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Re: Silent Auction Donation

In October 2004 I went to Kenya as a tourist. I returned with a passion to help the poor in a village (Nyarut Village) in western Kenya near Lake Victoria. I am very proud of the progress made over the past three years but it has been a long haul with pretty much a half time position for me as a volunteer and much of the funding from my own pocket. I am at a point where I desperately need more help....both financial and volunteer. I will give you a brief history:

- October 2004 – While on tour, I identified a need and a specific village, Nyarut
- February 2006 – I returned to do a needs assessment, looking at available food, water, education and medical facilities, & sustainability. Findings: they live in this rural area in extreme poverty with no clean water, little food, no mosquito nets, no medical etc
- April 2006 – A container of humanitarian aid goods were approved through ADRA-ASI
- May 2006 – A second container of goods were approved and both were on their way.
- June – Sept 2006 I returned to clear containers; I had gathered some funds to purchase mosquito nets and a couple treadle sewing machines and cloth.
- January 2007 – I submitted a long term community development proposal to the Alberta Government. This proposal included building and outfitting a school, a community centre with clinic, clean water program, education on hygiene and sanitation; small business; micro finance; irrigation and agriculture improvement.
- February 2007 – I returned to Kenya for one month to continue project planning (all these trips were at my own expense)
- April 2007 – the Wildrose Foundation Grant was approved as a matching grant....I began fundraising through private donors to match the funds.
- July - Sept 2007 – I returned to Kenya with Government and Donor money and with the assistance of a local Contractor, we hired the village people to build the school and we installed huge tanks for rain-water harvesting off the 9 classroom school roof. The primary school enrollment has since doubled to 250 children. With the arrival of the 2 containers, they now have educational and medical supplies and household goods.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- I will return Jan – April 2009 to complete Phase II: To head the building of the community clinic and teach the building and installation of biosand filters which will allow the water from the storage tanks and river water to be 98% free of parasites, bacteria, viruses, and protozoa....a far cry from the contaminated water they have been forced to drink in the past. This will increase their health and reduce the death rate significantly.

In order to complete Phase II we must raise \$25,000 to add to the remaining of the Wildrose Foundation monies. On Dec. 13th, 2008 we will be hosting a fundraising African Dinner, Entertainment, and Silent Auction to raise as much as possible. I am hoping that your organization will be able to make a donation to this fundraiser to help provide an improved life for the poor in Nyarut Village in western Kenya.

Thank you for your consideration and kind assistance.