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Project Information Sheet

Project Name: Kimirii Women's Water Supply Project

Location: Kimirii, Central Kenya

Project Start Date: 2009

Project Completion: 2009

Project Cost: £21,000



We in the west are so used to having our water 'on tap' so to speak. We take it for granted - we turn on the tap and depending on which we select we either get hot or cold running water – automatically! On the odd occasional hot summer we are simply inconvenienced by a hosepipe ban. Just think what it would be like if every drop of water you used had to be collected on foot and carried for miles. The supply of water should be a basic, fundamental human right. The Kenya Trust have been involved in water and sanitation projects throughout Kenya and particularly in rain water harvesting and storage projects in schools and rural communities such as this one in Kimirii, central Kenya.



Water tank nearing completion



Laying pipes to supply water from the river to the water tank

The Project: Kimirii Water Supply Project

When The Kenya Trust were approached by the Project Officer at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Nairobi about a water project at Kimirii, in central Kenya we were only too happy to help. Members of the trust had the opportunity to visit Kimirii and were further encouraged by the excitement of the working group there as they could see at last, a positive end to their years of hoping for a water source close to home. The project budget was £21,000. The Kenya Trust are very grateful to The Salvation Army's International Development Department at International Headquarters in London as they readily agreed to partner with us on this project with a contribution of £6000.



Water tank final completed and filled up with water pumped from the river a few kilometers away.

Letter received from the Projects Officer of The Salvation Army in Kenya after completion of the project.

Dear Kenya Trust;

I would like to express my appreciation, on behalf of the Kenya East Territory, for the fantastic support that the Kenya Trust continues to provide for the people of Kenya. We value the relationship that we have with the Trust and with those who commit to raising funds each year. We want you all to know that the projects we are able to undertake with your support do make a very real and practical difference to the lives of people in need. School classrooms, toilets, desks, beds, mosquito nets....all of these things have met very genuine and pressing needs that otherwise would not be met. We look forward to continuing to work with the Trust for many years to come, for the benefit of children and communities in Kenya. This year you have faithfully been raising money for the Kimirii Women's Water project in Meru, Central Kenya. I know that the women and their families would want me to thank you for supporting their particular project. Please accept their deepest thanks and appreciation. What you are doing will make a very real difference to the lives of many hundreds of people – women, men and children. It will help provide them with what many of us take for granted: a regular and plentiful supply of clean water. Think for a moment how different your life would be if every drop of water that your family used each day had to be carried from a river several kilometres away? How would this affect the way you bathe, wash clothes, cook and clean your house? What would your daily routine look like? Now think of how things would change if that water could be piped from the river to where you live, in a plentiful supply? What difference would that make to you and your family? That's what this project is aiming to achieve for the Kimirii women and their families! Thank you for caring enough to make it happen. Thank you once again for all your support.

May God bless all your efforts

Marshall Currie

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Thank you.