



## BETHEL RAYS OF HOPE MINISTRIES

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER UPDATE ON BUILDING

in the trenches



kitchen



Bethel Home



We had a team of 5 workers leave for Kisumu, Kenya on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with an additional 3 joining our group later on. Despite the extreme heat (32-34 C) we adjusted quickly and started to work, building the home that was needed for the orphans.

Over the past couple of years, we have limited our intake to very few because of our temporary accommodations. But now with the building of the new home, we can now start to take in more children and that is the reason for the ministry.



Fencing of the property was completed and papaya trees & bougainvillea were planted along the fence

We worked alongside a group of men who, by the end of the 10 weeks, we could call friends. They joined in with us in our task of trying to complete this work quickly. Each morning we gathered for a short devotional time, prayer and the tasks for the day. It took 3 weeks for us to get out of the ground and actually start putting up the walls but in the 7 weeks remaining, we left the home with 90% of the construction work accomplished. The remaining work was then to be completed by the men that we had set in place to complete it, under the supervision of the Chamahs.

They will have the dedication of that building and the ministry itself on either May 4 or 11 and they will officially move in at that time.

**And now the real work can begin!**



Pictures of our team: Jack Harrison, Brad Warkentin, Zach Sawatsky, Dave Derksen (above), Randy Porcher, Pastor Chamah (with the white hat) Edith Chamah (red shirt), Joan Porcher, Sieg Grafe. (missing was Craig Ozirney who came later)

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The world of technology is great! Google maps had already updated their maps to include the second floor of the home (the bottom arrow). The white dots are the floor panels in the bedrooms & the grey is the cement walls. The property is one acre and the house is on the bottom left corner of the property and the other 3 arrows show the other 3 corners. You will also see

For decades, the HIV/AIDS pandemic has ravaged all levels of society and has presented particular challenges for the poorest of the poor. Children, left with either one or no parent to care and help them. They struggle on their own but for many it is a life of deep poverty and hopelessness. They may be taken in by a grandparent or relative but these often cannot even feed themselves let alone more children or pay for education and medical attention.

Located between two slum areas, our hope is to be able to use Bethel Home, not as an "orphanage institution" but rather for those who have no relative/family to care for them, giving them a home with a family environment to grow up in. We provide food, education, medical care, clothing needs, all in the context of a Christian home setting. Teaching the children the good news of the gospel of Christ and helping them to come to know the hope and friendship of Christ personally.

But there is more.... We know that there are orphans that can live with their auntie or grandparent but still lack the basic necessities of life. For these children we want to provide the same things but they would come to Bethel Home to receive daily food, education, medical care; the same as the other children, but then they return home at the end of the day to their relative. We also then hope to introduce the gospel of Christ into these homes.

**This is a huge undertaking** and one we cannot do ourselves.

We know that that it takes \$50.00/month to actually feed, cloth, educate and give medical attention for each child. We know that once the Chamahs are living at the home, they will start to "receive" children on their doorstep – because of the number of children who need care.

Can **we ask you** to join us in a regular monthly donation of whatever amount you wish, to help us care for these future children? **We cannot take in more children until we are sure that we can financially support them.**

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*Religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.* James 1:26-27

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- **PAYPAL (ON WEBSITE)**
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**Reminder: Your donation goes totally to the support of children.**

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