



Rain in Kenya



Said's Story



MCF Safari

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From the Directors Office



Glen Roadknight,
Executive Director

It is a great privilege for me to write to you. In many ways this is my first official communication with you since my wife

and I joined the organization in October 2009.

Some of you will have heard that we spent more than a decade living in the beautiful country of Kenya. But despite this there is much for us to learn about this organization and the work it is doing in Kenya and what our role here in Canada entails.

We covet your prayers for us as we make this transition. As we believe that prayer is such an integral part of our work, we are seeking to improve and establish a good prayer network. If you would like to be involved this way, please see more information on page 2.

Over the last several months we have been amazed with the incredible things God has done and continues to do in this organization. Some of you may have recently seen a commercial on television for MCF. Let me assure you that absolutely none of your donation dollars were spent on this advertising. Rather it

was through the generosity of MCF friends here in Canada that we were given some free airtime. God has truly blessed us. Initially these ads were to only run during the first couple weeks of January but a number of networks have subsequently picked up this commercial and continue to run it free of charge. What an incredible and unique privilege we have had sharing with Canadians coast to coast how the lives of these precious children are being transformed.

Below, we have a special story from Gabriel, one of the beneficiaries of the MCF program, who shares firsthand

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Dr. Mulli Receives Presidential Commendations

We congratulate MCF Founder & CEO, Dr. Charles M. Mulli for receiving Presidential Commendations from His Excellency, Kenyan President, Mwai Kibaki.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Mulli's outstanding and distinguished services rendered to the people of the republic of Kenya.

Bright future for MCF graduate

My name is Gabriel Matheka and I was born in a family of 5 children with 3 sisters and 1 brother. My father died in 1993 and my mother died in 1995 of HIV/AIDS. After their death, no one was there to care for us, not even our relatives. We were depressed from the death of our parents and emaciated from the lack of food.

We all dropped out of school, and I was forced to do child labour at the age of 9 to feed my small sisters. Our situation seemed hopeless. Then in De-

cember 1995, Charles Mulli heard our story and he rescued us and welcomed us into the Mully Children's Family.

When we came to MCF, our basic needs like food, were taken care of. We got education and counselling; we were taught the Word of God; and we received parental love from Charles and Esther.

When I graduated from the MCF high school in 2003, I went to college in Nairobi and then started my own retail business



Gabriel at Niagara Falls, Ontario

that I have been running for the last six years. My sisters are also in Nairobi working on their studies and it is through them that I met my wife Jenn Chaves, a Canadian who worked at MCF on a CIDA internship in 2005.

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how his life has been transformed. One page 4 you'll read about Said, a boy with a similar life story, and how you can be directly involved in his life, or the life of another child at MCF through our sponsorship program.

For those who received this newsletter with your 2009 income tax receipt, we have been able to include a greeting card from a child

awaiting sponsorship. Normally these are reserved for sponsors but we didn't want these beautiful cards to go to waste and thought you might enjoy reading a short note from them.

This letter is filled with encouraging news and updates along with some upcoming changes that are taking place.

I trust that as you read you

will see God's faithfulness and our desire to be good stewards, serve Him well and make things better.

Committed to excellence for Him,

Glen Roadknight
Executive Director

Safari touches hearts across Canada

This fall, we celebrated the Mully Children's Family's 20th Anniversary by bringing 20 members of the MCF Mission Choir across Canada as part of a *North American Safari* tour.

The team travelled from Toronto to Vancouver, with over 111 presentations, covering 5 provinces and well over 7,000 km in 58 days.

It was a one-of-a-kind show that had audiences grooving in their seats and jumping to their feet for standing ovations. The youth shared their

stories of transformation and the hope they now have and it was this message that touched hearts and inspired audiences across the country.

As they travelled from city to city, it was humbling to see how large and committed the MCF community is here in Canada. This tour wouldn't have been possible without the many volunteers who arranged shows, billeting and meals and the one donor who flew the whole team to Canada and provided a tour bus and driver. Asante Sana!

Thank you to everyone who came to a show and supported

us through prayers and financial support. It was an incredible safari and we were blessed with proceeds of over \$450,000.

We look forward to sharing with you how these funds are being used to help us continue our work of Feeding, Educating, Empowering and Loving the children and communities we serve in Kenya.

If you're interested in hosting the choir in your area during future tours, please email tours@mullychildrensfamily.ca

Join the MCF Prayer Network

Prayer is the foundation of the MCF ministry and we depend on your prayer support for God's wisdom and provision. If you would like to support us through prayer, we invite you to join our network of friends

who are committed to praying for MCF regularly. We are working on developing a prayer calendar with praise and prayer items that you can pray for on your own, with family & friends, or with other

members of the prayer network. For more information or to join the prayer network, please email us at:

prayer@mullychildrensfamily.ca.

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Update from the Field: Rain in Kenya!



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everywhere. The prolonged drought over the years completely devastated our efforts in realizing our dreams. However, now we see those dreams are becoming a true manifestation of God's faithfulness.

Ev. Dr. Charles Mulli
MCF Founder & CEO

I am so pleased to share the joy of the current environmental conditions here in Kenya where there was restoration of a wonderful climatic condition. A good harvest is expected from peasants to large scale farmers.

