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Report to the Run Well Church- England.

We are happy to share stories and updates from Tumaini School- we are very grateful for the helping hand and love for the needy children here in Kenya.

During the month of June 2019, we were hit with the worst news possible for Tumaini school. The Ministry of Education was not happy with the standards of hygiene of the school. It had rained heavily for 2 Consecutive weeks and there were floods in the slums, our Tumaini School was flooded with dirty water from the toilets and roads within the slums and the school. For many years, the school was located in rental iron sheets shanties that we paid monthly rent and the landlord did not want to comply and make the necessary changes.

One cold rainy, muddy morning the children came to School only to find a padlock on the door of their school, they were all in shock staring at their future and dreams coming to a halt. This was a very chaotic day, we could not feed the children, all of them were rained on and did not access to their school, food or learning. They drenched in water, this was very tough especially for the little ones – we had no choice but to send them home.

We had a meeting with the staff, teachers and the following morning we called in the parents- we had no choice but to move the School to the New plot that we had bought- immediately we embarked on Fundraising and building the New Tumaini School.

Funds were not coming in as planned thankfully received help from a past intern who fundraised with plans to build a 2-storey structure. With the money fundraised we were able to demolish the plot of land and get the foundations ready with cement and steel. We received our planning permission and plans were drawn. We then came across our next problem. We realized the land we have is far too small for our needs. Where will the children run and play? A plot of land beside us became available last year. We were very interested but again the land cost 1.5m KSH. Questions came to our minds; how could we afford this? How would we get this money? Could we pay for the lands in instalments? We met with the land owner and he agreed we could pay it 2 instalments. The agreed price was 1.5m KSH. \$7,500 was to be paid in June and \$7,500 in September. We were very fortunate again that past and present interns reached out to us and offered pay the first instalment. The land will now be used to extend the school and a play area for the children. Now September is very much on our minds. By December 2019 the structure was built in readiness for the children to start a fresh new year 2020 in a new School- buildings, the community members were very happy and their hopes were restored. Though not well completed, the structure is much better than what we used to have.

We also had friends who contributed for the bio-digester that is connected to the toilets improving on sanitation.

With support from Run well Church, we were able to pay some teachers and buy food for the little children in day care, and all other children, we ensured that they received nutritional porridge at 10 -O Clock during School days and delicious hot lunches.

We still have a lot of needs in the school, we have to finish plastering the walls, painting, building more classrooms, the teachers staff rooms, buying more books, play items and to continue feeding the children and paying the teachers.

We again take this opportunity to let you know that you are in our prayers, the hearts of the little children of Tumaini School are happy- our good Lord will bless you for allowing the children have the beautiful smiles.

Thank you