

# The Machao Orphanage Foundation

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THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON ON EARTH IS THE HUMAN SOUL ON FIRE -- FERDINAND FOCH

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## "Phase II - Clean Water" Campaign

### WATER AND HEALTH

*"Nearly 90 percent of all diseases in the world are caused by unsafe drinking water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene. Clean water and sanitation are among the most powerful preventative medicines for reducing child mortality. They are to diarrhea what immunization is to killer diseases such as polio: a mechanism for reducing risk and averting death."*

- United Nations Development Program, 2006

This year, on November 25, 2010 - Thanksgiving Day, with your help, we provided clean water to the children of Machao Orphanage. Many thanks to Stan Patyrak and John Baker of Living Water International who partnered with us and provided the drilling and hand pump. We were able to move forward with only 70% of the funds. That still left 30 percent or \$2,898.00 that we had to raise. Good news. The members of Emmanuel Church in Burbank, California held a Thanksgiving Eve offering which covered the remaining balance. Dr. Carolyn Rowley, Founder and Executive Director, had the opportunity to travel to Kenya to be present for this monumental moment (see pictures on page 2 and 6).

The children were taken out of school in order to witness the installation of the pump. When the last bolt was tightened and from the pump emerged water, there was such delight to be had by all. From our hearts, we thank each and every one of you who gave towards the water project. Truly, you have made a difference in these children's lives that is immeasurable.

Thank You!

## Important Information

We are a non-profit, 501c3 organization. Our parent name is Cayenne Wellness Center and Children's Foundation. If your organization would like to add The Machao Orphanage Foundation to their charitable list, please contact us at 818.377.5120 or via email at: [info@machaoorphanage.org](mailto:info@machaoorphanage.org) for more information.

Ways to help ...

- **Fund the Power to the Children Project.** Write a cheque or money order to **The Machao Orphanage Foundation**. Mail cheque or money order to Attention: Dr. Carolyn Rowley • The Machao Orphanage Foundation • P.O. Box 3204 • Beverly Hills, CA 90212 • USA. In the memo field, please write 'Power'.
- **Pray** for the children, the matron and Pastor David who help take care of the children in the orphanage.
- **Become an educational sponsor.** Though Kenyan law was passed in the year 2000 that elementary education will be free and accessible, the orphan children will not be able to continue their schooling if there are no supporters. We are seeking individuals interested in sponsoring one child with his/her education through term 4 (US equivalent = 12th grade). Cost is \$1,200.00 US Dollars a year. For more information on how to sponsor a child's education, please feel free to contact Dr. Rowley via email at: [carolyn@gilderfluke.com](mailto:carolyn@gilderfluke.com).

## Letter from the Founder and President

Dear Friends,

2010 went by fast, didn't it? Before I knew it, I was sitting at my desk figuring out what to write to you and how to bring you up to date. Well, the biggest news is that the children finally have clean water thanks to Living Water International and our generous supporters. I flew out on Monday, November 22, 2010, arrived Tuesday evening, November 23, 2010 and pumped water for the first time on Thursday, November 25, 2010 - Thanksgiving Day. Indeed, what a day of thanksgiving it was. This was a very short stay for me, in that I had other obligations in the state and arrived back to California on December 1, 2010. Go to page 6 to see more pictures and the website for a complete report.



Living water ... aaahhhhh!  
Makueni, Kenya

On Page 3, our spotlight is the Love-A-Child Program. We still need a number of people to support the children of Machao. Of the 30 children in the orphanage, only two are supported annually. What does this mean? That the other 28 do not have new uniforms, shoes, and their school fees are not paid. We don't want any of the children to feel left out. For \$1,200 a year or \$100 a month, you can adopt a child and know that you truly made a difference. We will give you an annual report of your child along with an updated picture.

On Page 4 and 5, our Long Term/Short Term Missions spotlight is on Greater Height Mission Bible Church. They went to visit the children this past summer - July/August, 2010. They also delivered the disposable cameras that were donated by Kodak to help us start our photo project. Read on as they share their impressions and experience.

I would like to encourage you to consider making a donation to either Phase III - Power for the Children Project or becoming a Love-A-Child sponsor. Power for the Children is a project that will finally bring renewable energy to the children of Machao (see page 6 for more details). Consider holding your own fundraising campaign - bake sale, garage sale, tea party, walk a thon ... the ideas are endless. In

2011, we will begin a FUNdraising campaign that will place you closer to the children and Kenya through our 'The Sky's the Limit Photo Project'. You will be able to purchase prints of pictures taken from the perspective of the children.

We are grateful for your continued interest in supporting our work and for your kind generosity that makes it possible. *On behalf of the children, we thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated. Asante!*

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Carolyn Rowley,  
Founder and Executive Director



Water ... Happiness ...



## *Sponsor A Child Become a Love-A-Child Supporter*

Contact us via email or phone to request a DVD of all the children remaining to be sponsored. Once you have decided upon a child to adopt, we bring you annual updates with pictures and letters from your child. We ask that you seriously consider the commitment you'll be making. Sponsoring a child

is \$1,200 a year, every year till they graduate from Form 4 or Grade 12. The younger the child, the longer the commitment. Become the difference in a child's life and be the Power of One.

