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**M**y third trip into Webuye, Kenya. My Swahili word bank is slowly growing. The children are well and enjoying their new brother, Brian. He is slowly coming to terms with his new life and large family. Hopefully his sisters will join us at Christmas time.

**T**his trip was filled with lots of activity I'll try to outline as much as possible below.



Haggai turned 11yrs just several days after my arrival. His request for his birthday was a cake and some soda (fizzy drink). If only we could all be so satisfied. He & the other children enjoyed the home made cake, soda and flavoured puffed rice.

We will be moving to Bungoma! We managed to finally secure 3 beautiful acres of land. Jackson, Kenyan co-founder is Praising God and happy to claim this land for Robin's Nest. We are now planning the site and homes. We are hoping to begin the first of five homes in January. Anyone wanting to come?



**M**y good friends in Newcastle, Melissa & John Cates rallied sponsors and money to put together 60 school packs. The extra money also went to purchasing some tables & chairs for the pre-school & kindergarten class who were sharing chairs. We also purchased a blackboard for the most needy classroom and cemented one of the classroom floors. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this project.



Getting help with organising name on pencil case and writing thank-you



Excited children with their new school packs. Each pack contained exercise book, pens, colours, ruler, eraser, sharpener, toothbrush & toothpaste, lolly pop, balloon, etc



Proudly displaying his kangaroo Key ring from his school pack.



ASANTE SANA! – THANK-YOU VERY MUCH!

Agape Academy  
The local school where the orphans from Robin's Nest attend. It is great to be helping not only them but their peers also.



The nurse testing Patience.

One by one the children were all tested for aids....thankfully all were clear. We discovered an outreach program from one of the smaller hospitals. A nurse and nutritionist came to test the children and inform the house parents of some things they can do to ensure good nutrition.



Nancy, Nutritionist. Describing the process of testing for aids.

The test involves a finger prick. The droplets of blood are placed onto a small plastic strip with a few drops of a liquid agent. The liquid then runs along a track and determines positive or negative for aids depending on the number of stripes that appear on this plastic strip. Very quick and effective, results are known within 5 minutes.

I went on a spending spree with Jotham & Leah and bought some much needed goods. We bought a lockable cupboard so that all the books and things can be housed rather than kept in boxes. Wash basins, pots, water storage containers, trunks for children's things, sewing machine, etc.



Presents & activities are always a highlight. They love spending time playing, painting and of course receiving presents. I took some floor puzzles with me. They had never had a puzzle before..... Thanks to those gave some gifts for me to take. The children enjoy anything and everything! Skipping ropes, balls, etc are a particular hit.



Painting



First time puzzles



Robins sorting home grown peanuts



First time face painting

Something new this time was being lent a car and driving amongst some of the crazy, almost anything goes, road rules. Once I had conquered one trip I was more confident with the rest. One of the reasons for lending a car was to begin our 'Robin's Branch' projects (distribution of food & supplies to families we knew were doing it particularly tough) . Thankyou for your interest in Robin's Nest, Kenya.

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