

*Barnabas Ministries Africa  
New Life Home Trust*

## *Kenya Famine Update*

*October/November 2011*

### **CRY WATER**

When we turn the tap on and water comes gushing out, it is hard to imagine that to millions of people



around the world this is just a dream. For us to whom tap water is a reality do we take time to make a difference by participating in a water project that will bring a smile on a face and the light of day to another human being?

Having walked in many barren places in Kenya and seen people walk for many hours to get their daily supply of water - water has now become a precious commodity to me and a gift to thank God for. Why this drought emergency in the Horn of Africa and Kenya? Following unfavourable October to December 2010 short rains, food

security amongst pastoralists in northern and eastern Kenya and in rain-dependent marginal agricultural areas sharply deteriorated.



A severe shortage of grazing resources resulted in abnormal migrations, whereby pastoralists travelled long distances and often moved into areas of limited pasture and water. Competition for scarce water and grazing resources has resulted in increased inter-communal conflict. Between January and May 2011, resource-based conflict resulted in at least 112 deaths - a 65 percent increase compared to the same period in 2010.

Official figures give the total drought-affected population as being between 3 and 3.5 million people and the food-insecure population in drought-affected areas as 2.4 million people. This is made worse by the influx of refugees from neighbouring Somalia and Ethiopia. UNHCR reported that approximately 8,000 people arrived at the renowned Dadaab refugee camp in May. As of June, the Dadaab complex hosted an estimated 357,000 refugees, 94 percent of whom were Somali. Shortages of safe drinking water continue to increase the risk of water-borne disease. **BARNABAS MINISTRIES Africa (BMA)** and its daughter organization **NEW LIFE HOME TRUST (NLHT)** have for many years been reaching into Kenya's north coast region bringing hope through drilling 25 bore holes, installing water tank storage and water pumps to help alleviate the suffering of millions of people.

Carefully monitored by a relief team drawn from churches in the region, at present 2,000 children are being fed every day and given fresh water. Communities are also benefitting from a nearby borehole in contrast to a crocodile and disease infested Tana River. When the drought is over **BMA** and **NLHT** will continue its thrust amongst these people by providing them with an ongoing agricultural education and with alternative plants that resist the arid conditions. We will also provide seed for the subsistence farmers, further boreholes, animal replacement for those lost in the drought and other community related projects. The most effective way people can assist these ongoing relief efforts is by making cash contributions to the **BMA** and **NLHT** relief operations.

*Statistical research: USAID*



## **CURRENT STATUS**

Funds Received to Date:           £ 26,592   equivalent to KSh 4,400,000  
  \$ 17,996   equivalent to KSh 1,900,000

Children and Adults Being Fed:    approx 2,000 a day

Boreholes Drilled:                 2 in August at Lazima and Ziwani  
  3 in September at Garissa, Marafa and  
  maktab

Water Tanks Purchased:            2 in September at Hurara A and Hurara B

## **APOLOGIES TO HUMEDICA INTERNATIONAL AID**

We apologise for printing incorrect details in the last update about the donation made by Humedica International Aid (HIA), and thank our friends there for bringing the error to our attention.

The correct details are as follows:

Milk Powder           625 kg

Dried Soup            1,875 kg

## **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

We plan to purchase and mount 3 more water tanks at: (1) Golbanti, (2) Judea (Oda), and (3) Koreni. Another borehole is yet to be sunk at Vumbwe.

# THANK YOU!

**Barnabas Ministries Africa** and **New Life Home Trust** wishes to express its appreciation to everyone that has given towards any of our famine relief projects to help relieve the hunger-stricken people of Kenya. We are well aware that without the generous support from donors and friends we would not have been able to respond with the speed we have.

**Clive & Mary Beckenham**  
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AS YOU GIVE,  
OUR TEAM WILL RESPOND TO THE HUNGRY

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