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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Kenya.

It is hard to believe that it is only 4 more months before the end of the year yet it seems like the year started only a few days ago! The past eight months have indeed been very challenging in various ways. None the less, we thank God for all the blessings that He has bestowed upon us, our biological family as well as the MCF fraternity.

Over the last 8 months, we have witnessed the existing MCF network in Kenya expand as we reach out to more under privileged children, orphans, destitute, abandoned, neglected, child mothers, HIV infected and affected as well as other vulnerable children. Over the past 17 years, MCF has witnessed over 1,680 children successfully go through the program. Currently, MCF has 530 children in MCF Ndalani & Eldoret and 146 in MCF Yatta. Within our rehabilitation programs in Vipingo in Mombasa, Kipsongo slum in Kitale and Kangundo, MCF caters for 219 and 196 and 198 children respectively, thus bringing the total number of children under the MCF umbrella to 1,289. These children receive the basic needs as well as education, spiritual nourishment and family love. We praise God for all of them!!

We are happy to inform you that our agriculture department has been expanding by the day. MCF will have its first harvest from the newly completed greenhouse in the next two weeks!! praise be to God. It is our hope and prayer that the greenhouse will assist us in having a higher output and increase in productivity. This is due to the conducive environment that the vegetables are grown in. There is also minimal spread of disease as there is the use of pumice stone rather than soil. The greenhouse will also help us save the scarce water at our disposal due to the introduction of the drip irrigation system in the greenhouse.

Ndalani, being a semi arid area with scarcity of water, has been experiencing relatively cloudy and cool weather, with no rain. Several families planted soon after the rains came in March/April this year. However, the rains did not last long enough to see the crops grow to maturity. Due to this, the crops have dried up at very young stages thus indicating that there is a possibility that this area will experience the much dreaded drought once more especially beginning October this year. Please pray for provision for these families.

We are happy to have been able to harvest some water in the MCF Yatta dam since the last short rains in March/ April 2006. We also introduced some fish fingerlings in the dam and we are happy to hereby inform you that we will have the first harvest of fish for the children in the next few weeks!! We are planning on expanding the fish farming project by introducing fish ponds around the main dam. We are pleased to hereby inform you that Plans are in the advanced stage to send one of our boys to USA to be trained on aquaculture for a period of 3 months. After the training, the young man will come back home to effectively improve the fish projects for better high standard performance.

I am pleased to inform you that on 26th April 2006, we witnessed a very colorful graduation ceremony of 103 girls from MCF Yatta. These girls graduated after receiving training in our

various technical courses such as Hairdressing, Dressmaking, Tailoring and Clothing design, Micro finance, Agriculture as well as guidance and counseling. Praise God for them!! It is our sincere hope and prayer that the skills that they learnt from MCF over the last 3 years will enable them start a new life and become self reliant as well as be able to contribute positively towards the support of their families and communities around them.

Last Sunday, we also witnessed the baptism ceremony of 117 MCF beneficiaries. It is such a blessing to see these young people commit their lives to the Lord. As we were celebrating in MCF, the angels were dancing in heaven. What a blessing this is!! It reminds me of the last baptismal service which was held at Ndalani, in the same venue, in which we witnessed more than 67 young people whom I baptized along with 5 Christian brethren from Toronto Canada. It is my hope and prayer that more children and people from different countries will be baptized next year.

The number of destitute, orphans, street children, neglected, abandoned, commercial sex workers and all other categories of children in need of care and protection is rising at an alarming rate in Kenya. Mully Children's Family is privileged through God's providence to conduct a rescue program all over the country which has just been completed. We hope to enroll 200 of the most needy girls from different parts of our country, to MCF Yatta for rehabilitation, where they will also undergo vocational training. We believe that we can make a difference in the lives of the girl child, including child mothers. These girls will report in MCF Yatta in October this year for a 3 year course. It is always a big challenge to reintegrate them into MCF rehabilitation programme away from their former life full of hopelessness and immorality.

