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## **Kangundo Medical Clinic Ready to Serve the Community**

Completed in April, 2015, the Kangundo clinic and health center will serve the immediate community of 20,000, plus a wider population of 100,000, many of whom are children and their young parents and caregivers, aged prematurely by harsh living conditions.

With its focus on preventative medicine, better nutrition, and improving controllable health factors, the clinic will help equip people with the knowledge needed to address threats from preventable diseases while providing easier access to basic medical attention.

Kizimani has also established a strong partnership with the local government hospital, where we can refer patients whose needs cannot be met at our Kangundo health center.

With this new health center, the Kangundo community will receive basic health care and wellness education, leading to a reduction in the impact of poor sanitation and preventable diseases, which often spiral into life threatening situations when left untreated.

*So much has been happening at Kizimani over the last twelve months. Construction of the community health center in Kangundo, Kenya, is complete and we look forward to an official dedication of the clinic on August 9<sup>th</sup> when the Summer service team will be in Kenya. The rebuilding of Jamii school in Langas, Eldoret is almost complete.*

*With your help, we envision expanding into other East African communities that could benefit from our model of empowerment and sustainability.*



## **Gifts of Hope: Meet Josephine**

Josephine's family of five lived in a tiny brick structure that had no roof. The little bit of plastic used for a roof was no match for the rainy season and life was becoming extremely difficult.

In addition, Josephine had no kitchen and cooked outside on 3 bricks. The family had no latrine and her children were unable to attend school for lack of school fees. Gifts of Hope are financial gifts given to those in dire need. Through this program, Kizimani built Josephine and her family a new home, provided a clean burning charcoal stove and supplied her with a proper kitchen. Her children now have enough mattresses to sleep on, and their school fees are being paid.

## Continuing work in Kangundo:

Since 2009, Kizimani has been partnering with MUE AIDS Group, a community based organization in rural Kangundo, Kenya, to meet the challenges stemming from HIV/AIDS and poverty. Here we support 40 family units the community leaders have identified as the most needy and desperate by providing:

- A monthly food program for grandmothers raising orphaned grandchildren.
- A school fees project that works closely with the administration in the local schools to ensure that the children in these families are not sent home for lack of school fees. Many of the widows who are being assisted by the community care group have little or no extended family support. For some, the in-laws are outright hostile and they have either been chased away from their matrimonial homes or have had their land taken away by the in-laws. This greatly undercuts their ability to provide for and educate their children or grandchildren.
- “Gifts of hope:” financial gifts with no strings attached. These are given to those who are profoundly poor or without an adequate extended family support network. This is often the case in areas where AIDS has displaced and/or dissolved families. “Gifts of Hope” help them pay for school fees for their children, add metal sheeting to leaking shacks, buy a milk goat or chickens, or take care of a myriad of other critical life needs.

## Save the Date

### Kenyan Tea and Annual Fundraiser

September 26



### Jamii School in Eldoret: Classrooms transformed with cement floors, lots of room and bookshelves

This year Kizimani also partnered with Basilus and Esther Ooko to rebuild the Jamii School, a community-based elementary school located in Langas. Langas is one of the largest slums on the outskirts of Eldoret, Kenya, located 5 hours northwest of Nairobi. Basilus and Esther are a local couple who have lived in the slum for most of their lives and wanted to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable children living in squalid and impoverished circumstances.



### How you can help:

\$350 provides 25 new desks that seat 2 students comfortably

\$100 a month pays for ONE teachers' salary. You can make a 12 month commitment

\$30 provides a daily snack for one child for 3 months

Donate books or school supplies

**Join us and  
change a  
community  
for the better**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to help KIZIMANI and make a difference, one community at a time

Gift Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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