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LOVE - A - CHILD  
PROJECT AND  
THE POWER OF  
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Covers education  
Tuition and books

**\$1,200/YEAR**  
Covers uniform

**\$1,200/YEAR**  
Covers food/board

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Makes a difference  
in a child's life

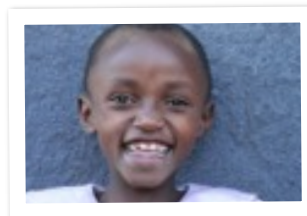
### PLEASE HELP

There are now 30 children at the orphanage and only two are being sponsored. We desperately need your help. The cost is \$1,200.00 per year till your child graduates from Form 4 (US Equivalent = Grade 12). If you have twelve friends and they each gave \$100.00, you all just adopted a child. If you all can agree to do this yearly, till your child graduates from secondary school, you have just made a difference in a child's life. If you belong to a sorority or fraternity, a book club or knitting club, consider adopting a child. Please answer the call and make a difference in a child's life.

### PLEASE HELP

### SYOMBUA KANINI

Syombua (age 6) is the youngest child at Machao Orphanage. Having just completed pre-school in



December, 2010, she will begin first grade in January, 2011.

You can share the load of sponsoring a child between family members, sorority sisters or fraternity brothers or from your alumni class. For \$1,200.00 a year you would provide Syombua with hope, with a vision, with a future.

**You can be the difference  
in a child's life!**

To sponsor Syombua or any of the remaining 28 children, call us at: 818.377.5120 or email us at: [info@machaoorphanage.org](mailto:info@machaoorphanage.org).

#### **How it works:**

Each sponsored child has a bank account here in the states as well as in Kenya. When fees are due for school, the money from your child's account is wired to their account in Kenya. Upon graduation from Form 4 or Grade 12, any left over monies in their account will be given to the student to assist with college or trade school. You, as the sponsor, can be proud for having given the gift of an education that many children in Kenya do not have.

Thank you in advance for considering this life changing experience!

**Be the Power of One!**

# Long Term/Short Term Missions

## GREATER HEIGHT MISSION BIBLE CHURCH - LOS ANGELES, CA (JULY, 2010)

A team of eight people from various Los Angeles area churches visited Pastor Joseph Mutunga in Makueni, Kenya from Saturday, July 24, 2010 through Saturday, July 31, 2010. The team was led by Pastor Calvin Sills. Pastor Sills is the Pastor of Missions at Greater Height Mission Bible Church in Los Angeles, CA. Pastor Sills met Pastor Mutunga and his family while they were in the US to obtain their advanced degrees at Fuller Theological Seminary. As a result of that meeting, a life-long partnership began. Pastor Sills has led several teams to Makueni and has been an avid supporter of the Machao Orphanage Foundation. The purpose of each visit is to ensure that the support is being used wisely; to see the progress of Machao; to spend time with the children; to encourage the Mutunga family as they continue to oversee Machao; and to bring back the needs of Machao to share with others.

The Machao Orphanage Foundation would like to thank the 2010 summer missions team for making a difference in the children's lives. The 8 team members were: Pastor Calvin Sills, Patrice Dupass, April Pendleton, Bessie Jackson, Geraldine Clemons, Darcus Allen, James Anderson and John Medley.

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY - PATRICE DUPASS

My name is Patrice Dupass, and I had previously visited Machao six years ago. I was so excited to see how Machao had grown since my last visit. All I can say is WOW!!! PRAISE GOD!!! Six years ago there was only one building on the property, and no bathroom or shower facilities (i.e., structure). Now there are two dormitories for the children; one for the boys and one for the girls. This structure also contains the Matron's quarters, a room for dining and homework, as well as an indoor kitchen. I was SOOO impressed. The original building is still there and now houses the director of Machao (this

building used to house the matron, a kitchen, and thirteen children in 3 rooms). There are also four toilets and five showers. One toilet even has been built like a "toilet" for those of us who are unable to stand. Currently there are twenty-two children who live there daily. The three other Machao children are away in secondary school, and only come home for break.

When we arrived at Machao on Sunday afternoon, we were greeted by the children. They sang for us. What beautiful voices. They sang a song that touched all of our hearts. By the time they finished, the entire team was in tears. One verse of the song says,

"Sometimes I feel so hopeless  
I find no joy within me,  
Then I turn to Jesus,  
He is my closest friend"



Photos:  
*Top left:* Patrice Dupass

*Immediate left:* Children singing

*Immediate right:* Children singing



## PERSONAL TESTIMONY - PATRICE DUPASS (continued from page 4)



We took disposable cameras with us to give to the children from Dr. Carolyn Rowley. She will use these cameras to make each child his/her very own picture book. The children loved this!!!! Once we showed them how to use the cameras, they enjoyed taking pictures of us and of each other. They love to POSE for the camera...such beautiful smiles!! One member of our team also brought each child a LAKERS T-shirt. They were so excited to receive their T-shirts. In fact, later in the week, we saw them wearing their T-shirts underneath their school uniforms.

