



Summer Greetings from all of us at Joining Hearts and Hands!

We have been busy both here and in Africa since talking to you last. We are pleased to share our progress with you today.

Fairport Music and Food Festival

Come see us at the Fairport Music Fest this Saturday. We have had a booth for the past three years. We are on Liftbridge lane Space S-22.

<http://www.fairportmusicfestival.com/>

We will have Kenyan jewelry, colorful kangas, and more, and we'd love to see you! It's also a great time to get information on sponsoring a secondary student.

IGLA (Income Generating Learning Activity)

Our micro-business projects are doing very well. The widows of Lufumbo at St. Patrick's Church are raising chickens. The sale of the chickens will bring a better life to the families of over 25 widows.



St. Patrick's Widow's Group Poultry Project

Construction Projects

Usambara Girls School-Tanzania

The economy has made keeping our construction projects on schedule a significant challenge. In spite of the downturn, we continue to struggle forward.

Earlier this month we completed a three-classroom block at Usambara Girls School in Korogwe, Tanzania. The current Form I students of this brand new school will be entering the new classrooms for their Form II year which begins in January.



Joining Hearts and Hands just finished the construction of these three Usambara classrooms!

Lufumbo School Renovation

We are rebuilding 4 classrooms at Lufumbo Primary School. We hope to finish this 4 classroom block by the end of the month. Students are on break in August and with a bit of luck the classrooms will be ready for students on September 1.



Lufumbo 4-Classroom block under construction

Iranda Latrines

There are no latrines left at Iranda primary school. As a result, we are currently building 16 units for the children. The construction should be completed within the next 30 days.

This unhealthy situation has been a problem for quite some time. We had to wait for the rainy season to end to commence construction. Thankfully, we are well on our way.



Iranda Latrines Under Construction

Hannah's Hope

It's been a great first year for St. Hannah's Kindergarten School. Our plan is to continue building classrooms each year to provide a complete elementary school to the children of Katito, Kenya. Thanks to The Altrusa Club of Rochester. They have raised nearly \$6,000 toward their goal to build an Altrusa classroom at Hannah's Hope.

We will need to raise an additional \$20,000 to complete the second phase of this project.



Hannah's Hope

Scholarship Alert!!!!!!!

Joining Hearts and Hands has over 100 kids on scholarship. It is a tremendous testimony to the generosity of all of our dear supporters. Joanne is putting together donor packets as this very moment. Sponsors will be receiving photos, letters and updates on their students in the next few days. It amazes us that our kids are doing so well in school!! Most of our scholarship students are in the top of their class. This is no small accomplishment given the obstacles they have had to endure.

Unfortunately, the economy has taken a serious toll on the numbers of new scholarships we have for the next school year. We generally have 20 new scholarships starting school each year. To date we have only five (5).

PLEASE..... If you can find a way to support an African orphan's education, it is a most noble cause. For \$400 per year you provide education, room and board for a child who, without your help, would NEVER see the inside of a classroom.



Bill and Joanne with some of our over 100 Scholarship students

Upcoming Events, Fundraising and Big a Thank You

- Stop by and sponsor **Western Presbyterian Church's Mission** efforts; a table set up at **Palmyra's Canal Town Days** will be selling t-shirts and glass jewelry. They have set a remarkable goal to raise \$1200 this year for shoes for the children at our elementary schools.

Sept 19 and 20, 2009

<http://www.palmyracanaltowndays.org/>

- Visit our **Joining Hearts and Hands Table** at the **My Brother's Helper Gift Bazaar** sponsored by the **First Congregational Church in Fairport**. We will have Kenyan jewelry, colorful kangas, and more. And we'd love to see you!

Friday November 21 and Saturday November 22

- Visit "**Ann's Purple Produce**" at Fairport and East Rochester Markets. A portion of her profit goes to Joining Hearts and Hands.
- Shop at **Clawson's Deli on Ayrault Road** in Fairport and add some coins to the Joining Hearts and Hands Donation Jar. Manager Mike Ronzo and his wife have collected your coins and have donated more than \$4,000 since 2005! Clawsons Deli is helping to build better lives in Kenya!!!
- Visit **Bella Beads by Linda Lawrence**. <http://www.lindasbellabeads.com/>

Linda has created and sold Joining Hearts and Hands, Ltd. Hearts in 2006 and in June of 2009 Linda designed a special Hannah's Hope Heart and raised over \$800 which will go towards Hannah's Hope Phase II. Linda's work is on display at Parkleigh and the Memorial Art Gallery Store in Rochester. Linda and her husband Pete also sponsor two scholarship students in Kenya: Lydia Akoth Nyaiga and Constant Wasike.

Help is Needed!!

There are many ways you can help this effort to change the lives of the desperately poor in Africa.

Be a School or a Church Community that sponsors an African Orphan though High School at \$400 Per Year.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We applaud all of the individual sponsors and the school & church communities who currently sponsor Joining Hearts and Hands scholarship students in Kenya:

Avon High School, Bishop Kearney High School, East High School, Hartford Central Schools, Jefferson Avenue Elementary in Fairport, Klem Road South Elementary and Schroeder High School in Webster, Nazareth College of Rochester Service Floor, Shaker Road Elementary, Siena Catholic Academy. Assumption of Our Lady in Fairport Renew Group, Fairport Methodist Men's Group, First Baptist Church of Macedon, First Presbyterian Church-Honeoye: Mission Society, First Presbyterian Church – Honeoye: The Deacons, Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra.

May God bring you blessings and peace!

With sincere gratitude,

Bill and Joanne Cala

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