

Friends,

Greetings from Kenya. We have been here now for one month and have thoroughly enjoyed our time with the CRWRC team in the Nairobi office. Jackie Koster is CRWRC's Disaster Response Program manager for East and Southern Africa and has taught us a great deal. We've also really enjoyed working with and learning from Chris Shiundu (Project Manager) and Gloria (our accountant).

In addition to meeting with CRWRC staff, we've been able to meet some of the staff of the partner organizations that we will be working with. Mount Kenya Christian Community Services and Pwani Christian Community Services are both part of the Anglican Church of Kenya and are CRWRC partners. The Reformed Church of East Africa is another partner. These organizations will assist us in setting up the logistics for distributions in the villages.

Our project for our time in Kenya is to organize food distributions for 8,400 households. These distributions will happen once a month for five months. This project is funded by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGFB) and will provide each family with 50 kg of maize, 10 kg of split peas, 3 liters of cooking oil, and 0.5 kg of salt each month.

Right now we are connecting with the companies that supply these food items. Export Trading supplies split peas, cooking oil and salt while Pisu supplies the maize. CRWRC and CFGFB have high standards for food quality, so all the food has to be inspected prior to it going to the warehouses in the villages. As a result, we've had to coordinate organizing and sampling of the food at the same time as bagging and loading. Soon we should be able to begin food distributions.

Fortunately, we've been able to use the English language to communicate and we have learned some Swahili greetings. Despite being able to use English, we miss the rapport that is established when one



*Rients trying his hand and lifting a 50K bag of maize*



*One month supply of maize waiting for distribution.*

speaks the mother tongue.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We are thankful to the Lord for all His provisions to us and ask you to pray not only for us, but especially for those who have so little and are waiting for the food.

Margaret & Rients