

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Kenya!

In the midst of this drought, it has been a blessing to help distribute food to many families. The beneficiaries are thankful to the Lord for all the food they have received. Many verbally expressed their appreciation to us in either Swahili or English. Others gestured with their hands or used hugs trying to express their gratefulness.

Some communities, under the guidance of the churches, organized work projects to show their appreciation. This newsletter provides an overview of some of the extensive projects the beneficiaries undertook to demonstrate their thankfulness to CRWRC, the Canadian Food Grains Bank, and the Canadian farmers.

These projects benefited each community as a whole and not just the individual beneficiaries.



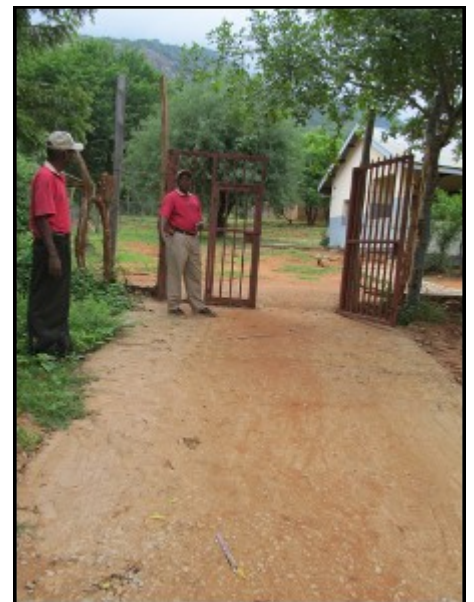
### **Ghazi Community:**

*Left:* In Ghazi a community center was built so meetings would not have to be held in the hot sun. Bricks will be placed around the perimeter to complete the center.



*Left:* At the Polytech School in Ghazi, a pit latrine was built and bush was cleared for a playground.

*Right:* Improvements were made to the entrance of the community health center in Ghazi. A cement slab was poured and a sidewalk was laid to provide cleaner, less muddy access to the clinic. A drainage ditch was dug to prevent the rainwater from running into the clinic.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That unity may remain among the people of Kenya, and that they continue to work together to improve their situation.
- That the harvest may be favorable and that the communities will have resources to meet their needs.
- That God's Word may continue to sustain those who believe, and work in the lives of those who do not yet know the Prince of Peace.
- That political violence will be minimal during this election year in Kenya. In previous elections, the violence was rampant. Already there are signs of violence beginning, even months before the election date has even been announced.
- That Kenya forces and allies will prevail over the Somalia terrorist group Al Shabaab, so that peace can return to the region.

### Vitengeni (Kilifi district)

*Right:* Two toilets were constructed for the Mbwana nursery school in Vitengeni.



### Mwatate Community:

*Right:* The beneficiaries used hoes, knives, and spades to remove brush and build a 4km road and a 5km road. The roads allowed people to access their fields, as well as move their produce to the main road more easily. The Minister of Works, from the government, provided the technical assistance.



### Jaribuni Division of Ganze in Kilifi:

*Left:* 7km of road was constructed to access schools and market centers.



### Kishushe Community:

*Left:* 3,000 trees were planted around community sites, such as the school and the Chief's camp. The thorny twigs are used to protect the new seedlings from the goats. These seedlings were hand-watered twice a week.



### Ganze Access Road in Kilifi:

*Right:* 8.5km of road was built to access a health center, market center and school.

## PRAISE POINTS:

- For the safe and successful food distribution in Kenya from Sept 2011 to Jan 2012. 8,400 households have had their hunger alleviated.
- For the beneficiaries who contributed to projects in their communities, which resulted in a uniting of the people and the accomplishment of extensive work.
- For safe travels for all the team members.

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### Chala Community:

*Left:* The beneficiaries cleaned the silt from 8km of trenches (ditches) so the water could flow freely and be used to irrigate crops. About 500 to 600 families now have access to a stream of water. 150 beneficiaries from Chala also planted about 300 trees around the dispensary, and 400 trees around the church.

*Right:* A hand pump is used to pump the water onto the field.



### Maktau and Timbila Communities:

*Left:* Maktau and Timbila communities dug water pans (dug outs). The water will be used for drinking and washing, it will also provide a source of drinking water for their livestock and wild animals. In Maktau, the aim was also to keep the elephants away from the villages.

### Bamba (Kilifi) District:

*Right & Below:* 75 households constructed a water pan that was 28m X 15m X 3m, which has the capacity of holding 1260M<sup>3</sup> of water for the community.



Our time in Kenya is coming to a close. Our work here finishes January 31, and we will be returning home to Lethbridge, AB in mid February. Thank you for your prayers in the past few months as we have volunteered here in Kenya. We have been so grateful for your support.

Shalom,  
Margaret & Rients