



Nakuru Baby Orphanage

Action Update

Greetings from the family.

Life has been extremely busy at MIA lately, so it has been a while between newsletters.

From Mary: Many of you are aware that Joshua and I were in Australia attending big camp and also a few other churches in Brisbane and Melbourne. We were able to promote the orphanage and what an amazing and busy 5 weeks we had.

Secondly I would like to thank you all on behalf of everyone here for your kindness towards Josh and myself while we were in Australia, and also for your generosity. It is because of people like yourselves that make it possible for us to continue this work.

What a wonderful God we serve. I must admit what an important lesson God taught me while at camp, a lesson none of us should forget about what our amazing God can do for us.

Sometimes we lack faith (I know I did) that's why I feel I need to share this with you.

Brisbane Camp:

Like I said Josh and I were at Brisbane camp, and with the help of some wonderful friends we set up a stall in the expo hall, in which we

poured a lot of time, effort and money. Even though I met and talked to a lot of people and they showed interest in what we were doing, things just weren't going as well as I hoped., by Thursday I was beginning to feel a slight twinge of disappointment, I guess I began whingeing to God and saying -"Lord I thank you for this opportunity of being here, but Lord as you know I haven't even raised enough to cover the expenses of this trip, and you know how difficult it was for us to raise the money so Josh and I could come to Australia. Please if nothing else help us to at least raise enough to cover costs". Little did I know that God already had a plan in motion let alone a sense of humor.

On Tuesday night some incredible people from the Park Ridge church QLD, had come up with this hair-brain idea that they should ducknap the youth tents mascot of 5yrs, the plastic, yellow, 3 buck duck and demand a ransom.

At first they thought about asking for a substantial ransom, but then like me I guess they lacked faith and weren't sure if it would even work, so they set the ransom at \$1000 instead.

So a ransom note was sent

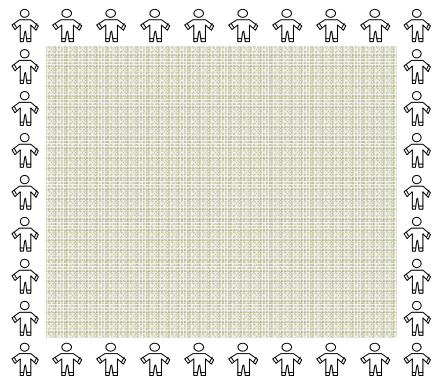
which was accompanied by photos of the duck in dangerous situations, e.g sitting on a hot plate, in the mouth of a shark, in a pot ready to be cooked with veggies for duck stew, just to name a few. The note said "We have your duck, we need at least \$1000 or the duck gets it! The ransom must be presented on Sabbath morning to Mission in Action".

An emergency ransom committee of nine from the youth tent technical staff was formed, they decided to run a "Save Our Duck" campaign. This included putting "Save Our Duck" posters around the camp ground, and also on the camp buggies. As well they placed "Save Our Duck" tins in various places (camp office, ABC, pie shop etc), the youth also carried "Save Our Duck" collection buckets around the camp ground to raise the \$1000 needed to rescue their beloved mascot. I don't think anyone realised what an impact this "practical joke" would have on everyone at the camp.

Donations began to come in. A buggy driver was given an envelope to deliver to the youth tent for the duck, it contained \$500. Another couple offered to give \$1000 if the young people raised their \$1000 before the deadline. A special offering was taken up in the encounter tent, even young children put their talents to use and enter-

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tained the people through busking just to raise the money. Everywhere you went you could feel the excitement in the air, young and old were heard talking about it, discussing the abduction of the duck, it was really quiet amusing while standing in the line waiting for a shower listening to these conversations. To cut a long story short, what really impressed me was how everyone pulled together and how God used an idea, a joke and turned it into something wonderful.

Instead of the \$1000 that was requested the duck napping raised over \$4300 for Missioin in Action. Thank you to all those involved.

Sorry but I can't stop there! God wasn't finished with me yet, He continued to show me my lack of faith. On the last Friday of camp an amazing couple came and spoke to me, after finding out what our major needs were they gave me a cheque that would pay for the bore hole – praise God !

However it still didn't end there, about a half an hour later another generous person made a substantial donation towards the building.

The donation tin that sat on our table every day was almost bursting by the end of camp, I didn't even think it could hold so much money, just in the tin alone we collected over \$5000.

