

Kingdom Children Annual Report

> 2009



For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven



Kingdom Children

> equipping African Children for a lifetime of Kingdom Service

> about Kingdom Children

Kingdom Children is a Canadian Christian charity that ministers to orphaned and at-risk children in some of the poorest rural communities in Kenya. We partner with local churches to provide a deep Christian mentorship program that equips children with the knowledge and skills they need to live fruitful lives.

> from the Board

Dear Friends,

Last year we shared our hopes of expanding the Kingdom Children ministry into new communities. We felt this call after evaluating the pilot ministry in Mwatate, Kenya and seeing God at work among His children. In 2009, despite economic uncertainty, we began laying the groundwork for an orderly expansion. Our National Coordinator set up her office in Nairobi, and collaborated with a consultant and the local community in strengthening the curriculum and providing enhanced training for our club teachers. While this work goes on, there's still much to do.

Thanks to your generosity and the working of the Spirit, we are making a lasting difference in Africa. With your continued help, we trust God will bless many more children with His peace, joy, and love.

Thank you so much for your support!

In Christ,



Henry Hengeveld
Chairman of the Board



Why Africa?

Kingdom Children was called to Africa to help address the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS. Medical treatment and education have progressed in recent years, but it's already too late for millions of African parents who have died and left children behind. Without guidance, many of these children find themselves starting families at 12 or 13 years old. Others are forced into lives of crime, prostitution, drugs, and human smuggling. With choices like these, the cycle of poverty and despair is sure to continue. So why Africa? Because we believe that God has a plan for Africa and we feel called to play a part in that plan.

Filling the Void

Our ministry is designed for children in their formative years; we begin mentoring them at age 5, and walk with them until they graduate at 16. The curriculum teaches three key themes:

- 1) Know God,
- 2) Know yourself, and
- 3) Acquire the skills you need to make your way in the world.

With these spiritual and practical foundations, the children will be equipped to rise above their economic, social, physical, and spiritual poverty, and make a difference – in their families, in their communities, and beyond.

Good News Clubs

Much of the ministry takes place during Saturday 'Good News Clubs' when the children gather at four local churches for learning, fun, and fellowship. A typical day includes Bible study, praise and worship, games, sports, and training in life, agriculture, and vocational skills. The club teachers are members of the local churches, and women from the community volunteer to cook meals made from locally grown crops. So while Kingdom Children is supported by Canadians, the ministry is very much owned locally, and the community plays a big role in raising the children.

I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

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Getting ready to expand

Our expansion plans started to unfold in 2009. This section will give you a feel for some of the things we've been working on as we get ready to roll out the clubs to new communities.

National Coordinator Sets up Nairobi Office

Early in the year, Jocelyn Muraya set up her office in Nairobi. Jocelyn's roots are in rural Africa, so she has a good understanding of the local culture and tradition; plus, she has a heart for children and a deep love for the Lord. She's worked with several other children's agencies, and written development papers for the government of Kenya. We are truly blessed that the Lord sent Jocelyn to help us with the expansion.

Curriculum Development

When we start clubs in new areas, we will need a curriculum with simple lesson plans and teaching aids. We made great

progress on these materials in 2009. We sought the help of curriculum expert, Jim Vreugdenhil, who has worked for years with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools and WorldWide Christian Schools. Jim has helped us assess the unique needs and challenges in Mwatate. With his help, Jocelyn and the teachers expect the spiritual and life skills component of the curriculum to be complete by the end of 2010.

Teacher Training

The teachers are a key ingredient in the Good News Clubs. They're all members of local churches, and dedicated to the children. In 2009, we ran several workshops to show the teachers that children learn in many different ways. The traditional method of teaching in Kenya is lecture, so the teachers were thrilled to learn new ways of involving the children in the process. As we expand into new communities, we will continue to equip the teachers with training and coaching.



> plans for 2010/11

Moving forward

Here is what's on the agenda as we make plans to expand.

1. Expand in Mwatate – by inviting more children to join the clubs.
2. Expand into a new community by:
 - a. Partnering with a new church
 - b. Identifying the most at-risk children, with help from the community
 - c. Hiring and training local teachers
 - d. Finding local vendors to supply program materials



> kits 4 kids

Kits 4 Kids is an annual fundraising program that teaches Canadian children about service and stewardship. Participating schools and churches are encouraged to perform acts of service to earn toonies. The funds they raise are used to purchase program supplies from local vendors (goats, chickens, mango tree saplings, vaccinations, teaching materials, meals, and more). In 2009, 64 churches and schools raised more than \$13,000! Thank you for your willingness to serve.



> *get Involved*

Other ways you can help

Pray

Keep this ministry in your prayers daily. We can do nothing in our own strength – this ministry belongs to Him!

Become a Member

Join us! Become an active member of Kingdom Children, and make a real difference in Africa. As a member, you'll have a voice in the ministry; plus, you'll be able to help us deliver the good news of God's love and provide these children with critical life skills. To learn more about membership, check out our website at kingdomchildren.ca.

Supporters

Christian Reformed Church
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Anglican Church of Kenya
Pwani Christian Community Services

Employees

Jocelyn Muraya, National Coordinator in Kenya
Sara Byma, Administrator

Board Members

Paul Broekema, Mary DeVries, Henry Hengeveld, Toni Kampen, Jacob Kramer, Corrie Mulder, Geoff Weinstein, Lise Westerhoek

Be a Kingdom Children Regional Liaison

As a Liaison, you will act as a valuable link between our organization and your community! If you feel called to respond to the needs of children in Africa – this is a practical way to do so. We'll provide you with the tools to really make an impact. For more information email us! info@kingdomchildren.ca

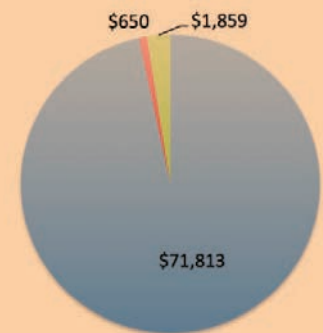
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Your gifts enable us to move forward. Please consider making a difference by donating today!



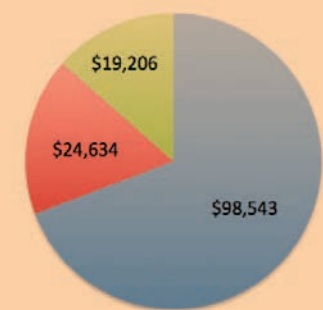
> *financials*

2009 Revenue: \$74,322



- Donations
- Membership Fees
- Interest

2009 Expenses: \$142,383



- Mwatate Program
- Fund-raising Cost
- Admin & Salary

2009 was a challenging year for Kingdom Children, as giving went down and program costs went up. Regardless of economic uncertainty, we will continue to move forward in faith as we follow the call to minister to God's children in Africa!

From the Auditor

It is my opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

G. John TeBrake
(Certified General Accountant, Ontario)

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These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7