



Newsletter

November 2017



Hi everyone - this picture was taken after FEED500 Saturday; Paul, Right, Dickson, Toby and myself relaxing after serving 500 hungry orphans. Our Casuarina lads volunteer, ensuring each child is given a big bowl of maize and beans to sit and eat in the church compound, then flour to take home. It's their way of giving back, serving those less fortunate than themselves.

I'm pleased to report that maize prices have remained stable the past few months. We've had quite a lot of rain, unusual for this time of year as we're heading towards summer but has meant crops are plentiful!

News from Casuarina is exciting: Nicholas our eldest boy is the first to begin university. Whilst awaiting his place he joined an intern program with a computer company. This fuelled a new passion that resulted in him switching his electrical engineering course to an IT course. He began at Mombasa University a month ago and is loving every minute of it. The Computer Co. were so impressed with him that they've offered him p/t work so he can earn a little between his lectures. We're very proud of Nicholas!



Angelina, 19 is our first girl who'll go to university. She almost missed her final high school exams as was in pain from a lump in her breast. She was operated on and the lump removed. I'm pleased to report it was benign. She's awaiting her exam results to see if her grades will allow her to pursue a journalism course. 7 more of our Casuarina children have left primary school and will begin high school next year. The children are growing up before our very eyes into confident young people. Their achievements are quite astounding given their tragic start in life.

Other exciting news is that we have enough funds to complete the 1st phase of Celebration High School....hurrah! We prayerfully expect to open our doors January 2019 to 100 orphans and other disadvantaged children. We'll be seeking sponsors for them all. Government education is free in primary school but sadly not at secondary level so the poorest don't progress any further. We'll be organising a trip for the opening ceremony for those who wish to celebrate with us! More details in Feb.newsletter.



We find ourselves now in our 10th year of helping orphaned children in Utange. When I look back I have to pinch myself at how far we've come. It's due to the wonderful support we receive. Thank you so much!

As Christmas approaches I've attached our appeal for those who would like to add the children to their gift list. You can also donate through our charity web site: www.utangeorphans.org. Please ignore if not.

Lastly, Element String Quartet are giving a concert to raise funds for the children, do come along if you're a lover of classical music: 11th Nov, 7.30 Bromham Baptist Church. Tickets £5 - £12 from charity web site or call box office 07967 149885: Click on this link for a brief video sample of their music: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1dNURKkkmEfYUVMaG81dDIPTTA/view>

Our grateful thanks to everyone who donates and/or fund-raises for the children. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Wishing you a Joyous Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

God bless,

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