

Drought Hit Brethren

Kenya is on the edge of the dry land to its North. Since the above was written, one of the new churches added is at some distance to the rest, and presently subject to a severe drought which has lasted now for a couple of years. Most of its people are struggling to survive, and I quote now from a recent email from my friend Julius Lenkume -

"The drought situation in Narok is serious and life not easy every day, it only through God's grace people live, no crops can survive, they only rely on sheep for milk and in exchange of food, imagine the whole family depending on sheep for milk including young babes. Sometimes our brethren go to wash cloths, cooks food for rich business men (most of them Muslim) to get foods for their family and were required to do even on Sabbath! it sad the situation which killing faith our of people. It is not easy to explain the way of life and difficulties facing people in such places by writing. Please pray for them. I have been thinking how we can get use of the water well in the church compound by introducing irrigation to help church members grow crops for food (small scale farming) and sale surplus to improve their live but we lack funds to do this project. The land is fast and fertile and this could very worthy project which will change live of people."

As a result of this email funds were sent to buy rice which was distributed, but Julius's idea of fencing 4 acres and using a pump to irrigate this fertile land is obviously a much more viable solution until the drought breaks, as there is abundant water below ground, despite the recent droughts.

Please try to put yourself in the position of these brethren, whose children face malnutrition at the least. I read recently in The Journal that "Some have thought they are not members of my church, so let their church deal with it." However Jesus makes it very clear to us in Revelation 2 and 3 that those 7 churches, all with different faults and failings, but looking to Him and His words in the Bible, are all still considered His church, by Him. Can we who claim to follow Him and keep His Sabbath and Holy Days, afford to have a different attitude to our brethren, and ignore their needs, if we have money and investments?

I understand that many of us are wary of supporting charities who spend most of their income on advertising and administration, hotels, and land cruisers. Well, this is exactly the opposite - no administration costs, no advertising and no expenses except the transfer costs of sending the funds to Julius or to me.

For small amounts it is easy to use Western Union to send the money directly to Julius. I hope to send another \$15,000 (Australian) contribution, for another 2 acres, transferring that quite large amount directly into the Maasai Mission bank account, and I would be happy to add your contribution as part of that bundle.

All of the Brethren in Kenya in one way or another make their living from the land, many growing most of their own food. The soil is red and rich, often ten feet deep, but without rain it is useless unless irrigated. Please, I ask you in Jesus Christ's name to help these brethren - do not ignore their plight. We have already gone ahead with Julius's request and provided the

funds for 2 acres, though he requested 4. If you plan to help provide the other 2 acres please use the 'Contact Us' tab so that I know what is happening, overall.

Thank you brethren,

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