The last Saturday night of camp, we were very busy at our expo booth talking to and meeting so many amazing people.

We would just like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts, because from the smallest to the largest donation you were and are a big part in the work God has entrusted to our family.

I truly hope I have learn't my lesson in faith, and to never doubt that our God is capable of performing miracles then and in the future.

Our Family

Since arriving home from Australia our family has increased by 4 new additions, which now make 13.

We would like to welcome

Lilian 2 ½ months, Jacob 3 1/2months, Susan 2months and Joseph 1 ½ months into our family.

We would also like to thank and welcome all the new sponsors.



Building Update

The MIA General Store building is completed, all that remains is to stock the shop with goods and commence business.

Although our fundraising in Australia went well we still have a long way to go before completion of the building. You can see the foundations have been laid for the second floor and with the money we raised we will be able to pour the concrete for the second floor and hopefully begin putting up some walls.

Unfortunately with all the extra babies and staff our cost of living per month has increased dramatically, so we are unable to pour as much funds into the building as we would have liked.



Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Completed Guard House ready to be filled with stock.



Water Bore

We have managed to obtain the drilling permit and line up a drilling company so we are hoping to start drilling in the next couple of weeks. Please pray that we will hit good water without having to drill too deep. The deeper we drill the more expensive it will be. *(Update: Drilling is now under way and have reached 200m finding some water)*

A Special Thankyou

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to a few very special people who spent hours helping me make the Brisbane camp such a success.

- Con and Maggie from Brisbane who spent endless hours organising speaking appointments, advising me, helping set up the display at expo, thanks I couldn't have done it without you.
- Jim Thompson of Toowoomba who also stood beside me many times and spoke to people about what we do and telling them of his experience while he was with us, but most of all for organising and providing us with the fantastic banner that hung in the background of our booth.
- the endless supply of baby sitters, who made it possible for me to do what I had to do, I know Josh had a wonderful time
- to all the wonderful women from the Springvale church in Vic who have been working hard collecting items for the orphanage and for the wonderful prayer breakfast they held and the funds raised, go girls!
- to Anton and all the members of the Seddon church who put on a wonderful charity concert to raise funds for MIA. Thank you we had a wonderful time.
- also all the incredible people who are collecting and putting together supplies for the orphanage to be brought in the container later. There are some hardworking ladies out there making clothes and blankets for the children. Thank you Casino ladies and also to Annette Leeson who has made about 600 garments to send over. Wow!!!!!! You guys are legends!



Charity Dinner

Every year the Australian High Commission in Kenya hold a Melbourne Cup charity dinner. They look for worthy charities around Kenya that have got Australian ties to be the recipients of the fundraising.

This year MIA was nominated along with another charity. We have become well known to the High Commission, due to all of the correspondence while trying to obtain a visa for Josh, so that he could come to Australia with me.

Ivan and I were invited as guests of honor to represent MIA. It was a wonderful night, we met a lot of people, and best of all it was great to be with so many Aussies.

The donation we have received will help us greatly with providing formula and cots for the babies and beds for the older children.

Update

Website

Checkout our new website at www.missioninaction.info

OR

www.nakurubabyorphanage.com

Thankyou to Sarah Eaton for her creative talents in revamping the site!

Staffing

With the increase of babies our number of staff has also increased.

We would like to welcome our new carers, Regina, Helen, Emily and Anisha, who all do a wonderful job in helping us to care for the children.

Volunteers

As a result of the Brisbane camp, next month and throughout the next year we are expecting a good number of volunteers and visitors to come and share in the experience.

We look forward to your visits, help and spending time with our family.

Any one interested in coming over to volunteer their time and services or just to see what we are doing is more than welcome.

Please come and visit!!!!

Container

A lot of people are asking about the container. We are currently seeking out quotes etc, and collecting items to be sent over. While you know how much we appreciate all your gifts we are required to make sure all items for the orphanage do meet a standard. We are unable to take furniture, clothes etc that are not in good repair. All items need to be itemized for customs so if anything is boxed or bagged please attach a list of inclusions. Due to lack of storage space we would appreciate you holding onto your goods until we have acquired the container. Information on collection points will be available at that time.

Please contact the Australian office for more information.

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God Bless ,

Ivan and Mary.

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