

November 9, 2009

Jambo, Dear friends!

And so another mission trip to Africa is coming to a close. From providing shoes to countless children in three provinces in two countries, to the initiation of a new goat cooperative in Katito, Kenya, Joanne and I feel that much has been accomplished.

We have been working on the bids for the second phase of Hannah's Hope and expect that construction of two additional classrooms will begin in December.

Under discussion and consideration is creating a women's self-help group in Homa Bay in conjunction with the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Talks are underway for the construction of classrooms at Lufumbo in Western Province of Kenya and Usambara Girls School in Tanzania.

We have partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Kisumu, Kenya and Walkill, New York (one hour north of New York City) for an international grant to provide three wells. Rotary International has approved two wells in Usenge and one well in Katito, Kenya. Usenge is a very poor rural community that is in desperate need of water, education and community services. Together with the Christian Women's Partners of Kisumu, Joining Hearts and Hands will be discussing the possibility of a community outreach center in Usenge. This outreach center will provide counseling of all types (HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, health and so on). I have attached two photos of the Usenge area. If you look to the left of the photo of the pond, you can see a woman collecting drinking water. Women must travel for miles to reach this pond which is very polluted. Notice the green tint.

The second photo is at the site of one of the wells and the potential community center. Joanne and I are talking to nursery school children at that location.





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From Africa to you with thanks,

Bill and Joanne Cala

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