



HE KNOCKS

FRED & ELSIE SCAIFE NEWSLETTER

*And whoso shall receive one such little child
in my name receiveth me. Matt. 18:5*



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BISOKE and FURAHA'S CORNER

It is always gratifying to know what BCHC is all about and each closing of the school year means BCHC orphans have just completed another year of their education.

After the children finished their final tests this year, school closed on July 1. On June 12, the students in class six did the government test that allows them to enter secondary school and all students passed which means that the BCHC school has well qualified teachers. School will resume on September 5, 2008. The children will have a 2 month holiday . During the holiday, the orphans will continue to come to the compound to play, eat, do practical work of hand skills, sing, hear the word of God, and help in the fruit and vegetable gardens and learn about animals.

On July 1st, the closing of the school year was celebrated with choir singing, groups of students dancing, the Word of God read by the Chaplain, different classes making short presentations, grades being distributed, gifts being presented to children with highest grades in each class, and also gifts being presented to children with the highest grades in Eng-

lish classes (taught in classes 3, 4, 5, and 6).The nursery class graduated 36 students; 30 are orphans. Grade 6 graduated 29; 22 are orphans.

From the meeting which Bisoke attended in Kinshasa, the Minister of Education said that since BCHC has 8 class rooms used only in the morning hours, it would be good to open the secondary school in the same class rooms during the afternoon hours. This autumn, BCHC will have 30 orphans attending secondary school. In addition, many parents will pay school fees to have their children attend the BCHC school. The school fees will pay the salaries of teachers who will be hired to teach secondary school subjects.

Some students are interested in learning a trade, so BCHC is defining such a program and will describe it in a future issue of the newsletter.

The children want to thank all who have made it possible for them to complete another year of their education. The staff/faculty, Bisoke, Big Fred and I want to express our appreciation as well.

Furaha Bisoke



Nursery Graduates



Grade 6 Graduates

- the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come to eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in the work of your hands - Deuteronomy 14:28b (NIV)

MATCHING FUNDS PROJECT STATUS



Children exploring and playing in the land newly added to the compound.



The new pickup truck carrying a load of beans from the farm. The boys are helping with the loading and unloading. Side boards are being constructed so that larger loads may be carried.



New bus being loaded for a trip home.



Dining Hall and Kitchen Upgrade nearing completion. As soon as drying is completed, painting will be done.



The well project started in June by testing where to get water. After four days, the test showed that there is water at 15 meters. The next step is to dig and build the well.

Boys Residence	Nurse's Residence	Clinic & Medical Storage	Boys Medical Ward
Girls Residence			Girls Medical Ward

Construction of the new clinic and residence housing for temporary living for 20 boys and 20 girls while a foster home is being found.

OTHER 2008 ACHIEVEMENTS



Construction of Mama Elsie's Chapel as of June 6.



Local Catholic church gives host family widows chicken wire and two chickens.



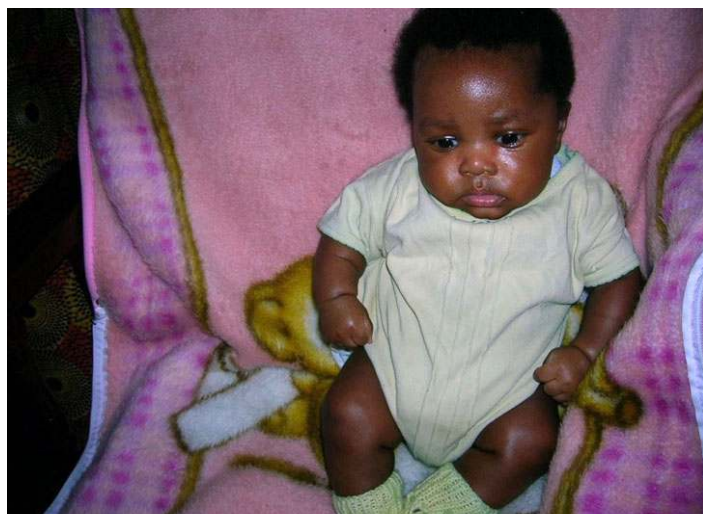
BCHC is increasing Chicken Flock to 1000 hens.



The little children love their new playground and playhouse.



Bananas grow fast — these were planted in Dec. 2007, and shown above is the growth as of May 14, 2008.



7 lb. 11 oz. Fred Bisoke was born to Furaha April 10. Picture was taken June 28th. Big Fred is so honored that little Fred was named after him.

FEEDING BCHC

Many of you have inquired about supplying the food for the orphans. Furaha has been very busy developing a plan to feed the children a nutritious diet. During 2007, Elsie and Furaha worked with Dr. Stephanie Jilcott of World Harvest, a missionary in Bundibugyo, Uganda who performs training and research on children's diets, particularly for infants and orphans. Together they developed a meal plan for BCHC.

The target is milk, an egg, fruit and a vitamin each child every day in addition to the following main meals to be served at 1:00 PM: Monday: Beans and sweet potatoes, Tuesday: Meat stew and cassava bread, Wednesday: Meat, cassava leaves and maize & soya bread, Thursday: Beans and sweet potatoes, Friday: Meat, cassava leaves and maize & soya bread, and Saturday: Porridge and cake. Note: due to world-wide shortages, no rice is used in the meal plan.

The quantity of food is determined by the number of meals to be served each day at BCHC. Here is a breakdown of the number of meals to be served: Current number of orphans = 246, neighborhood children in school = 100 (parents will buy the meals), children of staff/faculty in school = 60 (parents will buy the meals), number of staff/faculty = 20 (will buy their own meals), and orphans in process of being admitted = 250. Food needs to be supplied for a total number of 676 meals.

Furaha developed a detailed shopping list for each of the meals and determined what each item would cost in the local markets. A year's supply of the food would cost about \$550,000. No produce from the farm was assumed in this alternative.

Then Furaha performed a detailed analysis of how much land would be needed to produce the necessary quantity of each of the foods supplied by the farm. The study shows that a 120-hectar (288 acre) farm needs to be cultivated to produce the fruits and vegetables. The estimate for operating costs to produce the food is \$80,000 per year (this cost will be covered by the sale of farm products in the market after the first year of operation). A tractor and implements need to be purchased. There is no used farm equipment available. So new equipment will need to be purchased.

Cattle, goat and pig herds will be established for the meat meals and share a home-base compound. In the culture, goat milk is not used. Goats are raised for meat purposes. Currently, we are in the process of increasing the chicken flock from 500 to 1000. Chickens will provide eggs for the children and then, after laying days are over, they are sold in the market for cash to support the chicken operation.

Our analysis shows that we need to raise \$172,000 to further develop the farm operation, including the first year costs for seeds and labor. It is interesting to compare with the cost of one year's supply of food bought in the market for \$550,000.

FRED'S CORNER

I would like to introduce you to Glenn Mork who has been led to minister to orphans and widows in Africa. The Emmaus Lutheran Church of Bloomington, MN recently commissioned Glenn as a missionary to the Bunia Children's Hope Center. Glenn will travel to Bunia, DRC on July 29 for a two-week visit with Bisoke, Furaha, the staff and children. He will also visit some of the host families and the BCHC farm. You may contact him at gmork1@aol.com or telephone number 952-884-4645.

Glenn and I had lunch with a friend a couple days ago and were asked who owns the land for the farm. BCHC is legally constituted under the law of the Democratic Republic of Congo, as such it has its own Board of Directors and officers. All assets are owned by the BCHC legal entity, so all the equipment and land that is bought with money raised in the US is owned by BCHC.



BCHC Widows and Host Family Mothers with Fred