



Express News # 2

Dear friends.

As is always the case, our newsletter is overdue again. Someone said to me the other day, you must be so busy there in your little office, I thought about it and replied, Yes I am busy, but I actually think I am just slow, due to a lack of office knowledge !!! ☺ and because I like being outside sooo much with the EAMO kids too.

This E News, will give some one liners, on what's happening here at EAMO.

Then its going to give you a list of what Mum (May) is always requesting from me, from her perspective.

Then finally, what is on my (Ralph's) wish list from a General Managers point of view.

Quick Read of Happenings at EAMO over the past 2 months.

- We now have 193 children in our full time care.
- There have been 6 new children come to EAMO.
- Both our Primary and Secondary Schools closed on 30th July and will re-open on the 23rd August.
- Our Primary performed well. We came 1st in 5 grades, 2nd in 2 grades and 3rd in one grade.
- Young Petey (EAMO) came 1st in the whole Southern Division (Over 300 children)
- We have harvested 150 bags of wheat from 13 acres of EAMO land.
- We have also harvested 47 x 90kg bags of potatoes, 14 x 90kg bags of beans, and 3,974 kgs of tomatoes.
- Part of the tomato harvest was sold to our daughter for her Cafe and another orphanage, but by far the majority were eaten by our kids every day.
- Our Nurse Indra left for India, we wish her all the best.
- Chloe, our volunteer from Canada, went back to cold Canada. Thanks for the Piano Chloe.
- Megan, our volunteer from Adelaide came for 2 weeks and left 4 months later. We miss her office skills. Thanks for raising the funds for the new mattresses too Megan.

- Thanks to “A Better World” Canada, we have finished our bathroom and are now putting in the ceilings in all the bedrooms in the new girls dormitory.
- Angelique, an ex Gecko Safari Passenger, raised \$8,000 USD for our Form 1 and Form 2 Secondary School Building, which is completed and in use. Angelique, also came with 15 new signed sponsorship forms to help our monthly income.
- Angelique just does not stop, after showing a presentation of EAMO that she put together by herself to her CEO, he has decided to fund the new Form 3 and Form 4 Secondary Building with a generous donation of \$10,000 USD, which will complete the 6m X 17m stone building.
- The Canadian Students from “Youth for Christ” (Lacombe) came and painted the inside of our new Secondary building. Thank you all so much.
- Janice (Canadian) and Kora (US) have been helping with music teaching for the kids and the mountains of sewing that May has to deal with daily.

There has been numerous other things happen to, but just too many to put here.

School Uniforms:
May being a mother, of course cares for how her children are dressed. Well in this case, May is a mum to over 190 kids. She does a mammoth job in keeping the kids well dressed and presentable by shopping in the local used clothes market for the kids. However, school clothes need to be brought brand new. So she has asked me to ask you, if either you and anyone you know may be in a position to help her buy 150 new uniforms. 150 uniforms at a cost of 1,400 Ksh each (\$21.50 Aud)

210,000 Kenyan Shillings	\$3,300 Aud
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Used Photo Copier:
For years now May has been asking me to find money to buy a photo copier that she can utilize in her Primary School. With so many little children here at EAMO, she just simply needs to be able to make copies of pictures so the kids can colour in etc.
The price for a used copier is:

45,000 Kenyan Shillings	\$700 AUD
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Complete the Construction on the New Baby Nursery:
The Baby Nursery began to be funded by Gecko's Adventures a number of years ago. We began the construction with some funds that they raised for us, but now the building has been standing for some years now with not much happening. At times, when EAMO had a little extra cash, we would get a few things done. With this, we have been able to make the windows, complete all the electrical wiring etc. To finish the job, we need to buy the glass for the windows, floor and wall tiles for laundry, kitchen and bathroom. Cement to finish the rest of the floor. Then its basically the plumbing, the painting and the verandah, and then all our babies and little kids can move in.

455,000 Kenyan Shillings	\$7,000 AUD
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Primary and Secondary School Teachers Salaries:

Probably the most stressful time for me is the end of month, where we need to pay all our suppliers and the salaries for our many staff.

The biggest burden amongst these is the salaries for both the Primary and Secondary Teachers.

If we could find a sponsor for this, it would be a huge burden off our shoulders each month.

Primary – 9 Teachers

Secondary – 8 Teachers

	Kenyan Shillings	
	Monthly	Yearly
Primary:	75,000	
900,000		
Secondary:	<u>90,000</u>	
1,080,000		

	Australian Dollars	
	Monthly	Yearly
Primary:	\$1,200	\$14,400
Secondary:	<u>\$1,400</u>	<u>\$16,800</u>
Total:	\$2,600	\$31,200



Finally:

Facebook: Don't forget, you can find us at "EAMO Orphanage" on Facebook. There, you can find weekly updates on everyday life at EAMO, even pictures and video's. If you have been a visitor or volunteer at EAMO, you can even post your pictures, video's or views there too.

Website: Don't forget to visit our website at www.eastafricanmission.org

Support: Both May and I, and all the kids, staff here at EAMO want to thank you all for your continued support, for without you all, EAMO would not be here. As I tell the kids and staff, we need to be like a football team, working together constantly, and after all the hard work, we get to achieve the goal. Thank you all so much for being team members.

With Kind regards

Ralph and May Spinks.

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