

Women Mechanics

In Kenya, **Nyakach Helping Hand Group** has provided 210 households, about 1600 people...many of them children, with clean water. They have a program called Beacon of Hope which trained women to maintain the water pumps; 6 of 8 pumps installed by other NGOs were broken and the women were again having to walk to remote unclean water sources.



At the beginning of the intervention, 3 staff members and the village local leaders identified members of the community who were to undergo trainings. They spent 15 days training 16 women about pump mechanics and 5 days working with 24 women concerning hygiene. Five of the six broken pumps have been repaired and the company supplying spare parts donated some of the items. They also encouraged the use of Moringa Olifera tree seeds, locally available, affordable means for water purification.

As a result of these efforts, they find a 45% reduction in children's diarrhea and of course better attendance at school.

The trained women have been encouraged to share their skills with others in the community. We are pleased to have been a part of helping so many to have better health.

Read it in the Comics

IBA Foundation, Nigeria, launched the **Malaria Comic Book** on April 27th with a member of the Nigerian Government and the Deputy Publicity Officer of the United States Consulate present. Some 86% of all malaria cases are children and this book explains to them the causes, prevention and treatment.



They translated the comic into English, French, Hausa and are currently working on other languages. They are also working to translate the comic to sign language. They have started distributing the English version, and we hope to get it soon. More information at <http://thenationonlineng.net/comic-book-launched-fight-malaria/>



Happy Holidays

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Take a Deep Breath

Those of us in this country, including newborns, have all the equipment necessary to help us breath if we have problems. And those of us who breath freely know how giving of ourselves to help others gives us breathless joy. Interestingly, a recent study found that “charity is one of the most guaranteed ways to increase happiness through money.”

Michael Norton



I'm sure you already know that. So we would like to again offer you the chance to give a donation to the Foundation as gifts to your friends and relatives who already have all they need, we will send each one of them one of these lovely cards, hand-embroidered by rescued girls in Bangladesh, and tell them of your gift. The message will say that you honored them with your gift to save a child's life.

Of course you may just send a donation honoring yourself. Please use the enclosed envelope and send us a check with (or without) names and addresses of your loved ones, use our credit card method on our website or pledge at your workplace. We will be very grateful and so will many children.

Thank you!

Lather Up

Grampari in India has been funded by Child Health Foundation before. This grant was used for the same purpose, that is, to encourage hand-washing with soap.

Interestingly, they also included a program they called *Washing Your Heart* to resolve conflicts and bring in value based living in all spheres of life.

They held 15 awareness programs in 15 schools, similar to those held in previous years. Seven follow-ups found that the handwashing with soap is more effective than before.



On Global Hand Wash Day they took the program to some urban backward areas by organizing a rally with posters and skits and a march seen here.

The good news does not stop there. Visitors (about 3500 of them) come to learn the teaching methods used and take lessons learned back home.

These are projects funded by Child Health Foundation and the full reports are available upon request.

