

## To all of our supporters from Derek and Ruth Moores in Nairobi May 2010

### We made it and Thank You

Our last newsletter was just before we climbed Mt Kenya. As many of you know we all made it! A huge thank you to those who made extra donations for the work of MAF - over £1,300 has been very gratefully received. We really enjoyed the fantastic scenery - didn't enjoy the cold nights - but were extremely blessed with the weather. Two weeks later our guide, Mary, was with her next clients and there was snow and no views from the top at all.



Our group at Lenana Pt.  
Mt. Kenya

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### Elections here and there

It has been fascinating following the UK General election, and the following days, from here. The TV debates were broadcast on some of the Kenyan TV channels, and watched by some of our church home group. We were impressed that they could name the party leaders. There was much relief that the presidential elections in Sudan went off relatively peacefully. Many organisations withdrew for the period and MAF flew many fewer flights in April. Thankfully the demand for flights is increasing again now. The political hot topic in Kenya is the publication of the Proposed Constitution in advance of a referendum in early August. About 90% of it seems uncontroversial but there are sections about land issues, abortion and khadi courts (family law courts for Muslims) which are being keenly debated.

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### Treating the Jiggers

On a recent Saturday morning I (Derek) gathered 10 passengers and set off for Marsabit in N Kenya. The group, organised by Karura Community Chapel in Nairobi and subsidised by MAF, comprised volunteers, media people and a celebrity (Miss Kenya 2005). Marsabit is a green oasis town built on the shoulder of an isolated small mountain (by Kenyan standards) surrounded by arid semi-desert. After a short cramped drive from the airstrip we joined a pastor and more volunteers in church grounds where a number of local people were waiting for treatment. After a short prayer and a briefing by the team leader, the first patients were registered and moved on to the treatment area. Jiggers burrow into the skin, usually on the feet but sometimes on the hands and lay eggs.



Jigger-infested toes

The wounds become infected and painful resulting in loss of mobility, such that children do not go to school and adults cannot work. Treatment consisted of washing the affected area with soap and water, then immersing those areas in Potassium Permanganate solution and finally applying cream to moisturise the dry skin. Each patient, and they ranged in age from toddlers to the elderly, was given soap, Vaseline and nail clippers to continue the treatment. Over 100 people were treated during the session and a news report of the event made it onto national TV and newspapers. Feet aren't really my thing (too far away) so I helped by keeping the supply of bowls of clean water or solution flowing.



## Building a School in Loki



The next week I was based in Loki flying everyday into S Sudan for SIM, Sudan Partners Int'l and CMA. Some days I was back in Loki by early afternoon which enabled me to visit the building site where Kea Arnlund, Loki Base Manager, and his wife Birgitta are building a school for a Turkana community who live on the edge of Loki town. After starting a "school under a tree" for the community children they raised funds in Sweden to put up a 4 classroom building plus kitchen block. As I joined the local workforce the final area of iron sheet roof was being attached and work was starting on the kitchen roof. The finished roof looked remarkably even given that the wooden roof trusses were assembled from wood that came in all shapes and sizes. Kea's standard of workmanship has given the workers new skills and abilities that hopefully will enable them to find work on other building projects. The inauguration date for the new school was 15 May, unfortunately I wasn't able to be there but it was good to have assisted in a small way.

## Green Kenya



The "long rains" in Kenya usually last from April through to June and this week we have had some particularly heavy rain. But unusually there has been some rain throughout Kenya since the drought broke last October making all Kenya green.



The 2 photos were both taken at Lake Nakuru

National Park - the rhino when it was very dry last August, and the giraffe in March when we went with Helen and Johnny. Plenty of grass for the grazing animals. The recent maize harvest has been good too. The dams are full again so more electricity can be produced using hydro-power which is cheaper than using diesel generators.

Thank you for your support and prayers, and we ask for your continued prayers.

- Give thanks to the Lord that the presidential elections in Sudan have been quite peaceful. Pray for confidence to return and that MAF's resources can be fully utilised. Pray for good health and energy for Ruth Haley who is serving as the Juba Base Administrator for 6 months. Give thanks for her willingness to serve the Lord.
- Praise the Lord that Derek and Ruth should be grandparents this month as Ian and Claire are expecting a baby. Please pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. Pray for smooth travel arrangements when Derek and Ruth travel to meet the new arrival in June.
- We are expecting to be with MAF in Kenya until April 2011. Give thanks for all the people who are supporting us and the work of MAF financially and with their prayers. Please pray for our continued good health, safe flying and opportunities to serve the Lord.

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