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May 2011! Has it really been that long since Archbishop Wabukala, the spiritual head of the Anglican Church of Kenya, was here in the US to help with fundraising for the new primary school at St. Nicholas? I regret the long delay between updates but a lot has happened since then. I know the Archbishop felt that he had heard from God that there was to be a groundbreaking in August, but God may not have counted on the deliberations of the ACK's property development committee!

The original plan for the school had to be totally redrafted when just prior to the Archbishop's visit the committee decided to reserve roughly half of the 12.5 acre site for future development

in light of strong appreciation in the land's value. This was apparently the culmination of much discussion within the ACK, a debate that had gone on in our absence from Kenya and while it came as a surprise, the really challenging aspect was that it occasioned a complete reworking of the project.

Because of the reduced amount of land available, the design of the school had to be revised completely to include two-story buildings in order to fit the school and the orphanage to the smaller plot. Single-purpose buildings had to meet multiple uses; for example, the formerly stand-alone chapel was absorbed into a repurposed dining hall/ assembly room. Living and

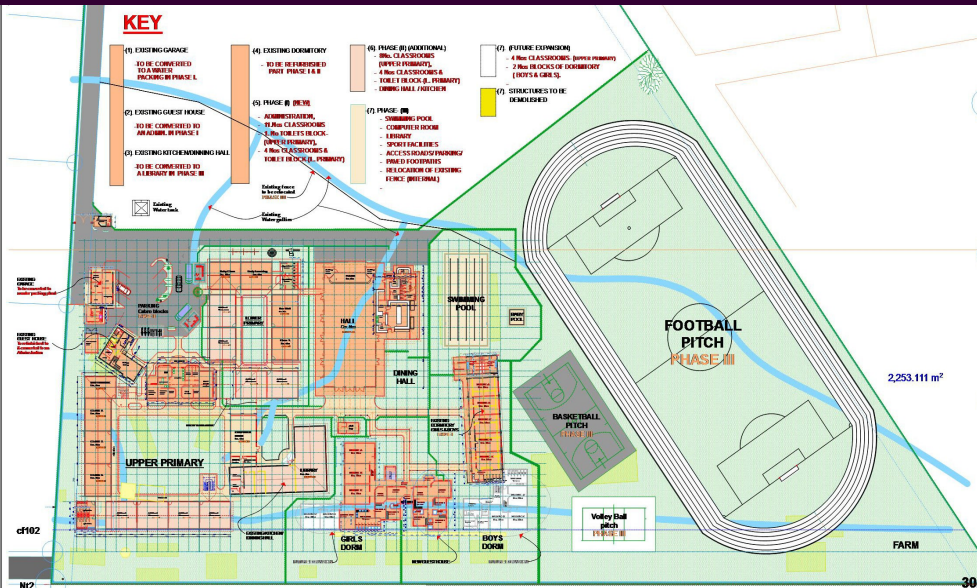
play areas shrunk. These changes, of course, had significant cost implications, especially the two-story buildings.

The Diocese hired Jawkim Architects, a Nairobi designer that they have frequently used, for the redesign and a draft final plan, approved by the ACK, was completed in May of this year. Deborah and I went to St. Nicholas with the team in late July for about three weeks and met on several occasions with Mr. Waweru Kimani, Jawkim's principal architect, and his group to go over the new design, some of which you see pictured below.

The site plan calls for construction to be completed over multiple years in three phases:

Front View of Good Samaritan School showing main entrance and administrative offices





Master Plan for the School and Orphanage

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Phase I: Two tracks of the eight-grade primary school, one new dormitory and an upgrading of the existing dorm, construction of admin offices, guest rooms and an upgraded sewage treatment facility (the current one is out of compliance).

Phase II: Eight additional classrooms for upper primary and four for the lower primary, combination dining hall/assembly hall/chapel, kitchen

Phase III: Library, computer room and sports facilities including a swimming pool.

Based on our discussions with the architect, implementation of the first phase was broken down further into a Phase IA to allow an immediate start to construction. Phase IA calls for the construction of 1) eight classrooms (one track) of the lower primary school as a one-story structure complete with

boys' and girls' toilets, 2) a new girls' dormitory, 3) an upgrade of the existing dormitory and 4) a much-needed wastewater treatment unit. Costs of Phase IA will be approximately \$620,000 US.

Once we settled on the design, the ACK developed bid documents and put them out for competitive award. The expected three-month construction period started this month

as the photos on the next page show! The monies on hand, basically the \$200,000 that was donated in 2011 plus interest over the last year will enable us to complete the first eight classrooms while continuing fundraising. Construction will have to be halted at that point if no additional funds are found.

Deborah and I wish to thank all of you for your extreme generosity without which the dream of a new primary school at St. Nicholas would not be coming true and also to ask you to prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to continue your support. Of this worthy project

The first phase of construction will put in place 8 primary school classrooms, and a new dormitory and renovate the existing dorm. Ultimately the site will be able to support 200 orphans.

Rev. Capt. Zadock Oluoch, former orphan, becomes Assistant Manager

St. Nicholas has a new Assistant Manager! He's Zadock Oluoch, a 35-year old Anglican priest who served for 3 years in the Emmanuel Parish in Kibera, Kenya's largest slum. He has a Masters in Global Urban Leadership and is experienced in dealing with the issues confronting youth in Kenya.

In his own words: "I'm saved and am an ordained priest with the Anglican church of Kenya. I'm the last born in a family of 4. I'm married to Mary Mummu and blessed with 2 boys, Jephath Peter

Omondi, 2yrs, 6months and Jeremiah Sylvester Odhiambo, 6 mos.