We are very pleased to inform you that one of the girls who went through the rehabilitation and training program in MCF Yatta had a colorful wedding on 5th August 2006. *Mary Ramadhan was a destitute girl born on 28/05/1982 in a very poor polygamous family of 9 siblings, Mary the first born in the family, experienced a lot of difficulties and lack of her basic needs in her early childhood life. The poor Tanzanian family offered very little to meet her basic needs. Instead she was forced to get married at a very early age. Were it not for Mully Children's Family, Ramadhan's life would have been devastated. She was rescued in the year 2000 and was enrolled in Grade 7. She later joined MCF Yatta Vocational Centre where she pursued a course leading to a certificate in Hairdressing, Tailoring & Dressmaking as she accessed care and protection. Mary graduated in the said course in 2005 and got married to an Assistant Pastor of a church in Nairobi. Indeed the MCF family continues to grow!*

The children are doing well and every day Esther and I always say Halleluiah to God for sustaining them when we see every child with a big beautiful smile. Though the children take time before getting transformed, they respond positively to the rehabilitation program something of which we can only thank God for. Currently, the children are very busy preparing for their end of term examinations, after which they will have a two week break. It is with alot of joy that we would like to inform you that 2 MCF beneficiaries graduated on 29th July 2006 from 2 different Universities. One of the boys graduated with a first class honors degree in Agriculture

and Education while the other graduated with a degree in Theology. This is a great encouragement and a great breakthrough for the MCF fraternity to see young men and women who were once regarded as the scum of society, graduate from Universities and colleges with such good grades and the determination to change their lives as well as the lives of their families positively. We thank you for your continued prayers and support for these young people. We will have 8 more graduation ceremonies this year from different Universities and colleges all over the country. We are indeed very proud parents!

Since the year begun, we have witnessed over 300 visitors, both long term and short term, local and international, who have come to visit MCF. We thank you all who have been able to come spend time with us and the MCF beneficiaries. We had a good time with all who visited as they got an insight on the wholistic and core values of MCF. Thank you for your encouragement, the love that you showed to the children as well as the hard work in the classes, farm, devotions, home department, building and construction as well as in evangelizing to the community and slum dwellers. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We would like to thank you all for standing with us in prayer faithfully and tirelessly as we prayed for our son, Isaac, who was going through a court case which has been quite difficult for him and the whole family. In early May 2005, Isaac was driving the MCF accountants from the MCF Nairobi office to MCF Ndalani so that they could carry out their official duties. As he was driving, he had a head on collision with a drunk man who was riding a bicycle. The drunk man turned abruptly from a footpath onto the road and then was hit by the car that Isaac was driving, after which he died a few hours later while undergoing treatment in hospital. Since then, Isaac has been having several court mentions and hearings while trying to determine whether he was on the wrong. This tragedy necessitated that Isaac travel a lot to and from Thika town to attend to the same. This in turn interfered with his University studies and performance. I am pleased to hereby inform you that the court just issued the verdict of Not Guilty! The reason being that the prosecution did not have enough evidence to prove their case and the drunk man was on the wrong. In the event that he was found to be guilty, he would have been jailed for 10 years as well as had his driving license cancelled. We really praise God for this victory. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers for Isaac. May God receive honor and glory!!!

We are pleased to inform you that our son Kaleli, who has been heading the farm department in Ndalani, has been accepted to study at Daystar University, Nairobi, to pursue an MBA in finance and administration beginning 14th August 2006. This will be a 2 year program. He will

therefore be working part time in the MCF farm while he attends school in Nairobi. Our young sons, Isaac and Dickson, also joined University late last year and early this year respectively. They are both taking an undergraduate degree course in Information Technology and Business Administration & Management. We would like to kindly request for your prayers for all of them as they study and find the right paths that they want to take up in future. Please pray for provision for Kaleli and Isaac's University fees that we will have enough for them. We praise God for provision for Dickson's fees through a Dear Australian family friend.

Of late, my heart has been praising the Lord, seeing many prayer requests answered!! Please pray for my health as well as Esther's as we continue to serve God's children. Kindly pray for the stability of my blood sugar level as the pressure of work continues to mount.

We count ourselves very blessed to have you all as our friends, supporters and prayer partners. You are important corner stones in MCF and we appreciate your efforts. We wish you blessings in all that you do.

Yours sincerely,

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