



DARE TO DREAM



Dear Family and friends,

In this update you will find both good news, but unfortunately also tragic news. We hope that our update will be encouraging even when reading some hard news.

Hellen and Staff

Some of you who have been on this journey with us since the beginning you will remember Hellen. Hellen was part of our very first group of people who received our business training and also a micro loan. She has been farmer for multiple years and been successful at it as well! With DTD she was able to get a water pump, irrigation pipes and a water tank. She became a role model to many in the area and an example of what hard work, determination and success looks like.

One day she was not feeling well, she went to the local hospital and not much later got into a coma. Doctors referred her to another hospital to get a CT scan, she got the CT scan and was then taken to a different hospital. There she passed away.

Hellen was not just a person in our program, she was a person who showed us that people here in Kenya can change their lives. She is a hero to us, and to the people she was able to touch.

Right now we are talking with a local school where her children have been going to, to see what will happen to them. We want to make sure that they are cared for and are able to continue with their education.

Continue to keep her children, Michael, Boniface, and Sylvester, in your thoughts and prayers.



Besides what happened to Hellen, two other people who work with DTD have been hospitalized with serious injuries. It looks like we are trying to be stopped and discouraged, by these events, from the work that we are doing. What we're doing here, and what we are part of, is making a change in the communities that we work in. Thank you to who financially support us, because of it we are able to help care of the people around us. We ask you to continue praying for our staff members.

Medical Clinics

In June we started our medical clinics with doctors and nurses from the US in partnership with CMN's clinic here in Kenya. So far we have seen and treated thousands of patients.

My primary job with these teams have been help running the pharmacy and getting the prescriptions ready for the patients.

We have two more teams coming up this summer for medical clinics, and then we have one more coming in October.

It has been great meeting new people and also seeing people again from last year. And since the work is so different, it has been a nice change. Although it does make managing the other programs slightly harder.



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Farm and Land

In the end of May we were approached by someone and mentioned to us that they are wanting to sell their land, and they are looking for a buyer. When it came to me my first thought was, that would be nice, but there is no money for that. After a few days we received some extra money, and I was able to plan to use my personal support for the next few months to fill up the rest. We got to an agreement and we are processing the papers right now. It will still take a few months before we get the title deed, but we have been given temporary ownership.

In October we are planning to start working on this land, together with some friends from YWAM. On this land we will be setting up three things. Rental homes, onions, and fish ponds directly connected to the lake.



The rental homes will be able to provide our security for the farm and potential hippos coming in. The onions, well, they are just onions. But the fish ponds is going to be a fun one. We are going to set up 4 ponds that are all connected to the lake by canals. This allows water to flow freely in and out of the ponds providing fresh water, and also extra nutrients. Now we can keep fish in a pond without them

tasting like pond fish. We will filet the fish and sell them, but the skins we will use for our Fish Belt business called Vis.

All these things are a part of helping DTD become more self-sustainable.

New Loans and a Break on Loans

Last April we were able to have our first business training with a group of pastors from Suba/Mbita. We have visited them at their businesses and some of them are now ready for a loan. We will get them started in a few weeks time when our summer teams are over. Some of the pastors were calling and asking if they couldn't start earlier, but we told them no. We did this because while we are having the summer teams, we would not be able to focus on how their progress is going.



In Mbita we will give out one more loans in July and then we will take a break with giving out new loans for 6 months. We are going to do this because of the situation with our staff. Our program is only working if our staff can fully engage, and at the moment we can't. We are going to finish with those who are in their payment process right now, and give out one loan to Shadrack who has been faithfully waiting for us. During this time we will be able to focus on our staff, re-organize, and get ready to continue with our financial empowerment program by 2017. We will continue with our business trainings, visits, and mentorship program, because we want to stay connected to the community.

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This does not make us sad or see like we are failing at anything. I believe it is good to take a step back and evaluate on how the project is going, and think that right now is the right time to do so. We are very excited to see what will be able to come out of this time of reflection and evaluation. And we know that our service to the people around us will be better than ever.



Thank You

As always I would like to finish by saying that we are so grateful for all of your support, if it is through finances, prayers, thoughts, messages or in action. Especially your encouragements during some of our rough times have been incredible, and they show us that people believe in us, and that keeps us going.

If you have any questions about our program or events that are taking place, please feel free to contact us, and we would love to connect.

Love and blessings,

Bob
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