



Newsletter

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Hi Everyone.....

I was touched seeing this young lad sharing water with his thirsty little sister at the feeding programme. The drought across Africa continues to inflict suffering amongst the poor. Few crops have grown during past months and the little that have have escalated in price. Most living a hand to mouth existence in Utange haven't managed to harvest anything, the land is so parched. Communities are desperate. The bags of maize flour we hand out at FEED500 have increased in price 5 times in the past 2 months.



Traditionally the rains come in May and thankfully the rains have begun so praying this will continue. Meanwhile we struggle to maintain the levels of food we currently distribute to our 500 orphans, it's a lifeline for most. I'm reminded of a time when the delivery lorry carrying the maize flour to the feeding programme broke down. It would be 3 hours late. We told the children that we'd give them 2 bags the

following week so they didn't have to wait. They all sat on the ground determined to stay for as long as it took, saying they'd have nothing to eat during the week if they went away without it. My heart missed a beat at the reality of this.

Life at Casuarina House continues to tick along in our absence. We miss the children and are looking forward to our return in July.



We usually stay over at the Orphanage on a Thursday night when in Kenya. It's an opportunity for us to talk to the children individually and chat through any problems they may have. Our last Thursday before we left they presented us with a card they made (pic above) with lovely words telling us how much they were going to miss us. Our volunteer Kate helped them make it.

Whilst we're away House Dad Festus keeps in regular contact with news of the children. Our oldest boy Nicholas, 19 (pictured right in the Casuarina kitchen) is currently waiting to hear which University he has a place at. He'll start in September on a Mechanical Engineering course. He will be the first of the children to transition to Uni and we are all very excited for him. In the meantime he is a big help around the Orphanage and instrumental in planning the service and playing keyboard at Church Sunday.



If you would like to join us in Kenya this year and visit the children at Casuarina House and help feed the orphans on the feeding programme then join our Best of Both Worlds trip departing 27th October for 2 weeks. It's an opportunity to sample the "real" Africa and is a most unique and rewarding experience. After spending time in the village with the children you have the opportunity to go on safari and see an amazing variety of animals in their natural environment. On return spend time chilling out at the beautiful Severin Sea Lodge Hotel on the edge of the Indian Ocean: www.severinsealodge.com quite magnificent! Please contact me for details and information if interested in this holiday of a lifetime.

Thank you for your interest and support!

God bless,

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