

Isaka Memorial Foundation

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The growth of the foundation has been phenomenal. While continuing to meet basic needs of food supply, clean water, health services, school fees and supplies; and agricultural assistance, we are also improving and expanding these services while seeking new partnerships.

*A case in point is our recent visit to **Crossing Borders**, the philanthropic wing of **Omicron Electronics of Austria**. Then, thanks to **Leigh Siller**, IMF made a presentation to all employees of **Sensors, Inc.** in Michigan USA.*

*On a pro-bono basis, **UHY Certified Public Accountants** just concluded the audited reports and IRS tax filing for IMF.*

More good fortunes: the administration block at Nyamila Community Center, in Kenya has just been completed; and a Van for the center arrives from Japan by end of September, 2008.

What a year!

Austrian Visit – Crossing Borders



Ms. Pfeiffer

Austria is simply breath-taking in its beauty. The undulating green ring of mountains, with gondola rides, is very enticing to both visitors and locals. IMF's President visited the small town of Klaus, where **Omicron Electronics** is located, to make a presentation to members of **Crossing Borders**. The enthusiasm at the well attended meeting was palpable and soon after, **Ms. Britta Pfeiffer** was selected to be the mentor for IMF. Ms. Pfeiffer will be the liaison between IMF and Crossing Borders. Together, we are now writing a partnership proposal detailing areas of our project in which Crossing Borders will be involved. The future looks very bright indeed. The assistance we envisage from Austria will encompass development of infrastructure as well as assistance with existing programs which sustain the lives of the AIDS orphans at Nyamila Community Center, in Kenya.

Sensors, Inc. joins with IMF

IMF treasurer **Leigh Siller** did it! During the annual company-wide meeting for renewal of health benefits, IMF made a presentation to all the employees of Sensors, Inc., Although several people had made small contributions to our foundation, many did not know the extent of the AIDS problem, nor the impact IMF was making among the orphans in Siaya District, Kenya. The presentation was very well received and we have been inundated with people asking what they can do to help. This willingness to help has come from both the executives of the company as well as ordinary workers. When IMF President mentioned to Sensor's Chairman, **Mr. Don Soenen** that he had surmounted his initial trepidation to ask for money from the employees, he quipped that "when you believe in the cause, you should never be shy to ask for help". He also opined that a large number of people were already giving to some charity and that IMF's task was to convince them that ours was a better cause for them switch. We both thought that should be easy because ours is a relatively small outfit whose activities would be very easy to verify and that the leadership, being fellow employees at sensors, would add more credence.

What next at Nyamila Community Center

- Building of the all-purpose hall and library
- Acquiring a tractor, trailer and plows for farming
- Water tank and pump for wider distribution
- Income generating activities



Newly built NCC admin block

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From Oklahoma to Nyamila - KCA College Chapter visits

A large entourage from **Oklahoma University** and Maisha International Orphanage visited Nyamila in July 2008. Ms. Jennifer Salazar led the team, which has provided an independent review of what Isaka Memorial Foundation is doing on the ground (See the blog at: <http://jen-ou.blogspot.com/> and a video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThfJANmH-Vw>). The event was fun-filled, with song and dance from both the visitors and the

Dance and laughter - KCA hosts. KCA College Chapter visited the center where building works were progressing at a fast pace. They also visited the local Kaluo Health Center which is used by the orphans, as well as the farms under our Agricultural Assistance program where, in return for preparing farmyard manure, the care-givers, who have formed functional groups, get their farms tilled for them by NCC. While in Kenya, the group had a chance to stand right on the Equator at Maseno University. They also visited the world renowned game parks of Masai Mara.

Transport nightmare ends

Until now, Nyamila Community Center used bicycles for taking the sick orphans to the hospital. An incidence of an epileptic girl falling off the bicycle during one such trip made us plead for a van for the center. KCA obliged and funded the purchase of a used van from Japan. The van will be at the center by end of September, 2008. The community health and social workers will still use the bicycles to visit the orphans in their households, but transport of food items and patients will now be a lot easier.



Van for the center



Children's Choir formed

The newly recruited Asst. Manager hit the ground running. Mr. Esborn Owuor is busy organizing the orphaned children who have formed a choir that sings in three languages – English, Swahili and Luo. Watch the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThfJANmH-Vw>, recorded during the visit by KCA College Chapter. As soon as the all-purpose hall is built, the children will start performing plays and music for the entire community.

NCC children's choir - AIDS orphans

Agricultural Assistance Program

While still seeking a donor for a tractor, plow and trailer, NCC currently uses oxen drawn plows to till land for the care-givers based on their prior preparation of compost manure and adoption modern farming practices. Last season, 50 acres of land were covered in this program and we expect a similar coverage this coming season.



Maize farm - NCC agricultural assistance

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