal, and everyone had a good time.



The wazee that attended are, from left to right, some mzungu, Lotonia Monding, Lumuruti Leshoe, Tete Olesulaini, Kangororo Nugwan, Ekiru Kuwan, Peter Lenguya, Thomas Sajiri, John Edonga, Korore Lekebish, Recelewa Leterei, Lesokoyoi.

Director's Comments

Help continues to come from all directions and our visitor Dean Moull has worked up an Access database that we will eventually install into a laptop for use in the clinic that Janice will bring here in May, and he's teaching me a variety of programs that will assist in tracking resources.

We're very sorry to see Cliff Bush return to the USA in the next couple of days – he's made awesome progress in repairing everything out here. But he'll be back I am sure 😊

Until the next edition,

Richard Skow

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