



KERUDO ANNUAL REPORT 2010

AN NGO WITH
AN URBAN
AND
A RURAL
TOUCH

- In Kenya 40 – 60 percent of orphans live in grandmother's headed households. These courageous and resilient women have no time to grieve. Their priority is the next generation: the infants, toddlers, and teenagers who are left behind. While there is never enough for their burgeoning households, somehow these grandmothers manage to feed, clothe and comfort their grandchildren. They become parents for the second time. Playing the role of a grandmother and a mother simultaneously is not an easy affair.

- As you would imagine, there are challenges that come with this new job description. The generation gap is just but one of them. Every time these grandmothers have to learn to make every effort to keep abreast with what is current so that they do not enforce some old ideals to them. Some of these grandmothers who were very strict with discipline on their own children but now have since seen the need to relax.

THE ROLE OF GRANDMOTHERS IN THE PRESENT KENYAN SOCIETY

- With an estimated over 11.6 million orphaned children in the sub-Saharan Africa, there are millions of grandmothers who struggle everyday to make sure that these children get parental care and protection.
- Given the scale of the problem, support for the care-givers, who are in this case the grandmothers, can be healthier and more sustaining as opposed to institutionalizing the children in orphanages and children's homes.

- Studies in sub-Saharan Africa have repeatedly demonstrated that growing in a family environment is more beneficial to a child than in institutional care, which should be considered a temporary option or a last resort. Ultimately, though, the extended family can only serve as part of the solution to mass orphan-hood if adequately supported by the state and the community, as well as other sectors of society.
- In a 2007 study carried out in African countries by AVERT an international AIDS charity, it emerged that communities need to be supportive of orphans, making sure that they are accepted and have access to essential services such as healthcare, shelter and education.

- This means improving existing services and reducing the stigma surrounding orphaned children so that they do not face discrimination when trying to access these services. The study notes that schools play a crucial role in improving the prospects of orphans and securing their future. A good school education can give children higher self-esteem, better job prospects and economic independence hence lifting the children out of poverty.

- Children who head families are also a vital part of the solution and should be supported in efforts to lessen the impact of AIDS.
- These Kenyan grandmothers are some of the women who have emerged as the unsung heroes of the Africa's children. They bury their own children and while in their 50s, 60s and 70s begin to parent again, raising their grandchildren with little or no support.

- During my travels to different countries in Africa, I have discovered that HIV/AIDS pandemic is the worst catastrophe to befall the human race since the biblical Flood of Noah. Orphaned children have become an important focal point in the HIV/AIDS battle.
- The AIDS orphan problem is one of the many confounding social issues in Africa that defies solution because of its size and complexity. It is therefore imperative that our friends in the west open their spiritual eyes, listen with their hearts and sponsor programmes that in the long run will give hope and a future to these vulnerable children.

- Our goat for kids programme that started in 2002 with 50 children, now boasts of 400 children. By the year 2012, we hope to sponsor 1000 orphans.
- The first 50 children now have between 10-12 goats per child, thereby giving them milk, fees, food, etc. In 2011, we are going to introduce green house farming. We are therefore looking for donors to stand with us in this area.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

- Our medical care givers work around the clock in reaching the poorest of the poor in our areas of operation. We have been working in the following areas:
- Promoting access to and use of family planning services.
- Educating the youth on sexual and reproductive health issues.
- Promoting sexual health, delaying marriage and childbearing.
- Promoting compulsory education for girls in higher places of learning.
- Continuous assessment and monitoring of our family planning programmes.

- Giving curative and preventive medical care.
- Running three days medical camps quarterly in the whole country.



A sign post showing the date of the free medical camp



Nahashon, a volunteer taking a patient's BP before seeing the nurse



Charles, the nurse checking on a patient



Mburu, the nurse checking on a patient



Grace, the project nurse Dispensing medicine to a patient



Florence, a volunteer taking a patient's weight



Charles & Mburu checking on a patient who collapsed on arrival at the medical camp



A father who has taken full responsibility of his twin children since the wife has been sick after giving birth to them

CHURCH PLANTING

- During the year we have been able to baptize 150 people in water by immersion.



Rev. Jeremiah & Rev. Sylvance waiting in the water to begin baptizing candidates in water by immersion



Bishop Yusuf and an elder of the church praying before they begin baptizing candidates in water by immersion



The candidates getting ready to get in water



Rev. Sylvance begins the baptism



EVANGELISM

- The Maasai speaking evangelists that I have trained and discipled over the years have now reached all the 800 homesteads. In the coming year they are embarking on discipleship and quality growth.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

- KERUDO runs HIV/AIDS programmes in five areas of Kenya. These children stay either with their grandmothers or elderly siblings. From a humble beginning of 50 children in 2006, we now take care of 400 orphans, giving them food, clothing, school fees and seeds to plant in their farms. Each child is also given a goat which has become a success story in Kenya. Since the seed bank programme is doing well, we are now starting greenhouse programme from 2011.

What are the major challenges this ministry faces?

