

## THE SEGERA MISSION JOURNAL



Hi again from Segera Mission! As always, a lot is happening. I hope you enjoy edition 3 of the Segera Mission Journal!

### **BATUK Saves the Bedford!**



(Captain Jamie McMeecham, Andy, and some mzungu)

Following a recent meeting between Richard Skow, Lt Col Rex and Captain Jamie, the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) has generously agreed to take on our Bedford as a civil military humanitarian project and repair it as much as they can! That is an enormous undertaking and we cannot possibly thank them enough for their assistance! But before we could take the Bedford to Nanyuki where their workshop is located, our new mechanic Frank had an enormous job to do just to repair the brakes

and much more, and contracted a vehicle electrician to get her to start with our semi-repaired starter and new batteries. Serge and Enoch also assisted in getting her in shape to limp to town.



(Serge, Frank, mechanic contractor Muthenge, and Enoch)

We have tried to repair the Bedford since I became Director in late-March... I cannot possibly thank BATUK enough for their assistance.

### **Clinic Update**

Since our last edition the clinic has seen 1,299 patients, and delivered one baby. Each baby born at the clinic receives a couple of outfits and a couple of blankets – sometimes the only clothes and blankets the baby has!

We had to remove one of our nurses but nurse Christine is holding down the fort valiantly until we can hire additional staff. Visits from nurses at this time would be especially useful, so if you know any nurses who would be interested in serving at the Mission for the short term they would be extremely welcome!



(Nurse Christine and Lucy)

Sadly the news isn't good as far as our patient Lucy is concerned. We now know that she has pleomorphic sarcoma. Only one hospital in Kenya provides radiation therapy. We're trying to get her an appointment at the hospital, but there are many questions that need to be answered by an oncologist. We are doing everything possible to make her comfortable and manage her considerable pain and, remarkably, her spirits remain high. Our prayers, and hopefully yours, are for her and for her three children, whom Bright Points for Children are thankfully attending to while we continue to treat Lucy at the clinic.

### **Mt Bethel United Methodist Church**

In June we had a wonderful visit from some members of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Georgia. This group of mostly University students camped out at the Mission and fortunately for us were able to stay for Sunday morning at Bethel Chapel (here at the Mission) and enhanced the day for everyone!



All of them seemed to be very popular with the children in the area.



The day before some of the stronger of the group gave our Mama “Cabbage” a hand in the garden. Thanks guys!

It was a lovely visit and we’re hoping for many more!

### **Electricity Maybe?**

The Kenyan Ministry of Energy through the Kenyan Power and Lighting Company has delivered power to the Endana schools across the river, around three kilometers from the Mission. Segera sector councilor Salim Edung Lowoya has worked hard to convince the government to send electricity to the Mission. Former Member of Parliament and now Ambassador Leshore, who is our neighbor across the river, has also worked diligently in this matter and we’re submitting a letter to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy shortly requesting assistance in getting electricity to the Mission. With electric power we can start to establish a laboratory, use video materials to help in teaching the children, more easily deliver babies in the middle of the night, use our power tools during

daylight hours without starting the generator, and much more!



(Counselor Salim Edung Lowoya)

### **Book Donation to the Library**

At the local secondary school, there is only 1 textbook for every 3 to 5 students. At our local elementary school, it’s about the same.

It’s kind of hard to do your homework if you only see your textbooks once every 3 to 5 days!

A recent wageni (visitor), Emma Ferguson from England, was so moved by the need that on her return to the UK, she immediately dispatched \$400USD to be used to purchase textbooks, and study books for the Segera Library. Most of these have already been purchased and are available to use in the ever growing Mission library.

Emma enjoyed her visit, brief as it was, so much that she intends to return to Segera later this year with her children Mair and Keir.



(Emma and Dean)

A big thank you from all of us goes to Emma and her family. You are a hero!

### **Dean is leaving???**

Dean Moull, our heroic and best (and only) volunteer for the last three months is going back to the UK to complete the book he has been working on while he's been here in Africa. We hope this hiatus in England won't last long and that God will push him back to us soon! Certainly he'll be missed and not only by the Mission but also by the football (soccer) team he coached, and the many peoples' lives he has touched!

