

Kakrao prayer update - August



Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter, I'm enjoying seeing how the rain has freshened up the garden. I've been concerned for my lawn and plants, and relieved that they have been restored to life so quickly after this prolonged dry period. It's been a real reminder to me what our farmers have to endure for much of the year. For them it's a matter of will their crops grow, or will they fail? Will they be able to feed their families or not?

I'm so glad to know that Sylvia and her team are working with our farmers to ensure that they are able to grow food, even during prolonged periods of dryness.

Let's celebrate with Sylvia

I asked Sylvia about the successes and challenges she sees on the project:

The greatest successes we've witnessed on the project, are that the bare lands have been transformed to be very productive. There has been a change in mind set among the people we work with, that their lands can be adequately productive to provide enough food for their families. The project has also seen success in the introduction of other high value food crops that were not previously grown in Kakrao and are now fully embraced by farmers.

"I am surprised that compost manure is transforming my farm that I believed was useless, since I could not yield much" Agness Ajanjo, Kakrao project farmer.

"I have lived in this village for a long time but I did not know bananas can be grown here. Thanks to the training I got from Send a Cow, I now have bananas on my farm!" says Everline Achieng' Kakrao project farmer.



Travelling by motorbike is the best way to reach the different groups

As a Gender and Social Inclusion leader for the project, I delight in hearing the men use the word 'WE' in reference to decision making within the family. I feel that the project has made a great change, not only in bringing families to work together, but also increasing the involvement of women in decision making on pertinent issues like land.

We still face some challenges. In our community health outreach for people infected or affected by HIV, we find that men rarely attend because of fear and stigma. Yet male involvement in combating family health issues is very key, as they are the main decision makers in households. Please pray that we can help change this mind-set.

Please pray:

- Thank God for the transformation of the land from unproductive to thriving.
- Thank God for the openness of the community in accepting change, and for the reward this has given them - fertile land, bananas and women involved in decision making.
- Please pray for the community as they continue to work hard. No doubt there will be set backs, but pray that they will support each other as a community to get through these times and grow through them.
- Please pray that God would help the team's relationships with those affected by HIV/AIDS. Pray that the men who are fearful will accept help and that mind-sets will be changed in the whole community.

Thank you for your continued prayers,
Best wishes,



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