

Kenya – Seje Community Transformation



Present Realities:

Seje is a community of about 5,000 people located in a small valley about 25 miles from the town of Siaya in Western Kenya. The community is composed of one tribal group who have lived through the years on the means of subsistence farming. The community has suffered greatly due to lack of long term food security, poor drinking water, and the AIDS epidemic.

Purpose:

To facilitate a long term relationship between Cove Community Church and the community of Seje to bring about spiritual and economical transformation. Developing a phased plan over a period of 3 to 5 years will provide a structural foundation in order to bring about sustainable change within the community.



Children from Seje

Plan of Action:

A 3 to 5 year plan which includes phased projects such as:

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| Water Well | School Expansion | Family Homes | Agricultural Program |
| Primary School | Business Loans | Medical Clinics | Church Upgrade |
| Orphan Care Home | HIV/AIDS Training | Feeding Program | |

Year 1

Water Well

The need for clean drinking water is the highest priority and the greatest need in the community. Children from the surrounding area typically will walk two or three times a day, 2 – 3 km, to fill 5 gallon buckets with water that comes from a mud hole or about 5 km to a small river. Drilling for a clean source of water typically reduces disease in rural communities by over 50%. In addition the ability to water crops throughout times of drought will help increase food security and combat hunger and malnutrition.

Feeding Program

The community in the past years has suffered from drought and has faced hunger. While it is not wise to have too many handouts, there may still be a need to provide food for the community to battle malnutrition until the community can provide completely for its own needs.



Water Well in Siaya

Primary School (EDC)

The children in Seje that do attend school have to walk about 5 km. The distance is often too much for the younger children and building a primary school will open the door for a government provided teacher. This contributes to long term sustainability as the operating costs of the school will be absorbed by the government. Limited in its ability for capital projects the government will not provide a teacher until there is a building.



Agricultural Program

Phase 1, Home Gardens – In order to increase food security for the coming years small amounts of capital will be invested into individual homes with small gardens. This will also produce a better diet and combat malnutrition in the children in the area.



| Project Components | Funds Required |
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| Water Well (400 ft) (Matching Funding provided by HFL) | 8,000 – 10,000 |
| Feeding Program | 4,000 |
| Primary School | 14,000 |
| Phase 1 Agriculture | 2,000 |
| Total | \$28,000 CAN |

Prices may fluctuate based on changes in currency exchange rates.

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