We had a great farewell dinner for Dean and he'll be sorely missed.

Dean has threatened to return in short order and we hope that is true!



(Dean and some little friends)

### **Mission Requirements**

To say that the Mission has a few needs would be a massive understatement. With electric power possibly coming to the Mission we'd love to build a proper health care facility with a laboratory, additional beds (we only have three at the moment), and a maternity section. We of course need funds to continue the clinic as it is, the four classes we have for little children, and our ministry. We continue to repair the Mission and there is much to do. I will look into posting a running list of needs on the Mission's webpage [www.segeramission.org](http://www.segeramission.org).

### **Volunteers Wish List**

#### **Top Ten Most Needed People to help at Segera Mission (all help is welcome!)**

Ask and ye shall receive, so we are asking!

1. Doctor and/or hospital administrator to help set up protocols and procedures for Clinic

2. Account/ Bookkeeper who can help us get started with Quickbooks accounting system
3. Computer person to help us do inventory control system for Drugs and Medications and patient information system (possibly using access)
4. Public Relations and Marketing – US Based
5. Teachers, especially early childhood education and people to teach English as a Second Language (ESL)
6. Person(s) to help build strong musical program and children and teen outreach programs
7. Good photographer to capture Segera in unforgettable photographs
8. Part A: Construction workers- who can plan and supervise building projects -particularly needed are electricians, plumbers and carpenters. Part B:Construction workers (see #8) who can stay long enough and are interested in training local staff in these much needed specialties.
9. Microenterprise business person – our local Kenyan friends really want to help themselves – we would love some person or persons who can help with small business enterprise development
10. Churches or groups that can come along side and help support one of the different aspects of the Segera School, Clinic, Library, Widows and Orphans Program or Church program.

### Janice Heads Home



Janice is headed back to the USA to do some serious fund raising to support the Mission, fine-tune the Mission's webpage, and more. We all hope she can come back soon!

### How Your Gift Can Change a Life at Segera Mission

For \$25, You can provide food for a widow and the orphans she cares for, for an entire month! Often these children are AIDS orphans whose parents have died and the grandmother is doing her best to care for these little ones

For \$50, You can provide 5 beautiful blankets from the local markets for needy families! This will also give much needed income to the women selling these blankets. For many families, this blanket will be the ONLY one in their mud hut, and will keep up to 7 people warm!

For \$100, You can provide medical care and medicines for 10 very ill children. This would include antibiotics and ongoing care for as long as they are ill.

For \$500, You can pay the expenses to carry 10 critically ill people to the hospital, and pay for the admission of those that otherwise, would literally die. This is a truly life changing gift!

You can send your gift to:

Segea Foundation  
Box 7310  
Carmel, California 93921, or go to:  
[www.segeramission.org](http://www.segeramission.org) and give online

### **Director's Comments**

We're very busy at the Mission!

We're still repairing our two pickups and Frank is on his way to Nairobi to get parts for them. We're creating a storeroom for medicine and food and building a lot of shelves for it. We're looking at enhancing our classroom practices at the Mission, and our new visitors Sarah and Andy are both teachers and giving us excellent advice. We're repairing exterior surfaces, and overall moving forward every day.

I am looking forward to our next projects at the Mission should we have the resources to do them. We need a bore hole to complete our water treatment capability at the Mission; relying on the river, given that it went dry last year, is far from ideal. We would like to improve our medical assistance and build a health care facility with a lab and extra capacity and hopefully one day have a full time doctor. We'd like to get started on our hospitality training program in order to train people in the area to go out and find jobs in Kenya's thriving

tourism industry. And we'd like to start job training for people to become mechanics and more. Certainly our vehicles would afford plenty of training opportunities for any would-be mechanic!

We bought another 60 Chairs for Bethel Chapel here at the Mission, and we're looking at some infrastructure assistance for Faith Chapel across the river in Endana.

Until the next edition,

Richard Skow  
Current Director  
Segea Mission



(Little Elizabeth in her new uniform)