

## And MORE walls...

One would think that after building huge church walls for several months this year that Nuru Ya Mapendo would be tired of “walls” and decide to move on to other projects. But no, God had different plans for us. As we were building the church walls, we noticed that literally hundreds of people passed through various sections of the church property on foot and on motorcycle each day. Some of the motorcycle taxis went VERY fast, causing us great concern for the children who would be on the school property the next school year. The traffic was a distraction for teachers and children alike. We wanted the children to be safe and to be able to concentrate on their school work.

Nuru Ya Mapendo postponed some other projects for the year and began building walls- 301 meters of walls- nearly .2 miles! We purchased 14,000 bricks, 2 loads each of sand and gravel, and began work by encircling the adjacent parcel of land which will contain the home for the District Superintendent. From that parcel, we continued along the back property line behind the school, installing a door for the school children to use each day. We rounded the corner and continued the wall from the back property line to the front. The work on walls lasted four weeks.

Below (and page two) are some photos of the beautiful new walls. I think you will agree that the children will now be safe and sound as they study this year. Passers-by can't believe the transformation of this church property and they are looking forward to the next phase of development. We give God all the praise for revealing to us the need to keep the children safe.





behind school bldg. #2



the D.S. property

## SQUISH!

We have raised some funds to begin building walls for the second school building, however the timing for construction was not right. Additionally, we didn't have funds to cover the roof before the beginning of the school year (and the start of the rainy season).

Asking God for a "Plan B", we scurried after building walls and asked our construction team to cover the roof of the office space behind the new church building (photo below). This space will provide classrooms for three of the smaller classes for the 2017-2018 school year until the second school building is completed.

Because we have only two actual classrooms, we will be using the old church building and the offices of the new church building for the coming year. Over 300 children will be enrolled in primary and secondary classes this year.

We say "squish", but are so thankful that we have places to house the children until the school can be completed.



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# Agriculture Mix-Up

Thanks to having a well and water source at Nuru Ya Mapendo, we are fortunate to be able to grow food year-round. We are grateful for all the sources of food planted on our property, especially during the driest time of the year. Can you match the photos with the food sources listed below them? Some will be more difficult than others, so we listed a key at the end of our newsletter. Good luck!



a. moringa for powder, b. pineapple, c. Chaya, d. bananas, e. passionfruit, f. onion, g. oranges

## Answered Prayers/Prayer Requests

- We praise God that in all of the construction this year no laborers or staff have been injured. Continue to pray for the safety of all workers.
- With the installation of a new Bishop, the church year has been adjusted and will end in June 2018. Pray for us as we work to prepare an abbreviated calendar which also addresses all the requirements for the district!
- Due to the many demands on the new Bishop, no pastoral changes were made in our district this year. This means that we will continue lacking pastors in 50% of our churches. Please pray for the churches lacking pastoral leadership this year.
- Pray for me and the many demands as I prepare for furlough at the end of the year and also wrap up all the loose ends at NYM.

*Blessings, Jane*

Agriculture key: 3a/ 5b/ 4c/ 1d/ 7e/ 2f/ 6g

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