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Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

Community impact report Chwele

Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. had the privilege of partnering with a team of Canadian supporters to drill and equip a borehole with a submersible electric pump with water piped to an existing storage tank on site at West Special School, Chwele, near Bungoma, North West Kenya.

West Special School was founded by Evelyn Nakaesa. She saw a need to reach the deaf and disabled children in her village. These children are considered an embarrassment to the family and a burden on society, therefore they are often neglected and unwanted. Evelyn held day-care classes in a small shed in the small market town of Chwele for any children with disabilities, primarily deaf and mentally and physically disabled. She faced hardship from the local community and government and there was lack of support for her vision and hope to create a safe, loving and educational environment for these “outcast” children.

With help from sponsors in the U.K. and Canada she was able to purchase land and construct class rooms and dormitories for the children. West Special School now has approximately 70 students with varying disabilities, blind, deaf, autistic and mentally and physically disabled. Students that are able are encouraged to learn sewing, carpentry, welding etc. The school is working towards self-sustainability, i.e. growing vegetables, farming chickens and rabbits etc.

Prior to the borehole being drilled, the school had been relying on water from a hand dug shallow well which had run dry. The able children had to get up very early in the morning to fetch water from a considerable distance away. The school had been waiting seven years for a borehole and Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. were able to drill and equip a borehole at a much lower cost than commercial drillers were charging. This borehole has improved the lives of the children and increased the ability of the school to be self sustaining. The borehole produces potable water with a potential of up to 4000 cubic meters an hour. The yield from it is such that there is an opportunity for the school to impact the lives of the surrounding neighbourhood with the sharing of the water.

There are numerous similar projects in Kenya in need of a secure clean water supply where a borehole is the best and sometimes the only solution for the success of the project.

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