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@ CHAWOLO

NEWS

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It is amazing how half a year (since we moved to Chawolo) passes so fast. This newsletter tells you about some of our last three month Chawolo experience

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Dear family and friends,

Another quarter past so a newsletter from Chawolo.

Renovation work

What we did not tell you in our previous newsletter was that our house wasn't (isn't) entirely complete. Though live-able, the living room was not complete. To sum the scenario; the inside was like the outside ☺. The challenge here is that since the living room was (is) currently under heavy/dirty work, we had (have) to avoid using it (but sometimes the builders do not turn back the next day or for some days so we have to use an alternative room for a while). Some of the outside work like the sock pit was not complete. For the last (almost) month, we've had some folks working on this. It is good to see the house changing. We will probably do painting next week (yuppie!).

Eugene and Jaimie



They are through with 3rd Grade and now officially have holidays (this is also nice for us, especially Wilma because it also means a holiday from homeschooling ☺). They are very

excited about the holidays though the environment is basically the same – home ☺.

They quite enjoy biking and playing soccer with the CDHope children and children from the neighborhood.

CDHope Ministry

CDHope Children

The Children are doing well at school and with the community. It is interesting to see that despite some of them having skipped a class, they are still among the best in their respective class. The only area where they seem to have it tough is mathematics.

They have began enjoying some “harvest” (basically maize which they love roasting ☺).

The children have also had a few cases of flu and malaria.

Thankfully, this has been treated by a local nurse in the community.

Benja has also had asthma attack. We took him to a clinic where he was treated against the attack.

Staff

We have four staff working with us and helping in different areas. It really is a blessing working with them. Every Monday, we have a meeting where we all try to be open and also use this as a time of getting to know each other but also a time to be on the same page in as far as the work/ministry is concerned.

Children's Ministry



Every Saturday, we have children from the community come to the CDHope base. Here, we share with them a Bible story, do some craft and coloring (coloring is for the

younger children) then sing some songs (often, we practice a song for the children to sing in church the next day, on Sunday). We have also done one afternoon just a movie (animation – Bolt).

We started with 50-60 children and now we have 170-215 children coming every Saturday. We feel really blessed and happy about this ministry. We heard from one parent that her children (who come to the programme on Saturday) have shown change in behavior... even singing some songs while working ☺
Tim and Jaimie were biking to the CDHope base and met a boy (probably 5 years old) who was singing one of the new songs taught in the children's ministry. Good stuff!

The challenges here are that we hold this programme from out (outdoor) so when it rains, we are forced to move into the CDHope building which is not large enough for so many children. Secondly, the age of the children ranges from toddlers to teenagers so we need to find something that can suit the various ages – for this reason, we now divide the children into two groups but still see a need for a third age group)

Community work

In our previous newsletter, we mentioned that we would like to start community work. Yes the children's ministry is geared directly towards the spiritual part of the community work but we also find it important to look at the social part of the community (regardless of whether the children attend or don't attend the children's ministry and also regardless of whether the adults attend or do not attend Church).

We have started visiting families and collecting different information about these families; how they live, what they eat, the various challenges they face etc. It is rather shocking to see how (much) many families struggle - Two examples:

A widow who is HIV positive and has 5 children. She has no income yet struggles to get her children to school (they have to get up at 4:00am in order to make it to school on time because they walk all the way to school and back – about 20km one way). They do not have bed sheets and sleep on the floor

A woman with 11 children in a polygamous marriage whose husband has practically abandoned her for the second wife. No financial support from her husband though they live in the same compound. One of her children is dumb and attends a school which does not cater for dumb children. This child does not like to go to school because other children laugh at him. This woman said that she feels like a widow – this is sad.

Indeed, we can see the need on various children at the children's ministry on Saturday ranging from lack of clothes to poor feeding, skin sicknesses and other illnesses, behavior problems and expression deficit.

We pray and hope that we can be able to help this community and the communities nearby.

Church

The small local church that we do attend is also growing. When we first came, there were between 9 and 20 adults. This number has now grown to between 35 and 45 adults. The community is getting passionate about the Church which is good. The number

of children in Church has also increased from a handful to about 60-70 every Sunday.

We've been requested by the Church to assist: Wilma to be the Sunday school leader and women's leader and Tim to do the planning and development (all these are new functions in this Church). We do feel honored (even though we said that we would first like to pray and think about it ☺).

In short, a lot is happening here. In all, we feel God's presence and touch. We really do feel blessed to be here and be part of CDHope ministry.

P & P

Praise

- Eugene and Jaimie's completion of 3rd Grade
- Continued renovations, making the house a nicer place to live
- The new community work started in Chawolo
- Growth of the children's ministry
- That it is going well with the CDHope children at school
- The unity within the staff
- For the good health (no Malaria especially)
- For God's continued provision. With this, we also thank you folks for the financial contributions and praying for us and CDHope. Be richly blessed!

Prayer

- For the challenges mentioned in this newsletter
- For the spiritual growth of Chawolo as a community. That Chawolo will continue to know Christ and will be a Christ-confessing community
- For the CDHope children – that God will continue to touch them and use them too.
- For the new community work – that God will guide us through the various challenges (emotional and practical) as we embark on the work.
- For the Sunday school that it may continue to reach out to the community and the surrounding... to touch more children and in turn, their parents/guardians
- We continue praying for a home school teacher for Eugene and Jaimie
- For continued and increased funding for CDHope and for us as a family. That CDHope work may be able to grow. We would also like to build a proper home/facility for CDHope
- For continued peace in the country
- For continued protection on the road and at home

Till the next newsletter, greetings from the Omalla's@ Chawolo

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