

MCF NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY 2006/VOL.2/06

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Mully Children's Family (MCF). It is our sincere hope and prayer that you are doing well.

MCF would like to thank you for all the support financially, in kind and most importantly through prayers that you have accorded to us for the past years. Indeed we have been blessed in a great way through you and we are ever so grateful for this. So many children in difficult circumstances and helpless situations have experienced real love as they especially face their future with confidence.

As you may be aware, Kenya has been undergoing one of the most difficult times in its history especially with regard to the drought that has shaken our nation. For the last 3 years, Kenya has been experiencing very dry spells with very little rain during the expected rainy seasons or even at some points absolutely no rain at all. As I write this email, more than 3 million Kenyans are facing severe drought with hundreds dying of hunger as well as thousands of livestock, including camels dying due to lack of pasture and water.

Recently, in the past month, several families around the Ndalani area have lost their loved ones due to starvation. This indeed was one of the reasons as to why MCF decided to share the little food that we had in our stores as well as the vegetables that we produce both for our own consumption and for export. We did not have enough to give them for many days but we believe that we did the best we could with the limited resources at our disposal. Still, we have identified a few very poor families in our neighborhood especially the old grandmothers who have grand children left behind by their daughters and sons as a result of HIV/AIDS pandemic. These families can not afford a meal let alone medical care, for the children under their care.

When I think of the present situation in Kenya, my heart is really saddened and we are truly praying and crying for help from the Lord. The weather patterns have been very unpredictable and there have been absolutely no signs of rain, neither clouds in the sky with a promise of any rain. Majority of the rivers as well as dams in our country are running dry and the levels have gone very low. Our Thika river, which we have been using for many years to provide the much needed water, is no exception to this predicament as it has gone very low such that we are currently using the stand still water that is in the very deep parts of the river, so as to provide us with water for irrigation. We have currently cut down on the amount of vegetables and French beans planted both for our consumption and for export due to the very hot temperatures that we are facing as well as the very little water available to water the plants. In the event that we plant many seeds, we are afraid that our seeds will dry without germinating and that way, we will loose both the seed and the crop that was to be. It is a big challenge to the MCF fraternity with so many children and workers under our care.

Food costs have gone up in Kenya due to scarcity of the same. This especially has affected the purchase of Maize and beans as well as Maize flour and rice, all of which are the main staple food for MCF.

We have been faced with alot of difficulty to purchase enough food for all the children under our care and protection due to limited resources and the high cost of the same. It is with this in mind that I would like to kindly appeal to you to please consider to assist us in purchasing enough food for the children as our stores are running dry. Your earnest prayers to God for mercies of rain to Kenya will be more valuable than ever.

Per day, the MCF homes consume;

3 sacks of Maize
1 1/2 sacks of beans
2 1/2 sacks of maize flour
4 sacks rice (Per week and not per day)

It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to raise enough funds to purchase

504 bags of maize @ US\$ 23.19 per one 90 Kg bag
252 bags of beans @ US\$ 57.97 per one 90 Kg bag
420 bags of maize flour @ US\$ 30.43 per one 90 Kg bag
96 bags of rice @ 24.64 per one 50 Kg bag

all of which will last MCF for a **period of the next 6 months** as we pray that there will be rain and that our crops will grow in good time.

Please pray about this need and share with those close to you so that a miracle can happen as we are in dire need of one.

Wishing you God's blessings,
In His service,
Ev.C.M.MULLI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.