

Kakrao prayer update – December



Dear Friends,

This month, Sylvia has sent us some of her thoughts from the Kakrao Project. She talks about how the lives of women have changed, as well as the successes and challenges of the project. I hope that reading this will help inspire your prayers for these families.

Before we started the project, conditions were really hard for women:

'The life of the women in the project has changed greatly, as anticipated. In terms of food, they are now able to produce an adequate and varied amount for their households which means that their families' nutrition has improved. From the vegetables they grow, women are now able to get income and cater for some of their household expenses without having to ask their husbands. For them this is really a great deal because asking for money from their husbands used to be a trigger for violence between couples. Women are now involved now in major decision making within their household, all of which has greatly improved their self-worth and esteem.'

Sylvia works with individuals and groups, but much of her work is focused on the wider community:

'Our greatest success has been activities that we have been doing with the wider community. We initiated a poultry vaccination programme that has been fully embraced by the community. They are now doing this independently of Send a Cow!'

'Another success has been the number of farmers that have benefitted from being given banana seedlings. The team placed about 2000 seedlings which has now multiplied to 12,138 seedlings, benefitting the wider community through the pass on scheme!'



Gladys is one of farmers Sylvia works with, and for whom life has changed dramatically. Before the project she was unnoticed, marginalized. Now people come to her to ask advise and to see how she farms:

"I now feel like an important person in this village when other people come to my farm to learn about the farming I'm doing."

There have been times during this project when we have asked you to pray for rain. At the point of writing, it is raining but it's been heavier than expected and has caused problems:

'There have been very heavy unexpected rains for the last three months. Hail stones have destroyed pawpaw trees and maize crop on the project. Beans have also been completely destroyed with the cold weather and farmers are not expecting any bean harvest and very little maize harvest. Navigating around the field has also been limited due to the bad roads that have been swept by heavy rains.'

Please pray:

- Thank God for the continued passion and enthusiasm of the team
- Praise God that the team has built up good relationships with the community and that families are prepared to accept the advice provided and use it to change their lives.
- Thank God that conditions for women have improved greatly and that they have a sense of self-worth now.
- Please do pray for the families who have been affected by heavy rains and hail stones. Pray that they won't feel disheartened, but will keep going, and that they will be able to depend on the other crops that they have grown.
- As you celebrate Christmas with your families and friends, please do pray for our families on the Kakrao Project, that God would bless them.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers. Bless you and your families this Christmas and into 2020.



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