

## "The Promise Land"

Last year this time we had just arrived to see 16 children and the staff, during their holiday break, occupying the land. Our mission was to add children, seeking those most in need. The result was 20 children rescued. While returning from that trip in March, we began to plot a path to having our own source of water and become less dependent upon our supplier. God had been faithful to meet our needs in the past and He was planting a vision for the near future to continue to provide for His children's needs.



## Mud Puddles of Drinking Water

Most bodies of water in this region are seasonal from rains that come February—April. The low ground in the rivers pool the water for several months providing for livestock, wild animals *and humans*. Our water source was from a neighboring borehole about 450 yards uphill from our land which was gravity fed to our water tank. The price for this water tripled in two years. Our need for water then doubled in volume in order to supply more children. Our course was set to construct a borehole (Water Well).

## A Single Goal

Upon returning home, our team discussed many possible means of raising funds to meet the need. First, we needed to bring to attention when and wherever the opportunity arose. Next was to plan events to present the need to larger groups of caring individuals. And finally, the events and continual spreading of the news. Funds came as people responded to the opportunity to help children on the opposite side of the globe. Prayers for the children's needs and a response from the heart of caring individuals were answered. By September, 2015, there was \$21,000 in our funds to begin the water well.





# Witnessing The Drilling



We arrived in the country in time to witness the breakthrough at 570' and what would test at 60 gallons per minute. Our next challenge was to secure a fair price for dependable equipment to pump the water into our existing tanks. In total, we have 2500 gallon storage capacity. Together with a diesel generator, large submersible pump, we can fill our tanks in under an hour for less than \$3 per filling! That same filling used to cost us \$25. It was also dependent on weather and road conditions during the rainy season. This huge blessing of water came at just the right time and now creates the ability to help neighbors at fair prices.

Watch the Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7HsoaGn4zQ>

## A New Need

We have 2 acres of land in which we can now plant seed and see a potential harvest without depending solely on rains. The harvest will supplement our grocery shopping and still allow us to have unlimited water for washing, cooking and bathing. The water is needing treatment as it is high in fluoride and not safe for long term consumption until treated. We do haul 132 gal. weekly for drinking only from a nearby source until we reach a decision on how we will permanently treat the water onsite. New need: water treatment.



## Education

The number of our children now attending high school is 6. They are attending boarding school offsite 12 hours travel in Western Kenya. This leaves presently 27 children in TPL and the potential to add 18 more in the future. The primary children are doing well in their studies. Adding two in high school this month to the four who entered in March adds cost to our educational budget, but the money seems to come when most needed. The children are most appreciative to their sponsors.

Thank You for standing with us.

