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****OUR ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND BROCHURE WILL BE IN THE MAIL
SOON....WATCH FOR THEM!****

November 16, 2012

Greetings during this holiday season! Thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays as it gives us a chance to reflect on how fortunate we are here in the United States. While we continue to recover economically, we have been able to see first-hand how decimating the recession has been to our dear friends in Africa.

Did you know that three fourths of young people under 35 have no jobs in Kenya?

This has left 1.3 million youth unemployed and women are 5 times more likely to struggle to find work than men. **Joining Hearts and Hands** has been working on this problem in a multifaceted and determined way through:

1. Education of young people and African widows
2. Computer training for school teachers
3. Cultivating employment opportunities for JHH high school graduates
4. Launching small business initiatives with Kenyan Self Help Groups of men and women

5. Coordinating relevant business training for adults through local governmental and educational agencies.

Check out this BBC film report for more on this problem in Kenya :

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-20340074>



Hannah's Hope Kids say Hi!!

Upcoming Joining Hearts and Hands Events

Stop by and see us at:

The Alternative Christmas Fair

First Baptist Church on Main Street in Macedon

THIS Sunday November 18th from Noon to 2 PM.

The Fair offers unique items from around the world: : jewelry, basket purses, coffees and teas, laptop sleeves and more. Also locally made soup and baked goods will be available!



Some really cool gifts from Kenya and Tanzania!

TC Williams Handmade Holiday Craft Fair



If you are in the Washington, DC area – stop by the Third Annual Handmade Holiday Craft Fair on **Saturday November 17** from 10 am – 3 pm at **TC Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia.**

This wonderful annual event is led by the Engineering Classes and their dedicated teacher Jennifer Moshier. The proceeds help Joining Hearts and Hands build classrooms at the Usambara Girls High School in Tanzania and at Hannah's Hope in Kenya. Here is a link to learn more.
<https://www.facebook.com/TcWilliamsHandmadeHolidayCraftFair>

Sock Hop!

Event to support the health needs of children in Kenya!

Fundraiser held at **Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Parish**
445 Frederick Douglass Street in Corn Hill
December 8th More details to follow

Teacher Latrine Project Finished at Mbaka Oromo Primary School



The teachers at Mbaka Oromo had some pretty awful lavatory conditions before this project. We are happy to have been able to make their daily lives a bit easier. Some of the teachers at this

school do not receive salaries as the government has not provided enough funds to pay all of the teachers!

Water Project at Kongasis Progressing!

The pumping station is finished, the storage tank complete and the water transmission lines have been set. In our June newsletter we showed you the foundation for the tank. Check out the progress below. Again, thanks go out to the great people of Western Presbyterian Church of Palmyra for making this possible! Next phase is the water treatment facility.



Pumping station



Storage Tank



Pump

You will be receiving our November Joining Hearts and Hands Annual Newsletter and Brochure by mail soon. We all have been blessed with so much. During this 2012 Holiday season we hope you will share some of your blessings with our brothers and sisters in Kenya and Tanzania. Consider a student scholarship! If you do not receive our letter email us and we'll send one to you.

Many Blessings This Holiday Season!

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