



An Inspiring Project in Africa

Mission in Action Nakuru Baby Orphanage Centre

the children in a loving, safe family environment, offering them opportunity to become productive future members of their community.

Mission in Action was established in Kenya by an incredible Australian family, Mary and Ivan Budulica, and their three children Adam, Rachael and Sarah. They sold their home in Australia to fund the set up of the orphanage, the first baby orphanage in the region. They now care for 43 babies and toddlers and counting.

Nakuru is a small village situated about two hours north-east of Nairobi in Kenya. Like most of the other small villages in Africa, it is very poor and the community suffers from medical and social problems. Mission in Action has made enormous progress in Nakuru. Maybe the biggest progress has been the purchase of 10 acres of land next to the orphanage on which they intend to build a school and other community facilities.

All of the work has been done using the funds of the Budulica family and with the proceeds of fundraising. The chores at the orphanage are endless and it is not until you spend time visiting the community you realise that here in the Western

world we take so much for granted, things which are either luxuries or non-existent for the people living in the community of Nakuru. The hardships they face each and every day are compounded by underlying cultural, health and social issues that most of us can simply not comprehend.

Scenic Tours passengers are touched when visiting the orphanage. Robyn Evans has been so touched she has been to Africa six times with Scenic Tours; her principle objective is to spend time at the orphanage. Robyn loves Africa and the children at the orphanage so much that her enthusiasm is infectious! After her last trip to the orphanage Robyn advised us that the visit to the Nakuru Baby Orphanage was very successful, 'all of the passengers loved it'. Scenic Tours passengers enjoy lunch and play with the children, making it a really memorable experience. On her last visit Robyn was thrilled to see that all of the children at the orphanage had settled in so well and says it is hard to imagine that a lot of them had such a hard start in life. All of the kids are so bright



'Thirsty work...'

and eager to learn and are all very independent. It's amazing to see the kids mix with people from all around the world, even the shyest of them still gravitate to someone.

The work of Mission in Action is truly incredible and remarkable. Our Scenic Tours groups who visit the orphanage are amazed at the vision and dedication of the Budulica family and all who are involved in the support and development of the community. Along with Scenic Tours, many of our past passengers have helped support the Nakuru Baby Orphanage and are delighted to know they have helped to create a better life for those who so dearly need it.

Everyone at Scenic Tours and Mission in Action are thankful for the generous support of our passengers who have been involved in this inspiring project.

To find out more about Mission in Action follow the links from www.scenictours.com.au



'We enjoy the sand pit'



Volunteers Huts



'Our play room is fun'

Scenic Tours are dedicated to supporting local communities within the destinations we travel to. In our Summer and Spring 2009 editions of Scenic Club News we brought you touching stories from the Sacred Valley in Peru, South America. In this edition of Scenic News we would like to introduce you to the Mission in Action Nakuru Baby Orphanage Centre. Scenic Tours visit the Nakuru Baby Orphanage on a number of itineraries in the Africa 2010/2011 brochure.

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