

## May 2011 KACECE Newsletter

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Dear friends.

In December 2010 I was invited to a very remote part of Kenya known as Kuresoi in Molo District. This is the area that was affected most by 2007/2008 Post election violence in Kenya. The Internally displaced families are now being settled here by the government. The schools in this area are not only scattered from each other but the few schools are extremely congested.



The elders were concerned that come January 2011 more than two hundred children would not be attending school. They provided two acres of land and challenged me to assist them provide leadership and initial finances to construct a primary school. I took the challenge and in seventeen days a new school was up – **Chepkinoiyo Primary School**.

The school was opened on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, with an enrolment of 160 students. We agreed to charge a fee of only \$25 to ensure that as many children as possible could afford it. The fees were meant to pay salaries for teachers. However, we realized that when it was time for lunch many children did not go home. It then dawned on us that there was no food for the children in their homes. Their parents were busy building and working on their new farms. Without thinking we decided to provide lunch using the little fees they paid. We ended up in financial trouble because we were not able to pay the teacher's salaries.



There are three main challenges facing us: 1. How to raise funds to continue the development of the school in this remote area; the classrooms have no doors nor windows and the floors are not cemented. 2. How to continue paying salaries to our teachers and 3. and most importantly, how to fund the lunch programme for these children.

I want to thank all those who have continued to support our work at KACECE over the years. As we make this attempt to reach out to others who are more unfortunate than us, we look to you for prayers, financial and moral support. One way of supporting us is by contacting individuals, churches or organizations who are interested in investing in the lives of these children. If you would like to know more about our projects you may contact Nyla Gaylord, [nylagaylord@yahoo.com](mailto:nylagaylord@yahoo.com) or 585-703-0564. Nyla is a friend living in New York State who has visited us twice and can speak to your group and/or give you more details about our projects.

To make your contribution to this worthwhile project that seeks to address the educational needs of the children of Internally Displaced People (IDP's), please go to our website to make a tax deductible contribution through our partner SOS International.

**Sincerely Yours, Prof. Adam K. arap Chepkwony**