



Kirindon Shallow Wells Project

Partnering to assist children and families in Kirindon, Kenya

God so loved the world that He gave. And as Calvary Chapel Sawgrass follows that example with generous financial support, the lives of children and families in Kirindon, Kenya continue to be uplifted, strengthened, and transformed. Your gifts for child sponsorship, the provision of potable water, and increased food security are a tangible expression of God’s love through World Vision to 20,000 Kenyans directly, and an additional 35,000 Kirindon residents indirectly.

Kirindon, located in the Kirindon division of the Transmara district in southern Kenya, is a location rife with challenges. While the national HIV prevalence in Kenya is 6.1 percent, it is 14.5 percent in Kirindon. AIDS in Kirindon is a growing problem because of local cultural practices such as female genital mutilation, polygamy, and child marriage. Little girls are a source of wealth and are married off at ages as young as 10. Children are among the most affected by the AIDS pandemic. Boys and girls who are orphaned* by AIDS often suffer from social, economic, and psychological problems. Many of them drop out of school to care for younger siblings. In addition, children whose families are critically ill with HIV or AIDS often spend time caring for sick parents or engaging in exploitive child labor to provide household income.

Recent challenges for Kirindon also are related to ongoing political strife. Amid claims of election fraud in the December 2007 balloting, rioting, looting, and terrifying violence broke out again in several regions of Kenya, leaving more 1,500 dead and many more with emotional scars that may never heal. Five of the 12 community development areas supported by U.S. donors—including Kirindon—were impacted by the violence. Households in Bunyala, Kabarnet, Kibera, Kirindon, and Soweto were assisted with food, shelter, blankets, water containers, mosquito nets, and other services. Although calm has slowly returned to Kenya, some families remain refugees.

World Vision’s development projects continue to address the ongoing needs in Kenya in spite of added obstacles.

**The United Nations defines an orphan as a child younger than 18 who has lost one or both parents. Children who have lost one parent are called orphans because even the loss of one parent, especially if that parent is the mother, often leads to the breakup of the family and a change in living situation for the child.*



Shallow wells, like this one at Kapsasian, and another at Chemamit were dug and fitted with hand pumps. Both projects were the direct result of generous funding from Calvary Chapel Sawgrass.

World Vision 2008



Medical camps were conducted despite the challenges of post-election conflict and displacement of families and children.

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Funds from Calvary Chapel Sawgrass in part were used to complete the Changina community borehole with a hand pump, seen above, supplying water to that area and to pupils at the nearby primary school.

Our heartfelt thanks

The partnership between Calvary Chapel Sawgrass and World Vision has resulted in more safe, clean water supplies, and support for the children and families of Kirindon, Kenya.

Your willingness to put your faith into action is resulting in improved health and quality of life for those less fortunate.

May God bless you.



A bicycle race was used to help raise awareness for HIV and AIDS prevention.

World Vision responds in Kirindon

Since 2004, World Vision with the support of individuals and churches—including Calvary Chapel Sawgrass—has worked toward enhancing the quality of life of children in the Kirindon. In fiscal year 2008 (September 2007 through October 2008), project accomplishments included:

Education - Helped 100 underprivileged students attend school with fee support. Twenty classrooms were constructed and equipped with desks. Thirteen of the classrooms are in use, with the remaining in differing levels of completion.

HIV and AIDS - Thirty-three HIV and AIDS awareness sessions were completed in the community, along with 12 medical camps for voluntary counseling and training, health education, and treatment. Trained 102 peer educators. Supplied school uniforms to 975 orphans and vulnerable children.

Sponsorship - Conducted medical checkups for 4,800 children. Created eight children's Bible clubs.

Water - One shallow well was created and fitted with a hand pump, and two 6,340-gallon water tanks were purchased and installed to serve the girls' boarding school and community resource center respectively.

Partnering with Calvary Chapel Sawgrass

Through the support of Calvary Chapel Sawgrass, water availability has been further enhanced. During fiscal year 2008, Calvary Chapel's funding resulted in drilling four boreholes, two shallow wells, and the development of one spring. Of the four boreholes generated, the ones at Changina and Emarti yielded water. The Changina borehole was outfitted with a pump, and the Emarti location has been fitted with screens and casings and will be completed with funds provided through another water and sanitation grant project.

Shallow wells were hand dug and fitted with hand pumps at Kapsasian and Chemamit. They are now providing water to those areas. Development of the Oloitiko shallow well is nearing completion.

The beneficiary communities of these water installations now have potable water throughout the year and are therefore less susceptible to water borne diseases. Residents now spend less time searching for water, and saved time can be directed toward gainful economic activities, and children now are able to spend more time on schoolwork.