For the first time in the last 7 years, the Thika river that transverses our MCF farm has once again become

full to the brim and is able to supply adequate water for irrigation in our agricultural projects. We hope that people of Kenya will have enough for personal consumption and be able to store some in their granaries to see them through the many months to come.

It is unbelievable how MCF Yatta looks... It is a beautiful site of water

Read the full update from Dr. Mulli on the website: www.mcfcf.ca

Thank You

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support during the drought. You responded immediately with funds to drill wells, purchase a water truck, and provide emergency food relief for thousands of families.

Remember to keep an eye on our future newsletters for more information about our 2010 **World Environment Day Challenge** for the MCF family in Canada.

Help us go Green!

In an effort to reduce our environmental impact and reduce costs this will be our last paper newsletter. Our goal is to send out shorter more frequent updates by E-Newsletters instead of paper newsletters.

If you're not already on our email distribution list, please send a short email to info@mcfcf.ca with 'E-newsletter' in the subject line and include your complete contact

information so that we can be sure that our records are up to date. Please do this **before March 15th 2010**.

If you do not respond by March 15th 2010 you will receive a telephone call from one of our volunteers who will request your email address and updated contact information.

If you fail to hear from us by April 15th chances are we don't have

complete contact information for you and as a result we will assume you want to be dropped from our mailing list.

Since we do recognize that that not everyone uses email, you may contact us at: 905-235-2886 and make a special request to continuing receiving paper newsletters.

Thank you in advance for helping us go green!

Canadians prepare to serve in Kenya



April Team from RHCCC

This spring, two Canadian teams will be heading to Kenya to serve at the MCF homes. On March 12, a

team of medical professionals from the Belleville, Ontario area will be running a medical and dental clinic for the children and surrounding community.

On April 2, another team from Richmond Hill Christian Community Church (RHCCC) will travel to Kenya to continue with another dental clinic as well as leadership training for the MCF management team.

Although the teams are arranged by Ontario groups, they also include members from Manitoba and Alberta.

The April team is still collecting funds and donations of much needed medications to bring with them. If you would like to support the team, please contact Amy MacDonald: amy@mcfcf.ca.

Please remember to pray for our teams as they are travelling to and from and serving in Kenya:

March 12—26

April 2—16

Pray for safe travels, health and unity and that God will make the work of their hands a blessing to the MCF family.

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Gabriel and his wife Jenn are all smiles with Charles & Esther Mulli after their wedding service at MCF Ndalani, Kenya

Jenn and I got married in Kenya this past summer and we're now living in Canada.

Canadians are very friendly and welcoming and I'm impressed by the willingness of the supporters of MCF here in Canada. Thank you for changing the lives of so many children in Kenya, me being one of them. May God bless you as you continue with the good work that you are doing for the children in MCF.

If I didn't go to MCF I wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to school and likely would have worked as a herd boy and then moved to the nearest town or to Nairobi to become a street kid.

When I look back at my time in MCF, I am grateful that I was equipped with a good education and taught to work hard in whatever I'm doing. It was at MCF that I became a Christian and learned to trust in God and to be a responsible person.

My goals for the future are to support many young people and children to realize their dreams and succeed in life. I am looking forward to having a happy and beautiful family and seeing my sisters and my brother and their families be happy and successful in life.

Said's Story

Said Kiptoo is the last born in a family of six siblings. His father was an abusive drunkard and mistreated them and their mother. In 1999 his parents separated and his father abandoned them, leaving them in the care of their poor unemployed mother. His father later died of alcohol abuse and his mother was forced to engage in all manner of trade to provide for Said and his siblings.

Said's mother died in 2007 after a

long illness leaving the children with no one to turn to for help. They had to drop out of school to fend for themselves in the streets. Said was only 8 years old.

In March 2007 MCF rescued Said and his brother from the streets. Ever since they were rescued from the hard life and the risks they were facing, the brothers have been full of cheer and praise for God. His elder two siblings had already been rescued

by MCF in 1999.

Said was not attending school at the time of rescue. He is now in grade two and is progressing well with his studies.



Said Kiptoo

Consider how you can become a part of Said's journey, or the journey of another child at MCF.



Sponsor a Child today



When you choose to sponsor a child at MCF, you become a part of their journey from rescue to rehabilitation and your support provides a treatment program that focuses on meeting their unique physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs.

Gabriel's story is an example of how the Mully Children's Family can transform a child's life, and their future; and Said's story is one example of the hundreds of children at MCF that are now just beginning their journey of healing and transformation.

Contact us today to learn how you can bring encouragement and hope to an MCF child: sponsorship@mcfcf.ca or 905-235-2886.

Important!

Office Space

We're moving!

Up to now the work of MCF has been conducted out of 'virtual' offices. However the work of MCF in Canada is growing and as a result we have determined that a physical office is necessary for us to increase our organizational effectiveness as we engage more Canadians in helping us save and transform the lives of children in Kenya.

There are obvious costs to making this move but we are committed to keeping our administrative deductions from general and project donations at 7.5%. As a result we are seeking donations directly for this and other administrative costs. If you would like to support our work in Canada, we would be most appreciative. Please get in touch with Glen Roadknight, Executive Director by phone: 905-235-2886 or email: glen@mcfcf.ca.

Effective March 1st 2010 our new mailing address will be:

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For the time being our telephone number will remain the same. We will communicate any changes in that regard in future E-newsletters.

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