

# Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

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## Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

This Newsletter is full of Good News.



**The drilling rig and drilling support vehicle (DSV)...**arrival in Kenya of the drilling rig and drilling support vehicle. At last!, after all the years of delays and much frustration this momentous event took place back in March 2016. The two vehicles were safely transported to Tilbury (UK) and then shipped to the Port of Mombasa (Kenya). Long delays were experienced in getting them released from the Port. We were hoping and praying for tax exemption, however this was not to be in spite of all the contacts and interviews that took place in Nairobi with Les Saunders and various Government officials. We thank God that all shipping and importation fees were provided for and paid. Our Kenyan drivers were on hand to drive the vehicles from Mombasa on Good Friday 25th March 2016 via Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret and eventually to Kitale. There were further delays on the way at various police road-checks.



**Easter Monday 28th March 2016...** a memorable day. The drilling rig and drilling support vehicle finally arrived in Kitale on Easter Monday 28th March! A video clip was posted on Facebook of this amazing day. This was a very significant moment for us in Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K., a Christian charity who believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world and then rose again – remembered and celebrated at Easter. In those days people thought it was the end of Jesus when He was crucified, but He rose again. We are aware that many people thought the drilling rig project was dead BUT in a wonderful way, it rose again on Easter Monday this year!

Once in Kitale the drilling crew with Les and Zeddy's, immediately set about checking everything, the vehicle's and all the ancillary equipment. Various pieces of equipment etc had to be repaired and re-made. Due to the vehicles being unused for years, it was wonderful that they had an uneventful journey from Mombasa to Kitale.



However, the compressor, crane and electrics all needed attention. Materials for the first boreholes were also ordered and delivered. In addition the vehicles had to pass the Kenyan highways tests which they did.

**Change of plans...** working in Kenya for many years has taught us to be very, very flexible in our timings and planning. Our last newsletter mentioned that the first borehole would be at Ol-Kalau and that one of our Trustees and rig engineer would be present. These plans changed because we needed to get the vehicles straight to Kitale.

**The first borehole...** was in fact at BUSIA. – 92 Miles (149K) from Kitale and at the Ugandan border. This borehole presented the crew with many challenges and difficulties. During the drilling the main drill bit (worth £4,500) got stuck about 50 meters down in the hole. We sent out an urgent email to many people to pray.



**Miracle of the rescued drill bit...** everyone locally, including experienced drillers said that the bit couldn't be rescued. It was impossible! However, prayers were answered and with the determination, application and dedication of the crew, plus the "pulling power" of another rig, the bit was very carefully extracted from the hole. We were reminded of the Bible verse "With God nothing shall be impossible." The first borehole was drilled to a depth of 100 metres and there is a good supply of water. Due to the difficulties, it took between three and four months to drill.

**Second borehole at Kakamega...** 54 Miles (87K) from Busia. This borehole was drilled for Kenyan Children's Project who look after orphan and vulnerable children. The drilling crew only had to drill to 52 metres where there was a good supply of water. It took a couple of weeks – amazing when one considers how long the first borehole took to drill. It might have been quicker had there not been interference from the local witchdoctor!

**Future boreholes...** tentative plans are being made as to the locations of new boreholes. Les and Zeddy's constantly receive requests. They need wisdom as to when and where to drill. However drilling a borehole at "Waitaluk" near Moyes Bridge will soon take place.

**Personnel...** Les- had both of his knee-caps replaced at the end of 2015. Thank God that he is now pain free. However, sitting for hours on Kenyan buses is a big issue. He needs a good 4x4 vehicle. Les has recently been in the UK for his son's wedding. Zeddy's – continues to do an enormous amount of work on behalf of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.. A few weeks ago he was on his way to the north of Kenya to obtain some paperwork when the vehicle he was traveling in went into a ravine at Marich pass. Thankfully everyone in the vehicle is okay.



The drilling crew have been so loyal and faithful and have for the past two months not taken their wages because of all of the problems we have been having (we didn't know about this until recently, as Les was still in the UK and so their wages are now being brought up to date). All of the trustees- continue to do their work for the charity voluntarily.



**Material and financial issues...** new tents are urgently needed for the drilling crew to use when they are away from home working. A number of insurances in Kenya are now due and a good 4 x 4 vehicle is needed to navigate on the remote

Kenyan "roads". The costs for administration, website up keeping, printing etc amounted to around 3% of our budget which is shown on last year's audited accounts.

**Thank you...** sincere and grateful thanks from the Trustees to all those who have supported with prayer and finance and continue to do so. We would not be where we are today, were it not for dedicated and committed people, both on the trust and the supporters of the charity.

Check out our website - Brian, one of our trustees is in the process of updating the website and it should be up and running towards the end of September if not before.

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