

The Holtums in Kenya – Prayer Letter No. 7

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Half completed church



Half completed Kuku shed

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Half way Review.

Bwana Asifiwa! (Praise the Lord) We feel a little like runners in a Marathon - we have come a long way but there is so much more. God's grace & your prayers & money as supporters has accomplished a great deal but there is so much more to be accomplished.

The Kuku Project now has a shed with chicks growing fast & due to lay within a few weeks, **Starays school** has 3 new classrooms and the nursery class will soon have a proper floor, windows, locking door, table & storage for some small materials. Children previously only had an exercise book, pencil & a few crayons! Money has also been used to support a Youth camp for 120 teenagers, leadership training for a pastor, discipleship materials for the 50+ groups at Kitere and some for teenagers, support for 2 orphanages, 2 Street boy's projects + various donations in kind. Ministry through Bible study groups, HIV+ homecare, schools work, teaching, evangelism & one to one encouragement can never be counted in financial terms but we pray will also have lasting significance.

Of course the major emphasis is the development of **Cell Church**. This is rapidly extending not only in the city of Nairobi but also in other regions. We are supporting 4 different models with churches and regions according to need and hope to leave something which the Kenyan church can sustain. Colin spends many hours on the computer developing the training for shared vision, and for training cell leaders & we share the teaching, including Kenyans wherever possible. Colin is also contextualising and writing cell group material for different levels & needs. We would like to be able to give each Cell Church a pack of Training materials including books from the UK, funds permitting.

Kitere church begun in November '06 has around 50 cells discipling new believers & is already reaching into its community through crusades and proposed church plants. We are hoping to donate some money towards the completion of the Church building. In January Fey presented a course on HIV/AIDS awareness and funds permitting a VCT (Voluntary Counselling & Testing Centre) will be established in this most needy area. If many people receive their HIV status at the same time it will require much support and sensitivity.

Prayer

* **Thanksgiving for safety, good health, excellent growing relationships & the joy of sharing vision & ministry with our minister Robin.**

***For wisdom in the development of cell materials & which ministry opportunities we should follow. Pray too that there will be Kenyans who will further develop it and that we will have God's wisdom about possible short return visits.**

***For God's guidance re VCT centre & adequate support & funding.**

***That friends & family visiting in April will have an encouraging & productive time here as they share.**

Encouraging Christian Growth with Glory Outreach Assembly, Nairobi

Pray for us that: *the things we have heard.....may be entrusted to reliable men qualified to teach others.*

(2 Tim. 2:2)