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AUTUMN - THE BEAUTY OF THE EYES

Fall is a transitional season from warm summer to cold winter. Well, this is the thing we have got used to. But in Equatorial Kenya it is a transition from cold, damp and chilly rainy season to a hot summer – the season of drought. By the end of November the rainfall reduces and it gets dry and sunny.



CONSTRUCTING MISSIONARY COMPLEX

In the September and half of the October we had guests from Ukraine, who contributed much to all of the services: school work, clinics, and especially on the con-



struction site. In autumn the finishing work was carried out in the building of outhouses – there would be a kitchen and accommodations for guests. Very soon we could accommodate people who would



come to help us and to get acquainted with missionary service: to feel all the delights of the missionary lifestyle. Water, electricity are already available, the building will soon be in use. During the autumn a great job had been made: we made



the bricks for the walls of the main building (Church and school). Here in Kenya, it is cheaper not to buy the bricks but to make it out of clay and to burn. It is a time and effort consuming job, but it is financially profitable.



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STUDY FOR JOY!



Three months of autumn is a school term. In September the children returned from vacation, and in mid-November the next holidays started. For many children the term was not ordinary: at the end of it more than 30 guys not just passed the final test, but also passed the exam for admission to public school. For them studing at school "Heart of

Help" was over and they started training in secondary school.

The knowledge they would be able to get there, could provide them with the opportunity to receive professional education and work. To successfully pass the test for admission into secondary school, a child had to be able to read and write, to have the necessary level of basic knowledge, that he received in our missionary school.



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The most important and striking event of the fall was the adoption of children: 7 kids from our orphanage were accepted into the families. The decision to give children to normal families had been boiling round in our heads for a long time. We realized that the conditions we could provide



our children with, could hardly substitute the family. What was more, the collective accommodation of a large number of children had an obvious negative educational effect. We prayed and fasted for

full-fledged Christian families who could adopt our children and where they would get love, care and education. As a result, 4 families from our Church volunteered to take the kids from the orphanage to take care of them and educate. At the end of the Sunday service we prayed



together with those families, and blessed them and the children who would become the new members of the families. We

prayed and asked God to give wisdom and love to parents to accept the kids as their own.



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MEDICINE IN KENYA – A VITAL NECESSITY



In September, we made a planned trip to the desert: the project "Children of Kerio" is still on the go. We distributed to the families of widows food rations, spent time with the Turkana tribe, talked with



people, preached. To make the people there accept you not as an alien, not just as a strange "white man" who came from afar and who was restrained from all of your problems and troubles, you need to live near them, to understand their way of life, culture, tradi-



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tions, mentality. Therefore, the time spent in the desert was not spent in vain. With each of our arrival, we become closer to residents, to better understanding of their needs and problems, and they better understand us.



Medical service was held as scheduled: 2 clinics per week for street children and



slum dwellers, ligation – almost every day, as we do get patients with injuries,





ulcers, requiring surgical intervention and subsequent daily dressings. In the fall epidemics of ty-



phoid and malaria are on the decline, but, nevertheless, many team members and guests were taken ill with the diseases.



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Thanksgiving day, or the joy of harvest



The autumn ended with the thanksgiving - holiday, during which we



thanked God for all His gifts in the past year, for the harvest, as physical, gathered in the gardens and fields, and spiritual – the modified and saved souls of people.



Our plans and needs



Our needs are families for the orphanage children, assistance in working with homeless children (we need people and resources), a team doctor, God's

guidance and assistance in services that we already have.



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