I was raised up in an orphanage. Until September last year, I was working with an organization called Centre for Urban Mission in the youth ministry department with a special focus on slum ministry.

Key responsibilities included: Attaching youths into entrepreneur-based vocational training to provide self-employment opportunities

Initiating and coordinating resource center/homework club to provide

opportunity for learning and a research center for the community.

Facilitating training and formation of saving groups (micro-finance) to provide capital for young people to start small businesses .

Conducting Discipleship Programs to teach on environmental issues and behaviour change.

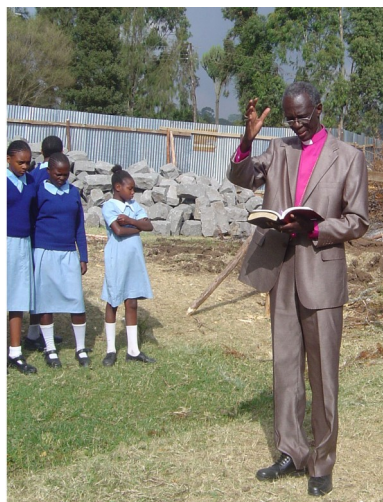
Developing attitudinal change towards education, work and other vocational training among the youths."

We enthusiastically welcome Rev. Zadock and hope you too are excited to have him aboard!



Additional photos of construction of Good Samaritan School

Archbishop Wabukala blessing site



Your fave archbishop in the excavator



Follow the construction of Good Samaritan School online at www.anglicanorphans.org

Putting Dreams into Action at the 2012 Business Workshop by Betsy Shulman

This summer Roy Crawford of Church of the Apostles Anglican traveled to Kenya and Uganda to teach web-based entrepreneurship to youths who were about to enter the job market through CoAA's Many Talents ministry.

Finding gainful employment can be a challenge in Kenya, which might be why so many small businesses crowd the streets in every city and town. But what does it take to start a successful micro-business in Kenya? The answer has been addressed in a series of Business Workshops that were first introduced by the mission team about 4 years ago.

Roy Crawford, who led this year's Business Workshop – a three-day event that's designed to give hands-on training to young, future entrepreneurs – presented simple and effective ways to use the Internet to leverage creativity and start a low cost business.

Along with specific strategies, he explained why marketing a web-based business costs less and is a better fit for the way Kenyans prefer to communi-

cate – like using Facebook and cell phones. Few Kenyans have computers, but everyone has a cell phone and a Facebook account, which they use regularly.

What Roy really wanted to get across is how easy it is to set up a "web presence" on the Internet. He demonstrated where to find a domain name and how to create a unique web page with a domain address. Everyone who attended the workshop left with their own free webpage which they could use to start building a business website. Next, Roy focused on creativity....

Forty attendees, ages 16 to 30, were instructed by the head teacher and four other St. Nicholas educators - 2 men and 2 women. They used role-playing to help students brainstorm potential business ideas and ways to attract potential customers.

Coming up with a good, income-producing business idea that solves real problems for real people requires creative thinking - a gift from our Crea-

tor. God also gives us the creative insights we need to build a successful business. The Internet offers tools we can leverage in creative ways to market that business. Running a business can be a creative activity!

Here are a few ideas that came out of the workshop:

- Ecological bike tours (learning about Kenya's ecology up close and personal.)
- Cleaning services for offices and homes
- Beauty services for women
- Selling handicrafts
- Hosting/organizing safaris,

In a previous workshop, attendees worked in small groups to analyze whether a business idea was financially viable in terms of sales and costs. This year's workshop opened the door to some of the newest and least expensive technologies (many of them free) that make marketing and managing a small business cheaper than ever.

For instance, Google is offering free mobile web space in Africa (suitable for cell phones) with any Google account. This will

one day be profitable for Google, but it currently acts as a free portal for a "start up" micro-business to showcase their company, and send out emails, texts, or social media alerts with a hand-held device.

It's easy to see that web businesses will be a big part of Africa's future, and between Roy Crawford's vision and God's blessings, there's a good chance that the young entrepreneurs at this year's workshop will be a part of that future.

Roy and new-found friend in Uganda



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school: \$620,000

Contributions to
date: \$205,000

So, What's the God's-Eye View?

With the Presidential Elections now peacefully behind them, Kenyans are beginning to believe in *Vision 2030*, their goal of a vibrant future for Kenya.

The children of St. Nicholas need to be part of the vision but that is not a given since the home is entirely supported by the charity of others. Upon losing a sustaining grant in 2004, for example, St. Nicholas went from caring for 180 children to housing only 60. Clearly, in order to survive and grow, St. Nicholas needs a revenue-generating asset. After much consultation

with the Kenyans themselves, AOK settled on building a school to be operated by the ACK where tuition revenues would support and expand the orphanage.

However, there's more to the picture than this. If it's to prosper, Kenya needs a new generation of young adults who will forswear the profligate lifestyle that has resulted in the growth of AIDS in the population. In Kenya, AIDS is largely a heterosexual phenomenon and while kids at the home don't have AIDS, most have been orphaned by it.

Who better then to surmount this challenge than those left behind, schooled as they are in Christ's teachings at St. Nicholas?

Can a school change a country? Wouldn't it be just like God to use the least of His children to change a nation?

You can help! Just fill out the form below and mail it and your check in the envelope provided to take a big step in making this vision come true.

Thank you!

- Tony

The Proposed Good Samaritan School at St. Nicholas



Gifts to Help Build a New School at St. Nicholas!

I want to help right now! Here is my check for \$ _____ to help build the new school!
I want to help by pledging to give \$ _____ per month to build the new school.

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