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CHILDREN IN ACHEGO PUTTING SOIL IN TUBES FOR TRANSPLANTING TREE SEEDLINGS FROM SEED BED



When leaving a community is an answer to prayer...

CRWRF first began sponsoring children in Kenya in 1978.

At that time, we partnered with the organization *African Inland Child and Community Agency for Child Development (AICCAD)* to support the Children's Rescue Centre in Achego. In 1991 we added the Tumaini home, and in 2012 we began supporting the Mufu home.

The Rescue Centres have workers in the community who pick up abandoned children and bring them to be rehomed at the centre. Rescue Centres home children from a variety of settings - some children come from broken homes, some have been orphaned, and some have families that lack the resources to support them. Some children enter the home as infants, and the oldest children in the home are usually around 16 years old when they leave after completing school. In some situations, the family home stabilizes and the children only spend a short amount of time in the Rescue Centre.

In 2016 CRWRF began to support family sponsorships in the community of Tamu. The funds provided via CRWRF are used for support groups and classes. The focus of the classes is to teach people about farming, keeping chickens, etc., in order to become more self-sustaining. When a community is stable and can provide for more of its own necessities, there is less poverty and fewer broken homes; this helps to preserve familial homes and thereby also reduces the likelihood that children will need to go to rescue centres.

The project at Tamu is in its final stage. With thankfulness CRWRF can report that the goals of the project - *improved livelihood of Tamu community through improved standard education, improved community health, and social-economic development of vulnerable households* - have been reached. As the project approaches completion, we ask you to join us in prayer - expressing thankfulness for the growth and improvements in the Tamu community, and asking God to continue to sustain the community, especially as the program facilitators move out of the region and hand over complete ownership to the community.

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SPONSORSHIP RATES

In the past CRWRF had set the monthly sponsorship rates at \$30 for families and \$40 for children. In an effort to realign these rates to a more accurate reflection of the support provided, we have increased the rate for family sponsorship to be \$45/month.

\$45
/month
per family



BOYS IN MUFU WASHING CLOTHES



CHILDREN IN TUMAINI PRACTISING A SONG TO PRESENT IN CHURCH

With the closing of the Tamu Community Project, AICCAD has identified Busia County as the location of its next project. Busia County has the highest poverty rate in Western Kenya, and has exceptionally vulnerable and insecure children. This project is scheduled to run from 2022 to 2028. AICCAD hopes to secure 300 family sponsors before the beginning of the project, and CRWRF has committed to supporting 100 families, as we did for the Tamu program.

Whether you choose to sponsor a child in one of the rescue homes (\$40/month) or a family in Busia County (\$45/month) you will be a vital contributor to these projects in Kenya. The recipients typically communicate with their sponsors twice per year - once at Christmas, and once mid-year. To sponsor a child through CRWRF, we encourage you to contact sponsorship@crwrf.ca.

THE BURSARY PROJECT

Three local committees, made up of African Inland Church (AICCAD) members and others, have been busy reviewing education bursary applications. These bursaries are intended for vulnerable children living in the communities around Achego, Mufu and Tumaini Rescue Centres. Some recipients will be children who were previously sponsored while living in the rescue centres. Although they have been reunited with their families, there are often situations where the family does not have money to pay for secondary school or vocational training. Other recipients will be from poor families such as those that have participated in the Tamu project.

Once the applications were reviewed, the local committees selected the applications from the neediest and most deserving children to forward to

Nairobi; and AICCAD staff then had the difficult task of selecting the bursary recipients. These applications were sent to the Education Bursary Fund steering committee in Canada for approval. We are excited to be able to support the education of the students chosen through this process, during the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Education Bursary Fund provides support through the income earned on an endowment fund held with Christian Stewardship Services. While there will only be 6 to 7 students supported in 2022, our prayer is to increase the number each year as the endowment fund grows. We are thankful for God's blessings on the time and efforts invested in setting up the Education Bursary Fund both in Kenya and in Canada, and for all donations received so far.



CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS – A DEVOTIONAL

This fall you'll find CRWRF's first devotional in your church mailbox. We hope this will serve to *educate* you on the work being done, *excite* you about how God is using your financial gifts, *encourage* you to find opportunities to get more involved, and *exhort* you to pray with us for this work and for our partners. Read this devotional with family or friends and use the discussion questions and prayer suggestions to grow in your faith together. We hope that as you journey through this book, you will be assured that when you *Cast Your Bread Upon The Waters*, God will establish the work of your hands (Psalm 90:17).