During our stay we also had the children bring the bikes that Greater Height Mission Bible Church had solicited money to purchase. They were able to purchase three bikes with the money that was donated. The children really enjoy riding. The interesting thing was that only the boys (13 of them) knew how to ride. One girl wanted to learn, but was embarrassed to try. The other girls were not even interested. So while the boys took turns riding the bikes, the girls just stood on the side and talked with the rest of the team and sang songs with us.

I praise God for the children of Machao and the resilience that they display. We stayed at the parsonage of AIC-Wote (the local church). The church is directly next door to the primary school where the children attend. We had to take taxis the majority of the way to Machao, and then proceed by foot. We passed by a place where prisoners were making bricks (we actually saw the armed guards). We had to cross some fairly steep terrain to get to Machao. The children travel this same road entirely by foot twice a day to get to and from school. No taxis for them. The whole trip is by foot. We crossed over a small stream along the way which Sister Mutunga says can become un-crossable if there is too much rain. Just the little bit of water that was there made it very slippery and muddy. But each day that we passed the primary school, they would happily run to the fence to wave at us and tell us hello. We were unable to remember all of their names, but they remembered ours and would call out to us as we passed by going to town.

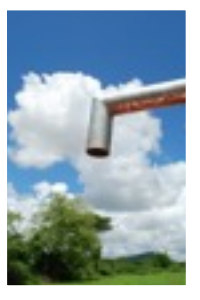
They are very special children. This is such a special ministry. The need in Makueni is great. There are more children on the waiting list for Machao than they are able to accommodate. Please join us (Greater Height Mission Bible Church), The Machao Orphanage Foundation (Founder and Executive Director, Dr. Carolyn Rowley) and Pastor Joseph Mutunga in praying that God will allow for the expansion of Machao. Pastor Mutunga's desire is to take in an additional fifty-six children, for a total of eighty children. I thank God for the opportunity to return to Machao and see the smiling faces of the children, to hear their beautiful voices as they sang praises to God, to hug the children and let them know that I love them and care for them. I can't wait to go back....



Boys with their Laker shirts and cameras



Girls with their Laker shirts and cameras



## Phase 2: Machao's Clean Water Project



**We have great news!** As of Thanksgiving Day, 2010, the children of Machao have clean, fresh water thanks to supporters like you.

## Phase III - Power to the Children

Electricity costs. Currently Machao uses paraffin to provide illumination which is toxic. Renewable energy can be particularly suitable for developing countries like Kenya. In rural and remote areas, like Makueni (where the orphanage is located), producing renewable energy locally can offer a viable alternative. Our desire is to provide electricity from solar panels. Renewable energy projects in many developing countries have demonstrated that renewable energy can directly contribute to alleviating poverty by providing energy for cooking, space heating, and lighting.

## How Much?

The cost to provide solar panels (and the labor) which will invert to electricity is **\$5,000.00 US Dollars.**

Help us help the children of Machao Orphanage by making a donation.

Make your check out to: *The Machao Orphanage Foundation* (memo field to read: Power to the Children)

Mail your check to: *P.O. Box 3856 • Glendale, CA 91221 • USA*

Thank you!

# FUNdraising Events

## Spotlight: Kick Off Summer Fundraiser

Way to go Langston Davis! In June, 2010, Langston Davis wanted to do something for the children of Machao. He decided to host a lemonade stand in his neighborhood. His idea and desire to serve kick started our Summer FUNdraising for Machao. Lemonade and cookies were available to thirsty pedestrians and those driving by. At the end of the day he raised \$136.25. Children helping children - now that's a good idea. If you would like to host a fundraising event, contact us for more information: [info@machaoorphanage.org](mailto:info@machaoorphanage.org) or call 818 377 5120.

## Spotlight: Emmanuel's Thanksgiving Offering

Every year, the elders at Emmanuel Church in Burbank, California, select an organization to sponsor for their Thanksgiving offering. We were pleased to find out that Machao Orphanage Foundation was selected to be the recipient of their Thanksgiving offering. All proceeds were to go to Machao's Clean Water campaign. On Thanksgiving Day, while Dr. Rowley was in Kenya for the celebration of pumping clean water for the first time, Emanuel E.V. Free Church raised over \$10,000.00. Thanksgiving Day, 2010 was indeed a day of thanks for many. Thank you Emmanuel Church for your continued support. If you would like to become a church partner, call us at 818 377 5120 or email us at: [info@machaoorphanage.org](mailto:info@machaoorphanage.org).

## Spotlight: Your name or organization can appear here in 2011.

Contact us on the endless ways to FUNdraise. Be the difference in a child's life. Support the Machao Orphanage Foundation.



Langston Davis, Lemonade Poster, June 2010



John Baker - Living Water Int'l, Kenya

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