



EMERGING HUMANITY

NEWSLETTER



In August, we installed over 28,000 liters of rain-water catchment systems.

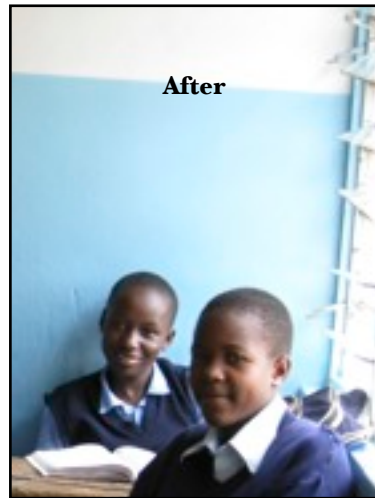
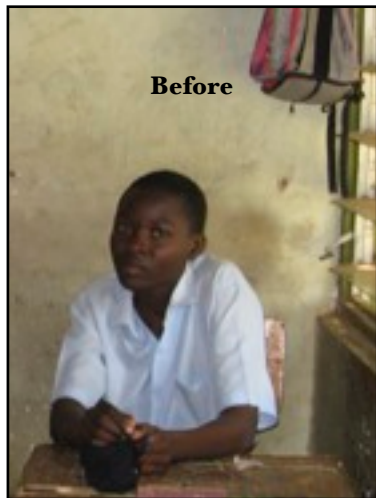
The water is now serving over 4,000 children at two different schools, and it is being used for hand-washing, drinking, and cleaning of the toilets and the classrooms.

Thanks to a donation of 4 water tanks by the United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF), we were able to install the water systems in time for the short rainy season. In Kisumu, it normally rains in the evening, so we designed the systems to fill up after just one hour of rain which means the students have full tanks of water available to them when they arrive at school in the morning



All 18 classrooms painted at a school of 1,000 kids

At Ezra Gumbe Primary School, the classrooms had not been painted in over 25 years. Last month, we painted all 18 classrooms with bright white and blue gloss paint. The new and improved learning environment has affected 970 children from the ages of 4-15 years old. Our enthusiasm for this portion of our 'school projects package' comes from our desire to nurture the psychological well-being of students who often spend up to 12 hours per day learning inside of four dreary walls. We are planning to paint two more schools for a total of 80 classrooms painted by the end of the year.



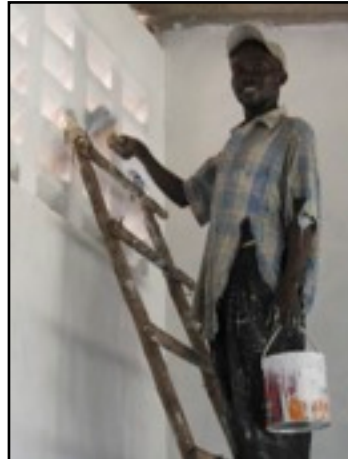
It's not too late to donate. The holiday season is drawing near.

The Riordan Family Foundation has agreed to match all funds we raise this year up to \$30,000! Since our June Newsletter we have received a total of \$8,000 from supporters around the world. All of this money will be used to achieve our goal of helping 20,000 children in Kenya.

If you would like to become a cornerstone donor, your donation of \$250 or more will be matched by the Riordan Family Foundation so that it has double the impact on these children's lives. As a token of your heartwarming support we would like to send you an Emerging Humanity t-shirt so that you can show others in your community how you are part of a global team working for Humanity.



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We have started construction on the new toilets at Migosi Primary School and they will be finished by the end of this month.



We are building 8 new girls toilets, four new boys toilets, and a boys urinal at Migosi Primary School which has a population of 2240 students. Prior to building these toilets, there was a ratio of 140 students to every one toilet. Once completed our project will increase access to proper sanitation by 50%, lowering the ratio of students to toilets to below 70:1.

Update: youth-employment

The construction industry and agribusiness sectors have the capacity to absorb many of the thousands of unemployed youth in Kisumu, and we are taking concrete steps towards converting these opportunities into real jobs for youth.

In the past two months, our school improvement projects have employed a team of 19 young people, and at our youth-employment initiative in Kibos we have created six permanent positions this year.



Three of the permanent positions have been formed through the cultivation of chili peppers which we began growing last year. Under the guidance of James Oindo, *Bustani Letu* signed a contract with a pepper processing company to grow chili peppers for export. We are now expanding the enterprise to include more youth and more land.



In the picture on the left, James is holding cayenne peppers which were grown by youth in the Kibos region. Kibos is in vital need of a new cash crop after the cotton and sugar industries have failed to provide income to the rural area poor.

World Youth Congress - 2008

At a conference in Quebec City this August, Bart Abbott spoke about Emerging Humanity in front of 600 youth delegates from 110 different countries. The panel of dignitaries present at his opening ceremony speech included: Her Excellency Michaele Jean - Governor General of Canada, Mr. Sha Zukang - UN Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Dr. Kandeh Yumkella - Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).



Bart's speech highlighted the work which Emerging Humanity has already accomplished in Kenya, as well as its goal of helping 20,000 children.

The conference was also the world premier of our 3 minute promotional video which was written and edited by Kevin Riordan. We will be posting the video on the Emerge website shortly, but in the meantime it can be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeJK4GbcjBk&feature=related

For video of Bart's speech visit:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=88njFxKMfP4



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