

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

Hi!! The first week of September, Outreach was helping with the huge Kids Against Hunger packaging which took place at Hy Vee Hall in Des Moines, IA. It was the largest KAH packaging event ever, packing 4,028,000 meals! All these meals were shipped into Haiti and the Caribbean basin. September 12th we were off to Tanzania for the medical mission held at the rural village of Iguguno, in Singida Region. The medical team, lead by Sharon Kramer and Sharon Manion, worked at the Catholic dispensary (clinic). It was a great medical mission, with 27 doctors, nurses, and volunteer, donating their time and supplies to help the long lines of people waiting to be seen. Close to a thousand people were treated, babies were delivered, and a few patients were taken to the hospital in Singida for further treatment or surgery. Many stories were shared. Many shoes were distributed to patients; quilts were given out as well as newborn kits, and a new wood cook stove was given to the Sisters at Iguguno. The dental team worked using their new portable dental units and provided care to about 360 people at Iguguno and Singida Regional Hospital, dividing their time between both places.



waiting in line



new shoes



dental team



wind generator



solar panels at Mforo

The water team headed up by John Hays installed an inline injector chlorination system at the Singida Hospital. They repaired the chlorine injector at the Gunda Secondary School. A pump was installed at Iambi, but when hooked up was found to be damaged, was repaired in Dar es Salaam and is now back in Iambi. A deep well pump and solar system was installed at the village of Mforo, (this complete unit was provided by Richard Whitaker. The mamas were collecting water before we left). A complete chlorination system, pump and elevated water supply tank was installed at the Kids Feeding Center in Singida Town; (the children now have potable water).



Kids Feeding Ctr



cooking KAH meals



lunch time



new benches

A contractor was hired to finish the Kids Feeding Center. Sister Hilda is in charge of the operations of the center. We also have two cooks and two watchmen at the center. At the present time, 360 children are receiving a meal every day. The medical team donated 12 benches for the center because the children had to sit on the floor, 40 more benches are needed. The street children will have their school uniforms for the January semester.

Sprayer equipment donated by Quality Plastics in Eldora, Iowa was being used to spray the Singida hospital to rid it of mosquitoes. This should lower the cases of malaria at the hospital.

Visiting Mama Lynn at the orphanage in Moshi; more Kids Against Hunger meals were needed for the children there. Salina Andrews and Lee Hardy sent a container of 285,000 Kids Against Hunger meals which arrived this month. We are having coffee pouches made by a mama at Light in Africa orphanage. The money earned for making the pouches will go to care for her child.



Mama Marie and Mama Lynn at Light in Africa

Regional Commissioner Kone returned to America with us. Meetings were scheduled for him on the new Singida Hospital. We drove to South Dakota for a meeting with architects and contributors, on to Minnesota for another meeting and on back to Iowa. RC Kone was a speaker at the Iowa Hunger Summit which was held in Des Moines. Outreach exhibited at the World Food Festival, Iowa Hunger Summit, and the World Food Prize. The January 2009 medical mission met with RC Kone to understand the requirements on bringing our US meds into Tanzania. In between his various meetings he had time to meet with his two daughters who are attending nursing school in the US, to check out a cattle herd with Dave Petty, and to combine soybeans with Kevin Fiscus.

Traveling to Florida, we met with Food for the Poor at their Florida facility. Floyd, Brad Krehlik, and Mark Aeilts from Meals From The Heartland, Eric Hanson and Dan Bolsem from KCCI went to Haiti to see that the meals packaged during the Meals From The Heartland event, were delivered and given to the needy. They helped unload a container of KAH meals which were packed in Des Moines and sent to Life Line in Haiti, and distributed meals to the children at Life Line.

Saturday November 8, we attended the 1st KAH packaging event held in St Augustine, FL. Dianna and Jim Starke did a fantastic job and their group packaged 30,400 meals! These meals will be used at the food pantry in Jacksonville. Steve Popper held a KAH event the same day in Naples, FL and packaged 285,000 meals!



Packing Kids Against Hunger meals at St Augustine, FL

Thanks to everyone for making this a memorable mission and a great couple of months. Thanks for helping so many people!

This being the season for remembering our many blessings and offering thanks, I want everyone we have met and shared our story with to know we appreciate your kindness, your generosity, and for sharing with others. We send you our love and wish you many wonderful blessings.

Kathy & Floyd