

# Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

## Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

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Here's the story. You may have already seen the video! As you are aware, Les and John went back to Kenya in August and September, initially without any specific plans, but trusting **God** to make the way clear on 3 matters –

- to continue the important repairs and necessary maintenance on the drilling rig, the support vehicle and the 4X4,
- to pray and learn of the future work of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.
- operation in Kenya, and
- depending on (ii), to drill a borehole at Ol-Kalou.

48 hours after their arrival, after periods of Bible readings and prayers together and with their colleague Zeddys Samson, 'listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit', an important text message from a trusted UK supporter was received 'to break the curse that had been put on the rig whilst Les was back in the UK after his last visit'. Over the next few days, this was agreed and acted upon after further prayer, by making tentative plans to make sure the equipment was working, insured and taxed, mobilising the rest of the drilling crew and other preparations to drill at Ol-Kalou. On Monday 21st August, recognising the 'spiritual battle' concerning this situation - as Wahungu, the invaluable Christian mechanic of the team, having been involved in an accident requiring hospital treatment - and so in the company of visiting pastors – they prayed together with anointing over all the equipment and upon themselves. It was a very significant time for the Charity and the work .

The next two weeks brought both unexpected joys and also testing challenges: Wahungu returned; the air brake equipment on the truck revealed that important repairs and replacement parts and maintenance were needed; frustration and disappointment bordered on despair but God spoke with a message of encouragement and support and so the preparatory work with the remaining team members continued. All the engines started first time, the paperwork was completed and the purchase of supplies, fuel and loading was completed. On Monday 2nd September, after a communion service, the rig and support vehicle left the compound on its journey to Ol-Kalou, via Zeddy's house in Kitale to collect extra rods.

However, in the late afternoon, Wahungu reported that the brakes on the support vehicle were sticking again – and the team returned to the compound. Heartfelt disappointment was mixed with gratitude to be back in a secure location but it took the rest of the week to repair the brake. John started his return to the UK by overnight bus to Nairobi on Sunday 8th and the small convoy of rig and support vehicles left for Ol-Kalou the next day. Both reached at their destinations safely and the drilling team were joined by Les and Zeddys who had followed the trucks by bus. They arrived to find that drilling had begun – down to 60m – but in the wrong location. After being correctly re-sited to the front of the compound as surveyed and previously agreed, drilling was started with no real issues apart from some on-the-job repairs which Wahungu repaired and good progress was made.

Wahungu & Francis drove back to Kitale to pick up extra rods and the next day drilled to 130m (dry), then to 143m and hit water. Drilling went to a depth of 150m. Realising that a hand pump could not be installed on top of a borehole this depth, the team continued to drill to 165m so that a submersible electric pump could be installed into a large aquifer. All this took place under direct supervision of both Zeddys and Les. The submersible pump would be connected to the local house electrical supply. Electrical power installation in the area was imminent. The team flushed the hole clear, concreted it, welded a cap and left: job done. They returned to Kitale rejoicing and thanking the Almighty God for such grace, such power, such faithfulness, such authority. Jude 24 – 25.

Currently, we are preparing for Les' return after New Year (hopefully Jan 6th 2020) and we are very grateful to the Zurich Community Trust for extending the grant period to include this proposed visit.

It is obvious that this grant has been a significant and timely gift, which is being well used, necessarily in conjunction with other unrestricted existing funds. As Trustees of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K., we are most grateful for the generous and enabling support of Zurich Community Trust UK.

