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JAMBO FROM KENYA!



Children in the Ngando slum trying to catch a glimpse of Mrs Odinga

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Queuing up to wash hands before lunch

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MALTESER INTERNATIONAL

EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR NORTHERN KENYA

We are very proud to have Malteser International present in Kenya. They are highly regarded here as one of the most professional and effective aid agencies operating in the country. We have been fortunate enough to visit their clinics in Nairobi where they both diagnose and treat tuberculosis and HIV patients.

In early December they organised several enormous lorries to deliver emergency relief aid to Northern Kenya. This was a very dangerous mission due to the high level of banditry on the route they had to take.

Our First Secretary, Alice Murphy went to the Malteser International headquarters in Nairobi to 'flag off' the lorries and to wish them a safe and successful mission.



MEDICAL CLINIC FOR TERRY HOPE ORPHANS

Four clinical officers from Malteser International visited the Terry Hope Centre in mid December to carry out medical examinations on all of the orphans. Most of these children had never received any professional medical treatment before and the most common ailments were worms and skin diseases. It was an important check-up to provide for the orphans that could not have taken place without the support of Malteser International.

We also arranged for several local and international journalists to report on the clinic, helping to raise awareness of the work that Malteser International and the Order of Malta carries out with the poor and the sick in Kenya.



KANGEMI RESOURCE CENTRE

The Kangemi Resource Centre is part of Orphelins San Frontiers East Africa (OSF EA), an Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) operating in Nairobi since 2006.

During the Lourdes pilgrimage in May 2009 the former Hospitaller of the French Association, Martine Jonet, approached us to ask for help with the project in Nairobi. Martine had known about it for some time as the founder, Alix D'Ansembourg, is a childhood friend of her daughter.

Alix needed some help and support and since June 2009 the Order of Malta has been assisting her as much as possible.

The main focus at the moment is to build a permanent structure to house the various workshops and facilities and OSF EA is delighted to have received some funding in early January 2010. The land is actually owned by the projects so offers great security for its future. Currently the computer workshop is housed in a rented building close by, but the high rent of the building severely restricts the development of the facilities.

Our focus now is to ensure that the necessary financial support is obtained, as well as assisting with the management of the project.

ONLINE SHOP - iCare for Africa

www.icare.co.ke

Although we announced the launch of the online shop in the last edition of Drumbeat we were, unfortunately, confronted with various time consuming hitches and, sadly, were unable to launch it in time for Christmas, as we had hoped.

We are now very pleased to announce that it is fully operational and we eagerly await your orders.

All the products are locally made in Kenya and the profits from the sale of the goods will all be put back into our projects here.

Here are a few examples of the range of products available:



Shoulder Bag



Terry Bears



Baby Slippers



Picnic Beakers

TERRY HOPE CENTRE



MRS IDA ODINGA

We were delighted to receive a visit from the wife of the Kenya Kenyan Prime Minister, Mrs Ida Odinga. She was driven into the slum with a police escort and you can imagine the delight on the orphan's faces when she leapt out of the car clapping and dancing to their songs! She brought with her boxes and boxes of 'goodie goodies' and some especially nutritious vegetable porridge. She stayed for about 45 minutes and departed to the sound of the children singing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. It was a very special and happy visit and she has asked to return regularly to see the orphans and offer her support.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The unexpected generosity of an anonymous donor allowed the orphans to enjoy a wonderful Christmas party. They played games, sang carols, danced and had a wonderful time – even organising a fashion show! They feasted until their little tumms were full to bursting. A very happy occasion.



CHRISTMAS OUTING

The children were taken on a special outing during the Christmas holidays. It was so wonderful to be a part of their excitement. They all got the opportunity to feed the giraffes by hand and to see the orphaned elephants.

They all looked great in their new red Order of Malta t-shirts.



HURUMA VILLAGE PROJECT

Sometimes in Africa things do not work out quite as planned. This has been the case with installation of the Meckow Aquapur unit in the Terry Hope Centre. Having received the funding from the Foreign Aid Service and many other generous donors to purchase the unit we discovered that the water source was no longer sufficiently reliable to provide the necessary volume of water to operate the unit. This was after we had sought expert advice. On top of this, as tends to happen when people smell money, spurious land claims were made on the site putting the longevity of the project in jeopardy; therefore we were not prepared to install any equipment there. This was after we had carried out due diligence on the land and spoken to the District Chief, and we did not want to risk the installation of expensive equipment when there was doubt over ownership.

However, we were approached by the wife of the British High Commissioner about a project in Nairobi. It was to provide clean, safe water to the Huruma village community of 800 families (approx 5000 people). The villagers were about to be cut off from their access of the City Council water, located 1km inside the nearby Karura forest, due to the erection of a large fence. There is a wide and fast flowing river bordering both the village and forest and this is a perfect source to power the Meckow Aquapur unit.



Views of Huruma village and river



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Embassy of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta was invited to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at the War Cemetery in Nairobi on Sunday 8th November. This was a real honour and we accepted with pride.

It was a beautiful service, led this year by the Sri Lanka Embassy. The weather was glorious and a large number of people attended.

We laid a large red and white wreath, in the colours of the Order. It was laid by Alice Murphy, First Secretary, and Terry Stobbs, Second Secretary.



Alice Murphy



Buglers



Republic of Kenya Army Band



Alice Murphy and Terry Stobbs

DONATIONS

We are enormously grateful to all those who have so generously supported our projects over the past three months. However, we would like to give special thanks to our major contributors:

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HOW TO DONATE

One of our difficulties is trying to anticipate possible donations – and, as you can imagine, we are failing dismally!

In order to assist our budgeting and planning, it would be most useful to us if you would consider donating on a regular basis. We could then prioritise the work that is required most urgently, as well as make firm plans for the future development of our projects.

We would, therefore, suggest that you consider setting up a Standing Order for your donation, and on the following page you will find a very simple form to complete.

We have a fundraising page on B My Charity. Please visit this and support our important work here:

www.bmycharity.com/V2/Orderofmaltakenya

There is also a fundraising page on Justgiving. Please also visit this site if you prefer:

<http://www.justgiving.com/fas/Donate>

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