

## Highlights from 2008

### 1) Basic Data:

Name of Project: Tuungane Amani Kenya (Coming together for Peace in Kenya in short TAK)

Location: Kenya, Nairobi, Central Kenya, West Kenya

Name of Local Partner Organization(s): African Inland Church

Complete names of Key Project Leaders: Pastor George Pile, Helene Van der Roest

Name of Person preparing this information: Helene Van der Roest

### 2) Project Highlights in 2008:

- The project has trained about 3000 community members of different communities in Kenya in Basic Peace, Healing, Reconciliation and mediation skills and formed 35 mediation teams. This is all done at the grass roots level.
- The project has mediated in the resettlement of 100 Internally Displaced Families in the different areas where other organizations were not successful.
- The project has successfully reunited communities, groups of people disputed, disputed families and mediated in solutions in Eldoret, Kisumu, Nakuru, Molo, Kisii, Nairobi and Kericho.
- The project has trained 20 people at the grass roots level in the different places as Trainers of Teachers (TOT's) in Peace, Healing, mediation and Reconciliation.
- The project managed to distribute food to 200 desperate families in January and February

### 3) Challenges:

Challenges are several as the reasons for the clashes are diverse and complicated. Every area has its reasons for fighting but bringing the reasons out is difficult. It takes patience, research and a lot of consultation to find the backgrounds of the clashes in the different areas. Many times, as the need for mediation is high, these reasons need to be found during the trainings.

Challenge we also face in working with different tribes. There is tension amongst tribes and although our mediation teams are from all tribes, their fellow tribesmen and women do not always trust them, as they see the mediators interacting with other tribes.

Another challenge is the distances. People who need to be resettled often live far and deep in the rural areas. Use of local transport is sometimes difficult and the mediators have to walk for hours.

New tensions arising or old issues not been mediated well bring sometimes resettled people back to the IDP camps. Luckily this has not happened yet with the mediations done by the TAK teams. The Tak teams are asked to help than again with the mediations they have not been done well but that is extra difficult as there is extra resistance.

### 4) Prayer Requests:

- Ongoing peace in Kenya but also elsewhere in the world
- Being able to really forgive each other
- Help to the many IDP's who have lost everything and are not helped by the Government with funds. They need to start their lives again after having lost everything.
- Pray for people who cannot go back. Some are not welcome anymore but have nowhere else to go. Pray that the government will find a solution
- Pray for wisdom for the government to sort out deep issues in the society
- Pray for wisdom and courage for the mediators to assist people in solving the conflicts