



SWAHILI FOR "THOSE WHO ARE GUARDED OR PROTECTED"

Mission Statement

Walindwa is dedicated to improving the quality of life of, and bringing hope to, the children of Kenya and their families by showing God's abundant love and compassion through education, food and shelter, healthy living, and the spreading of Christian values. These essentials will empower children and youth to become adults with integrity who are self-sufficient and responsible members of society.

We chose the name Walindwa because it means "those who are guarded or protected" in Swahili.

Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong (EBCCK)

EBCCK in Kenya is working in the lives of children so they will be better equipped to transition into adult society. Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong is home to children who come from

non-functioning or deceased parents. It is located on 9.3 acres in the Rift Valley Province, Nakuru district, and is served by 7 staff members and 8 Kamonong community board members.

The programs at this home are supported thru churches, missionaries, and individual donors. Our prayer is that contributions will provide nourishment for the children physically thru meal programs, emotionally thru personal necessities and spiritually thru God's provision and Christian education. It will empower the children to become adults with integrity who are self-sufficient and responsible members of society. Currently there are a total of 67 residents, 28 primary, 18 secondary, 12 college and 2 in polytechnic schools.



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 1:27

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Mission Celebration November 7

Join us on November 7, 7:00 pm in the chapel at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church. Will include a report of the current trip to Kenya! Everybody Welcome!!

Solar Lantern Project

The “Light up Kamonong” solar lantern project, was a concept of donating solar lanterns to the Kamonong Community. We received donations of \$10 each and purchased 124 lanterns (our goal was 50) in Nairobi. The distribution took place in December 2011. The company that supplied the lanterns at a bulk discount is d.light.

www.dlightdesign.com

Solar Lantern Project II

On average, over 180 Maasai women from local villages, in the Talek region, craft beaded jewelry at Basecamp Maasai Brand. The beautiful beadwork and other handmade products created by these women have become their sole income in supporting their families. The Maasai often live in “mud huts” with no access to electricity, proper sanitation, or clean drinking water. Last month 200 small lanterns and 10 large lanterns were delivered to these hard-working women and their families!



Benefits of Solar Lanterns

- Eliminating or reducing the number of kerosene lanterns can result in a significant cost savings for a Kenyan household, since families may spend 5 – 30% of their monthly income on kerosene oil.
- Kerosene lamps create indoor air pollution which claims the lives of 1.5 million people each year, with over half the victims being under the age of five. Kerosene lamps can also cause death by fire, burns and suffocation. It’s not uncommon to see an adult in Kenya who was severely burned as a child from a kerosene lantern.
- Every year kerosene lanterns are responsible for over 100 million tons of CO₂ emissions. One single kerosene lamp emits one ton of CO₂ over a five year lifespan.
- Kerosene lanterns emit fumes and poor light quality, creating a poor study environment. The bright and clean environment created by solar lanterns can increase the available studying time for a child from less than one hour per night to four or more.



Land Project

The Elma Barnett Children's Center has come a long way since 2004! Over the ensuing years, God has done amazing things in the lives of the children at the Center. An abusive Headmaster has been exposed and replaced. There is a new 9.3 acre site, there are separate dorms for boys and girls, there is an enclosed kitchen/eating place, an administrative building with two classrooms where the primary children are taught using biblical based curriculum, a well to provide water to supplement the rain water collected in cisterns, and a portion of the food is grown on-site by the children. Secondary students are funded for high school and some have even graduated to college/university studies. The orphanage now houses, feeds, educates and loves approximately 67 AIDS orphans, street children, and other disadvantaged youth in a solid Christian environment. Approximately one month ago, God presented EBCCK with an opportunity to take this project to the next level. A neighbor, who owns an adjoining 14 acres, approached the board offering to sell his land. This was truly an answer to prayer. From all discernible angles, this property would be a perfect addition to the site. It would allow the farm to be expanded and not only be able to grow almost all the food needed for the children, but allow some excess that could be sold at the market. The farm is a classroom where the children are taught "Farming God's Way", as well as allowing them to contribute to their home. Teaching them the business of farming would be extremely valuable job experience. The added land would also allow the Centre to support some animals (cows, goats) and to build a separate dorm for the children older than 17, who by Kenyan law are not allowed to live at the orphanage itself. The new site also sits next to a road which is much better maintained than the current road fronting the Center, and even more importantly, there is access to electricity. The board members at EBCCK (i.e. the local Kenyans) have negotiated a price of \$35,000 for 14 acres of property and are praying to be able to move quickly on completing the purchase. With this land comes electricity and potential: the potential to build a dormitory for the higher education students associated with EBCCK, the potential to sow more crops to feed the children being raised and educated at the home; and the potential to raise livestock to increase the EBCCK level of self-sufficiency. Currently we have raised \$25,000 of \$35,000 for an additional 14 acres alongside the current acreage. Our prayer is that donations will come in to fully fund this project. If you feel led to partner with us in the land project please feel free to either contact us or to come along side us in prayer! Thanks and God Bless!

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