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BUNGOMA (Kenya) : achievements so far

Our Site location and original plan

We are now building a permanent site for children near the town of Bungoma in Western Kenya, near Lake Victoria (cf: Fig. 1). Our original plan proposed a complex

**FIGURE 1**

Our African Home is near Lake Victoria

**FIGURE 2**

Our original plan : up to 6 houses

containing up to 6 houses (cf: Fig. 2), each able to accommodate 15-20 children, predominantly orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. We would also like all houses to have a live-in "house Mother" and "house

2 homes are built: each for 15-20 kids

**FIGURE 3**

Home 1: holds 21 kids + their HouseParents

Father" for the children.

We have completed a number of onsite facilities already and are now leasing some land near the home for sustainability projects, ie: growing rice, corn, raising some milking cows, fish farms and building cottages to rent to stud-

**FIGURE 4**

Home 2: for babies + girls, our most vulnerable

ents at a nearby University. There are 3 guards on full-time duty now, all Masai warriors and all over 7 feet (2.13 metres) tall. Our

Shed + Hall, Security Gates

site also aims to become self-sustaining in 5-7 years.

On this page, and the next, you can see our main achievements so far. Two homes are now built (cf: Figs. 3-4) and 21 kids have occupied Home 1 for nearly 2 years. Home 2 is to house babies and girls

**FIGURE 5**

All-purpose Shed+Hall are near Security Gates

when its detailing is finished. An all-purpose Shed and Hall (cf: Fig 5) are near Security Gates (cf: Fig.6)

**FIGURE 6**

Gates are next to the Security Guards' Office

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Cottage + Office, 5metre Well drilled

at the front of the complex along with a Caretaker's Cottage (cf: Fig. 7) which contains an Office. A well over 5 metres deep has been drilled to reach the high water table beneath (cf: Fig. 8), then workers built a water-tower and

**FIGURE 7**

Caretakers' Cottage also has an Office

**FIGURE 8**

Five-metre well drilled, lined and capped

mounted a 10,000 tank on it (cf: Figs. 9-10) to hold water pumped from the well. They have also installed a 100,000 litre water cistern (cf: Fig. 11). Owners of unused adjacent land have given

Tower+10,000 litre Tank mounted

**FIGURE 9**

Tower for 10,000 litre tank is next to the well

permission for us to start a plantation supporting our orphanage (cf: Fig. 12), where we have already produced peanut and corn crops. Onsite, land between each

**FIGURE 10**

Well water is pumped into this 10,000 litre tank

home is being used to grow seeds like peas, beans, broccoli and zucchini, which have thrived in our greenhouse-like equatorial conditions. Workers have also installed a septic tank near the all-purpose Shed and Hall (cf: Fig. 13).

Cistern, Plantation, and Septic Tank

**FIGURE 11**

100,000 litre water cistern installed near Home 2

**FIGURE 12**

Plantation: a big step toward self-sustainability

**FIGURE 13**

The Septic Tank was hacked through solid rock

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