



# News from Kenya

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### Current events: Kenya

“A combination of drought, high food prices, [and] a cholera outbreak have left hundreds of thousands of people in Kenya in need of urgent assistance.” (U.N. Central Emergency Response Fund, 2009). While the government does its best to respond, help from other nations and outside agencies is desperately needed.

As drought cripples fresh water supplies, cholera, a deadly water-born disease, has sickened thousands. The disease is spread when a water supply is contaminated by the feces of an infected person. Cholera is 100% preventable when clean water is available. Your contributions fund much needed storage tanks, which provide safe, filtered rainwater to hundreds of families each year.



Ritaro Primary School students

### Clean Water Saves Lives

As Kenya experiences one of the worst droughts in decades, children at the Ritaro and Bugo Primary Schools are thrilled to help bring fresh water to their villages. Through an outpouring of support from friends in the United States, Utengo is currently building two

14,000 gallon water tanks in Kisii, Kenya.

The innovative and easy-to-maintain tanks collect rainwater, and provide filtered, accessible water to entire communities. Donors from as far away as California contributed to the Ritaro Primary School Tank.

Members of the Liberty Church Omega Service in Marietta, Georgia, donated the funds to build the tank at Bugo Primary School.

William Ombati, a local Kenyan headmaster, oversees the water tank construction. He shares his thoughts about the impact:

*“Malaria, typhoid, and cholera are common here. If the people get access to safe*

*drinking water, typhoid and cholera will reduce! Education will also be promoted because of the time [currently] wasted in going for water some 2 kilometers away.”*

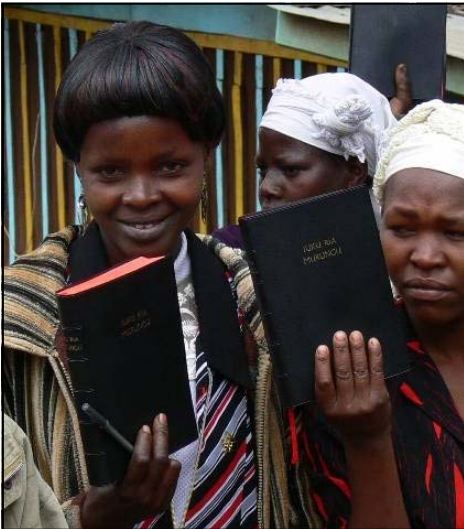
Bugo Primary School will be the third location to receive a tank! The school has about 500 students, 98 of whom are orphans. Most families in this village survive by farming small tracts of land. Poverty is widespread, and a high percentage of the citizens are infected with HIV/AIDS.

As funds become available, Utengo hopes to provide three more schools in the region with these vital water tanks.



Bugo Primary School students

# The Gift of the Bible



*New Bibles in the hands of Christians*

In 2003, the Kenyan government began to offer free elementary education to the nation. Thousands of Kenyans enrolled, doubling the size of most schools. The number of Kenyans who can now read and write has rapidly increased. As a result, the number of Kenyans who can read a Bible and benefit from a personal Bible study is also on the rise!

Many impoverished Christians are desperate to own a Bible, which would normally cost one to two weeks of wages. Pastors are

eager to see the blessing of increased Bible Study in the lives of their congregations and communities.

In the last few years, Utengo has supplied hundreds of Bibles in English, Swahili, and native tribal languages. There is currently a need to supply 500 more to a ministry partner serving in Meru.

Each Bible is \$8.00 and will make a tremendous impact. Please consider a gift to help one or more believers grow in his or her knowledge of Jesus.

## You Can Make a Difference!

### Help Supply Clean Water

Each 14,000 gallon water tank provides clean drinking water for an entire community. Parents enthusiastically contribute what they can through their time and labor to construct the tank.

Utengo wants to meet these communities at their place of need. The total cost of a tank is \$4,635, of which Utengo covers \$4,035.


Would you consider giving towards the construction of a water tank?

### Share the Word of God

More Kenyan Christians know how to read than ever before. Pastors are hungry to supply their congregations with the living Word, the Bible.

Each study Bible costs only \$8.00. Utengo would like to supply 500 Bibles to a ministry partner in Kenya that disciples church leaders among the poorest of the poor.

Can you help bring the Words of Life to one or more Christians?



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*To faithfully manage contributions from caring persons to support Christ-based Kenyan ministries and schools*

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