

Dear TM Rural Community Development Supporters,

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our Food Security Program is enhancing the economic status of disadvantaged families of Ngunyumu, our new project area, in Kenya. It is a very dry area. Ruth Muthue was a witch doctor who was very well known in that area, and several years ago Ruth decided to abandon being a witch doctor and became a Christian. Last year Ruth, in addition to not having an income, lost her husband and two of her children when they passed away. When we first visited her, one of her sons was still ill with lesions all over his body. She told us what she was enduring, including having nightmares and having high blood pressure. We helped Ruth by giving her tender to supply charcoal for chicken brooding. Ruth is also on the list of those who will receive a dairy goat in our third round of giving out dairy goats. She plans to start keeping chickens once she is able to construct a chicken house.

When Pastor Marvin (of Trinity Church, Lansing) was in Kenya we visited the area and had prayers at Ruth Muthue's home. The interesting thing was, one of the pastor confessed how he used to visit Ruth Muthue for mediation of a medical condition he has.



Ngunyumu group, meeting at Ruth Muthue (the lady in yellow top).

In addition to helping Ruth Muthue, many women and their families have benefited from our dairy goat and chicken programs. This would not have been possible if not for the help from Trinity Church Lansing Kingdom grant, Lansing Rotary club and all of you that offer your prayers and financial support.

This year the effectiveness of our poultry program was enhanced by grants from Trinity Church, which helped purchase, a deep freezer, cooler box for carrying vaccines, and feed. The grant from Lansing Rotary club helped us purchase a generator, which has

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greatly helped to stabilize power during the incubation of the eggs.



Generator donated by Lansing Rotary Club



Deep freezer



Cooler –carry vaccine



Incubator- hatching chicks

TM Rural Community Development keeps chickens for laying eggs, which we use to incubate and sell to group members at subsidized prices, and other members of the public at full price.

Our largest problem is the increased cost of feed, resulting in group members not feeding the chickens properly, and while the chickens are set free to roam, they don't get enough feed, causing delayed maturity. To address this problem we started a program of loaning the group members feed, and when they sell chickens they pay it back. Our challenge is not being able to give all the members loans.

Would you consider sending a gift to be able to give loans to more Kenyans in this area? Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration, and thank you for your continued prayers for this important work. Christmas blessings to you all!

Thank you for all of your support,

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