

### **Friends of Nehemiah**

*As I sit down at the computer to write yet another newsletter I need to pause and bring you greetings from Kenya, from and all the incredible people our Nehemiah Team has had the honour of working with over the past 12 years. The Kenyans are a very social people no matter what tribe they are from and because someone from Canada has come to lend a hand in their country they consider anybody we know as their family and friends. That being said I also know that many of you have been with us from the beginning so NCM also considers you as family. For 12 years we have been going to the Turkana desert and even though many of you may never get there you need to know you have been a huge part of an incredible journey and the transformation of 10's of thousands of lives.*



Saying goodbye for the first time 12 years ago

### **Looking Back**

*Looking back is not always comfortable , but I think it really helps us to put into perspective the things we are doing great and the things that need to change. 2015 was a year of many trials but also a year of great success in many other areas. One of the things I like to do when I share about Nehemiah with churches, business people or just friends and family is to share "The Story." The Story is a study that has changed my way of thinking. Its written with 2 perspectives: The Lower Story and The Upper Story. In my 12 years of working in the Turkana Desert I can honestly say that I understand the lower story as it deals with our frustrations, struggles and even tragedy...everything that happens in our daily grind. Also in the same breath I am starting to understand the upper story (Gods Story) and how over the past 12 years and more, God has been working, moving and strategically orchestrating a plan that we have know clue of and we can take no credit for.*



Dave Nelsons first of many trips to Turkana

*That being said I am in awe of the incredible things that we see happening, from needs that are being met to people seeking Jesus and to know this God that we serve. Most exciting for me is to see all the people He is bringing together to show His love for the Turkana people.*

### **2015**

*Some of the great things we have seen in 2015 was the growth of the local church and the great job that Pastor Wilson and his dedicated team of men and woman are doing to bring the*

Gospel to the Turkana people. We have a team of 2 young Turkana man that are totally committed to living out in remote villages to share the **Jesus video** in the Turkana language which I must say has been an invaluable tool for the past 10 years. We have an ongoing **education program** that is now turning out Turkana youth who we are hoping to be tomorrows leaders in their own community. **The children's home** is not going exactly as we had hoped but non the less it is making a difference to 3 Turkana boys that would have probably died by now if we had done nothing.

As I keep writing and sharing facts I am getting more encouraged by the minute however there one project that we have been struggling with over the past couple of years and that is the **Drilling project**. We have had many struggles from staffing problems to breakdowns and the remote area of which we are working in to name a few. With that being said I have to keep reminding myself that we are in the Lower Story, but like I said before, The Upper Story is something we have no clue about. (God's Story)

I had been struggling with what we should do for months and even though we had a great fundraiser (The Water Run) I still was having difficulty planning the way forward without seeing major changes in the drilling project. Stewardship and integrity are a big part of how Nehemiah Construction wants to be known. The middle of October came and I was planning a trip to Kenya but its difficult to make plans just to make plans. I knew that some things had to change but was not sure what God had in mind.

That's when it happened (God's Story) I received an email from a guy which isn't that unusual because I get emails from all over the world asking for different things. This time it was different, it was a guy from Anchorage Alaska, he had been praying for 2 years about using the gifts that he had been given to help people in Kenya. Larry Falldorf and his wife Joyce had been to Kenya twice before and felt that was where they were supposed to help. Larry started searching the internet for information about bringing a drilling rig into Kenya, but found our website site instead.

Long story short, Larry and Joyce have decided to join the Nehemiah Construction team and help us in the path forward, OH, sorry I forgot one small detail Larry is a very experienced Percussion Driller who has had years of practice and experience on a rig just like ours!!



Kids drinking water from wherever they can quench their thirst

## **Moving Forward**



Larry Falldorf and I checking out the jack shaft

Larry, Dave Nelson and myself met in Kenya in late November to discuss and access the drilling rig and from there we made a plan to meet back in the desert in January to rebuild the rig. When we bought the rig it had many hours on it but we were able to nurse it along to a point



Joyce Falldorf

that we had just about completed 39 1/2 boreholes. Our decision to shut down half way though a borehole I believe was the right one, as we were not to far from some very serious problems.

As we started to strip down the rig to the bare bones we were able to see exactly the repairs that needed to be made. At this moment I am happy to report that all the parts that we need for the rig (that is about 50 years old) were found in the UK an USA. As you can well imagine getting them to the Turkana desert will take nothing less then a miracle. That being said we are also in need of finances to rebuild the Drilling rig. By faith we are moving forward step by step to bring Life Changing Water to the Turkana people for years to come.

**What can I do**

It is a sad truth that many people look at a problem or a challenge and think it is just to big or that someone else will help or worse yet they think it may just go away. The truth is the poor and needy will always be with us but it doesn't mean we can not make a difference. We have heard the words "your wasting your time" many times but all I need to do is look back and know that there is real change happening and the only credit we can take is that we said yes in Faith and kept moving forward trusting God. We have started to raise funds to complete the repairs on the drilling rig, we need to raise about \$65,000.00 CDN , but if you break that down to the 40 wells we have drilled already, and another 50, 60, or 70 we will drill in the next 10 years it really brings everything into perspective. To date we have raised about \$30,000.00. We believe there is no price that we can put on sharing the gospel with the Turkana people and the benefits of providing Clean water to this region. Below is a breakdown of 2016's projects and the financial needs to complete them.

Project and Costs	CDN	USD	Pounds Sterling
Rebuild Drilling Rig	\$65000.00	\$46750.00	£32500.00
Ongoing Operations	\$200000.00	\$143800.00	£99700.00
Seismic Tools	\$35000.00	\$25000.00	£17300.00
Living Accommodations	\$30000.00	\$21500.00	£15999.00
Church Building	\$21000.00	\$15000.00	£10500.00

**If you feel a passion to join us in rebuilding the drilling rig, Please contact us as soon as possible and we can direct you in the best way to make a donation. Remember no amount is to small and many people working together makes the burden light.**

**New Mailing Address**

Nehemiah Construction Ministries  
 Box 23029, Medicine Hat  
 Alberta, T1B-4C7



The Boys are proud of the garden



Spinach is ready to eat and sell



Finishing touches on the water tank



Some Enjera and an ice cold stoney for lunch



New paint on our storage container and water tower



School children at the IDP camp



Larry & Zeddys cleaning parts