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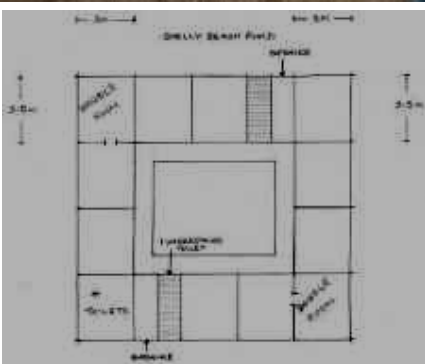
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Sprouts of new growth; signs of life brought by the rain. Kenya has experienced much drought over the last few years; however, since March the much needed rain has truly arrived. People are planting their maize, beans and vegetables and at Tumaini these shoots are springing up! Thanks to your support, the maize is not the only thing sprouting – in our Christmas newsletter we wrote a short article about the plans for the new building to accommodate young people leaving our children's home and other people in need of good housing. We received planning permission and building began 29th March 2010.

Stepping Stone
Jiwe la kuvukia



The foundations of our half way house are now laid and the rain has come at just the right times. The day we laid the concrete for the slab it was dry; allowing the builders to complete their work, and then the rain came! Our slab has now sealed the strong foundations for this two-storey building; the rooms are marked out and the walls are going up. We have 11 rooms on the ground floor with 5 toilet/washrooms and a small storeroom. The layout of the first floor will be exactly the same. The estimate of building costs is £37,000 and to date we have spent just under £10,000. We are standing on the first Stepping Stone (Kiswahili) Jiwe la kuvukia, and are ready to step to the next.



Would you like to make the next step with us? The picture below shows our progress and as funds become available we will carry on! Thank you for helping us to provide a stepping stone to a brighter future for many people.

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Kaji, Naşib and Mtavi "Keep your balance guys!"



Water Project

Finding fresh water is always a huge challenge for our neighbours and in an area so close to the sea, fresh water is easily contaminated by salt. With your help and with our water truck, we are beginning a community water project. We have purchased a 5000 litre tank and are installing it next to the new half way house. The tank will be filled by our truck and the water dispensed through a pipe and meter. It will be sold at cost to anyone from the village who needs fresh water.

Mtaa wa mbuzi (Area of goats) One of the leaders of Tumaini Family Church lives in this area of the village; named because of its huge goat population. In a recent conversation he said that he would like to donate a goat to the church as a thanksgiving offering. After discussing the matter with the other church leaders it was decided that they would cook the goat and share a meal with people living in that area of the village. The other leaders donated some money to buy rice and a few other bits and bobs to share and the feast was prepared! Loving our neighbours and serving the community is one of the objectives of the church; there are many lonely and hurting people around who just need someone to reach out to them with an arm of friendship. It makes life worthwhile!

A special package for ladies – earlier this year two visitors came to Tumaini bearing special gifts for ladies. They had collected beautiful bras of all sizes, colours, designs and material. Many ladies were able to get one and to have such choice of style and colour was a real treat! Thank you ladies xx

Dan is a young guy with a lot of talent and determination. Some time ago he expressed an interest in learning to play the keyboard. We had a tiny battery powered keyboard (about 50cm long) which we gave to Dan and he has really dedicated himself to practice. In the evenings, he and his mum sing together while he plays and now that he has



mastered some songs he has enjoyed playing those songs in church on a bigger keyboard. Dan is really gifted; but it's his perseverance that gives him success!

Virtual Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb



The Climb

On 26th February 2010, we held a sponsored walk to raise funds for Tumaini. The walk was 12 kilometres to represent the height of climbing the mountain. Children and staff were joined by a representative from Imperial Bank in Mombasa, the local Red Cross team, our village elders (Gideon, Njagi and Francis) and visitors from England. We all set off armed with a boiled egg, 2 bananas and a bottle of water; it was a wonderful day, the sun shone and we fried, but we all had a great time and managed to raise funds towards setting up a new school library during this year and a little towards activities for our young people from the church. The best funds were raised from



our nursery classes; well done little ones! I think we'll reconsider the date (in the heat of the summer), but everyone's looking forward to doing it again!

News Corner – On the front of this newsletter is a photograph of a very deep hole. The plan was to make the drainage system for the toilets/washrooms for the new house; but on the day we were leaving Mombasa, after I'd written the 'Water Project' article, we all got a big surprise. The guy digging the hole struck water about 18 inches deep and discovered that the water is fresh. A few people tasted to confirm, and yes; it is fresh!!!! This is amazing as there are no fresh water wells in the area. We have stopped digging as, being so close to the sea; if we continue deeper we'll hit a lot of salt water. So it's time to watch; wait and pray! We have been told in the past that fresh water wells so close to the sea can be contaminated by salt over time and we don't know how much water there is..... we'll keep you informed! (If the water stays fresh we'll dig another hole for the drains)

Driving Forward – Four ex-students from Tumaini have recently done a driving course with the AA and have passed their test. Thanks to those of you who were able to help these guys. One of them was working and had saved some money so was able to pay half of his own course (that's great to see) and another young man has been training to be a mechanic and learning to drive is opening work opportunities up to him.

Thank you for your support! We are continually amazed by your generosity and even more by your care and concern; daily we sense the prayers of many people standing with us! God really hears your prayers and gives us wisdom and perseverance when we need it most! God bless you! Love from Glyn, Jane & Maureen xxx