

DARE TO DREAM



Dear family and friends,

July has been a month of productivity, learning, training, and fun! Relationships have really begun to build here in Kenya, from a mission team from America, fishermen in Nyachebe fishing village, another ministry in the city of Kisumu, and of course those working closely with Dare To Dream. We are excited to give you an update about all these things!

Fun Day:

SEEK hosted a Fun Day for all of the children in the surrounding communities. We would like to report that a total of 1,031 kids attended but with all of the kids sneaking in through the fences to join, the number was way bigger than that! With the help from a short-term mission team of 15 from Tennessee, the kids enjoyed carnival games, prizes, school

performances, skits, and lunch. Lunch for about 1,500 people – that's a lot of rice and beans!



Nyachebe fishing village clean up:

Family empowerment positively leaks into communities, and that is what we are beginning to see in the Nyachebe fishing village. SEEK has now partnered with officials of the village for multiple cleanup days, working to improve the overall sanitation in the area. Dare To Dream is working with a group of fishermen from this village in

business training, farming implementation, a micro loan, and discipleship. This group of five fishermen will impact each of their families and we expect to see a great trickle effect of empowerment in the Nyachebe community. If you want to find out more about Nyachebe or want to follow the progress of



the micro loan, then visit our website via this link: www.projectdaretodream.com/videos

Capstone Ministries:

It is always good to continue learning from missionaries who have been here for many years and have so much wisdom to share. We spent some time with a couple from America with incredible hearts for vulnerable and orphaned children. From sniffing glue and sleeping on the broken sidewalks in the city of Kisumu, Capstone Ministries has a groundbreaking program that reconciles the families of street children in Kenya. We had the opportunity to visit and learn from Capstone this month and were encouraged in many ways. One of the most encouraging things about Capstone is that they share our vision of having an alternative approach to helping orphaned children. Capstone takes their ministry efforts to heal and reconcile families of orphans and vulnerable children, rather than placing them in institutional orphanages. Although it is extremely challenging to help a family with a drug addicted father or abusive mother, healing and reconciliation are possible! Capstone Ministries have helped over 200 children return home within the last eight years and don't plan on slowing down. If you want to learn more about Capstone, you can visit their website at www.capstoneministries.org.



Business Training:

We've partnered with the Kenyan Institute of Business Training and Ministry of Trade to put on a three-day intensive business training on July 22-23. A total of 16 individuals, with backgrounds ranging from widows, to fishermen, to businessmen, attended the training and learned a great deal. We want to give a huge thank you to all of you who helped donate and sponsor!

If you are willing to support Dare To Dream, you can make your one time or monthly donation to:

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We were able to sponsor half of each person's cost – encouraging them to invest in this training and their pursuit of the knowledge. At the completion of the training, all of the participants felt much more equipped and eager to implement their new skills. One of the most outstanding participants, Lilian, mentioned that she attended the conference not only to improve her business skills, but also to empower the widows that she counsels. She has always felt confident in giving advice and mentorship, but weak in her attempts to help these widows become able to financially sustain themselves and their children. Lilian was excited to extend the newly learned information to the widows she works so closely with.

Read an article about the business training here:
www.projectdaretodream.com/business-training



The Dreamers:

Hellen:

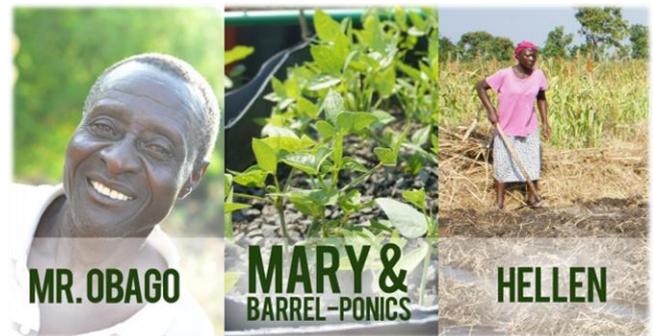
Hellen was a participant in the past business training and has also received a micro loan for a water pump, pipes, fertilizer, seeds, etc. We are excited and impressed at her initiative in business as she sells tomatoes to the local market.

Mary Mora and barrel-ponics:

The fish are growing and so are the green plants in the barrels! Visitors are shocked when they see how green and strong the plants look by being fertilized by the fish poop and growing up from small gravel rocks. Mary continues to minister to each guest that comes to check out the system. She tells them how even through detrimental trials of life, God is great and blesses abundantly.

Mr. Obago:

The first Dreamer, Mr. Obago, is determined to continue dreaming and we are more than happy to watch him grow in this process. After realizing the success of his mango tree grafting, he began investing more in that portion of his business while continuing to improve his farming because of the water pump made possible by the micro loan.



Thank you for staying connected and reading another update. Your continued support and abounding love mean more than you know.

Blessings and love from Kenya,

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