- Water is a major challenge to the people both in the rural and urban centers.
- Medical care givers travel a lot on foot, due to inadequate funding.
- Lambwe Deaf School takes children through education for eight years, after this, the children desire to continue to high school but no donor has come around to help us with money for their higher education.

How can I pray for this ministry?

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for Bishop Yusuf Gowi, project founder and CEO, as he oversees the work, and also for protection from diseases upon him. Pray for my family. Pray for all the Maasai evangelists, pastors, and elders as they do the work of ministry. Pray for continuing resources for training, medicine, relief, motorcycles, bicycles and Bibles for all our spiritual care givers.

2010 PROGRAMMES

- During this year 2010, we carried out a number of activities both in the urban slums and in the rural. We had a very successful medical camp for two days at Kiambiu slums in Nairobi city, we also distributed free uniforms to the orphan children in the rural Kenya, and we also installed a pastor in our churches after completing his theological training.

- Our projection for 2011 is to trust God to help reach more orphans since we have only managed to reach about 4% of the total population of them in the rural Kenya leave alone the urban slums where the need is enormous. Please pray with us in this area so that God alone will touch the hearts of friends of like-mindedness to support us in this good course.
- During our free medical camp with the help of some of our friends, we managed to reach 350 patients in two days and on the second day we ran out of medicines and we had to turn many people out. We are requesting our friends both within and without to come to our aid so that we can reach as many patients as possible and more so the children and the elderly women.

- The Lambwe Christian School for the Deaf is up and running though with varied challenges such as: many students come from very poor families and they have no means of paying school fees, the climatic condition of the area has not been favourable of late and so the crops have always failed and this means that food is very expensive in this area. The school administration finds it very expensive to feed the entire school population.
- Just this year the school lost the chairman of the school and as the chairman was laid to rest, the school headteacher, Mrs. Margaret fell sick and she has not come back to her strength even though she is busy as usual making sure that the school is up and running because she is a mother to these children.

MY WORK SUMMARY

- Education & Training
 - Training of church lay leaders
 - Training of church evangelists/preachers/pastors
 - Training of Maasai community leaders in health care/food economy, adult literacy/water sanitation/agriculture
 - Training of single women, commercial sex workers in tailoring & dressmaking and embroidery
 - Education of Maasai children/deaf children
 - Capacity building of KERUDO staff and their families

- Adult literacy classes at Nyalunya Pentecostal Church
- Mobile Medical Work
 - Medical Mobile team thrice weekly to the Maasai people
 - Medical Mobile team carrying healthcare instruction to the Maasai
 - Medical Mobile team giving medical treatment to the Maasai
 - Medical Mobile team giving post-natal and ante-natal education

- Deaf School – Lambwe
 - Basic eight year education to the deaf
 - Giving food, water and medical care to the deaf
 - Buying mattresses, blankets, bed-sheets, nets, beds to the deaf
 - Supplying sewing machines to the girls
 - Supplying carpentry tools to the boys
- Relief and Supplies
 - During emergencies and drought I buy food supplies and clothes for the Maasai, slum dwellers, the deaf, etc.

- HIV/AIDS Orphaned Children
 - These are found in four places namely Ngong, Suba, Wasare and Nyalunya totaling to 400 children
 - Give them education and basic needs as clothes/food/shelters
 - Give them hope and a future
- Church Planting/Evangelism and Missions
 - We do out door evangelism and hold gospel crusades
- We have planted churches in rural Kenya, urban slums and Maasai areas

MISSION AND VISION OF KERUDO

- We therefore promote holistic development of the poor and the needy peoples of Kenya both in rural/remote/mountainous places and the urban slums, thereby producing as our ultimate goal communities that are transformed into the likeness of Jesus both in character and actions as seen in Luke 2:52, AMEN!
- For those of you, who do not have our bank account details, please send your donations by Telegraphic Wire Transfer to: -

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CONCLUSION

- KERUDO staff, the board and the families of KERUDO cherish the opportunity God has given us to be in equal partnership with you just for the glory and honour of our God! Truly I see this as God's own doing since He has both the privilege of working together with Him in His Vineyard!!
- As we come to the close of the year 2010 which to me is the year that God saved Kenya from sinking into deep political turmoil and bloodshed,

- It is indeed my prayer and hope that the good Lord will give us strength, vigour and thankful hearts to work for Him and double our efforts more than we did in the previous years. Thank you for having stood with me, my family, my staff, my ministry over the years with your prayers, together with your heart, your pockets, your purse as you have faithfully given your finances sacrificially during these hard economic times. It is our faithful God alone who rewards his children who can reward you for this. God bless you richly as per 1 Cor.15:58.

- Our goat for every orphaned kid programme is picking up a grate deal; please pray for its success and finances. Once again, I say to you personally, **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! HASANTE SANA!!!**
- We therefore as a family covet your valuable prayers so that our partnership in building the Kingdom of God together with you would be a mutual blessing and a joy for all of us, both here on earth and in heaven above.

- Pray with me that the Almighty God will give us a break-through in finances so that His Kingdom will be preached unhindered to the Glory of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost – Amen!!

Yours for Calvary,



Bishop Yusuf Gowi Okumu
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