



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Greetings from Segera Mission! Our Spring Newsletter focuses on a few of our achievements from April 2010 to December 2013—none of which could have been possible without your donations and support! We're working on some important partnerships that could secure the future of the mission, but to keep our doors open until then, we really need your help. **Please donate to Segera Mission today!** Any amount you can give will help us save lives, cure the ill, and educate the children in our school.

At the moment, we're finishing the building of desperately needed classrooms—thanks to A Better World - Canada, who sponsored three! We're hoping to eventually build more to include a room for computer training, one for the teachers, and a library for adult literacy classes and vocational training.

God Bless you, and thank you for caring for "the least of these!"

Richard



CLASSROOMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BEST DISPENSARY IN THE DISTRICT

God has really been blessing Segera Mission this year—in the school, the dispensary and the chapels. The Kenyan government declared our medical organization the best in the district in both 2012 and 2013. Despite limited resources, our stellar medical team continues to work miracles. We thank you all for your generous support that has empowered the clinic to achieve so much.

A special thanks goes out to Zeitz Foundation for donating an oxygen machine, which was greatly needed.



JOY WITH OXYGEN MACHINE



MEDICAL TEAM



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WAITING ROOM



JACKIE



JACKIE AND CHRISTINE WITH NEW MOTHER

“Our dispensary continues to lead the way in the district!”



MOTHER WITH A NEWBORN

BEST CLINIC IN THE DISTRICT

The dispensary continues to be expertly run by our amazing nurses, Christine, Leon, Irene, and Mary (a volunteer), along with Jackie in the laboratory. Driven by faith in the Lord and a love for the community, they see anywhere from 20 to 90 patients daily, plus those who come to the malnutrition, antenatal and immunization clinics each week. Their time spent spreading health education and awareness has revealed itself as outpatients have significantly dropped, and birthing mothers at the clinic have risen. In 2013, our nurses delivered 114 babies and by the grace of God, the mother-infant mortality rate remains at 0%. Furthermore, Segera Mission’s dispensary exceeded the government’s goal for polio immunizations by 168%. Keep praying for the clinic. We are saving lives every day!



WE CAN'T KEEP GOING WITHOUT YOUR HELP

Nothing but sheer will power, abundant love for these people and the hand of God has kept this place running – but our resources are wearing extremely thin. We are asking for your prayers and contributions to help keep our clinic doors open.

Visit <http://igg.me/at/segeramedical> to learn more and help us!



Our malnutrition program has been praised as a model program for Kenya. In October 2013, Segera Mission was invited to attend the World Food Media Awards held in Nairobi along with other prominent organizations including UNICEF and KANCO. It was here that one of our own mission orphans, David, was introduced as an example of the value of good nutrition and the life-and-death difference it can make.

Malnutrition is an issue we continue to combat. Children suffering from malnutrition can experience growth failure, delayed sexual development, reduction in muscle mass and strength, and impaired intellectual development. A big step in fighting malnutrition is treating the problem before it reaches that point. If funds allow, we plan to add a nutritionist to our medical team to achieve that end.



DAVID, BEFORE AND AFTER, AND HIS DAY AT THE CONFERENCE



FAITH



AGNES

ORPHANS ARE THE BRIGHT SPOT

For those of us living at the mission, the orphans under our care are the bright spot of our day. While Faith and Agnes are the children's main caregivers, each and every adult living here takes part in raising them. Faith prays with the children every night and is so watchful of their spiritual growth. This is the kind of loving Christian community we strive to build around these children.

In school, Sengenoi and Patrick are enjoying our newly added class, Standard V (5th grade). Josephine, Amina and David are in the top ten of their nursery class, while Lotapetu follows close behind in Standard I (1st grade) as number 12 in a class of 30. When they're not playing football, both Lotapetu and Stephen show continual growth and interest in reading, while Elizabeth has been taking more interest in math.



Among their after-school activities, the children are learning to play with finger paint, chalk and bubbles, and reveling in each of these hands-on experiences. However, their favorite pastime is dancing. All are happy, healthy, energetic and thriving. They continue to learn together, bicker together, play together and work together. May God keep his hand on these precious children as they grow.

OUR MINISTRY OUTREACH

We support two very active chapels bringing more and more outreach into the communities. In addition to outreach, chapel members have established programs for assisting widows and orphans with food, clothing, and help in their homes. Each week after church, the ministry team meets and discusses their outreach plans for the day to include bringing food, tea, and the message of God to the widows and young mothers who need it most. However, the outreach extends throughout the entire village as folks are drawn to the music, worship and fellowship our ministry team shares with the community.



AT AN OUTREACH SERVICE, A TURKANA WOMAN PRAYS FOR GUIDANCE



OUR KIDS: 1ST IN THE DISTRICT

This past January, the Segera school ushered in another 51 students, bringing our total to 245 children with the addition of the Standard V class. With the help of our dedicated teachers and hard-working staff, students continue to thrive with a Christ-centered education. Porridge for midmorning breakfast and a protein-packed lunch of rice and beans makes all the difference to the child who walks ten kilometers to school each day. For many, this will be the only food they eat all day.



TEACHERS WITH NURSE CHRISTINE



JOSEPH WORKING ON THE WATER TANK



LESSONS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

Although we are one of the top schools in the district, education is about much more than passing standardized tests. We are teaching students the skills they need to build a better life and provide for their communities as a whole. This term, we are introducing the *Root and Shoots* program created by The Jane Goodall Institute. Integrated into the science curriculum, this program will teach the children how to utilize the most plentiful resource they have—land. Students will rebuild what was once a fruitful garden at the mission, and not only learn how to plant the seeds and maintain the garden, but also understand what it means to provide for their school community. God is really blessing our school and the children.



THE GARDEN BEFORE WE START

*The mission has several departments, which all come together at the school. The kitchen staff provides the meals; the infrastructure team ensures that clean water reaches the pumps; the clinic monitors the malnutrition levels; the cleaning staff help maintain the classrooms. The children are the heart and soul of the mission—everything we do at Segera Mission revolves around giving them a Christian education and empowering them to take charge of their future. **But we cannot do this without your help!** Whether through your loving prayers, encouraging thoughts or generous donations, every little bit makes a difference for these children, and for that, we extend our deepest thanks.*



WE NEED YOUR HELP.
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