

# Gap Programme

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## A Successful First Year

It has been a successful first year for the gap programme!! Thank you for all your prayers. There have been eight gap volunteers in total, some staying three weeks, some staying three months, and we have a new volunteer coming on the 16th November for 2 months called Adam Wadsworth who will be constructing the gap programme's third house, painting Khalayi Nursery (IcFEM Mission Nursery) and helping with the Christmas Holiday Club. He is a keen cricketer and will be visiting Kibingei, Kamukuywa and Misikhu for three days each to show them how to play cricket, and the teams formed will compete against each other with trophies and t-shirts for the winning team. From the 16th May to the 21st October we have been busy with our gap volunteers all coming do something different and having different aims.

Paul Robinson came for three months. He accomplished the development of a new programme, "Transformation Kenya"; he helped with the construction of one house for an elderly lady and moreover he now knows how to prepare chicken!

Emily Adams came for three weeks, visiting three hospitals; throughout her



time with the Mission she witnessed numerous areas concerning medicine and gained further knowledge for her degree.

John Adams (husband to Emily) also came for three weeks. He led five assemblies in three primary schools, encouraging over 350 children; organised and helped to run the August holiday club, ran two Sunday schools with at least 200 children, and encouraged numerous families and patients at Lugulu Friends Mission Hospital...



Emma Slater came for three weeks on behalf of her Church, All Saints and her

former school, Withington Girls' School. Withington Girls have sponsored children through the IcFEM-Mission for many years and this year they were able to raise 1000GBP for a motorbike for the school sponsorship programme and they gave Emma the privilege of handing over the cheque to the management. She also found time to build a two roomed house for an elderly man. The three weeks involved a visit to the Kakamega Juvenile and Main Prisons and a visit to



Bungoma Magistrates. The four Dutch students (Eelke, Casper, Marleen and Merel) came for an eleven week intern-ship. They spent a week doing field research at Naitiri Location, and subsequently constructed two specially designed wheelchairs, developed a manual for wheelchair construction, constructed and fitted over 50 disability aids for patients surrounding Kimilili and visited a wheelchair factory, orthopaedic college, and hospital in Nairobi for several days. So it's been a very busy yet successful few months.

## Lugulu and Kimilili Sub District Hospital



Emily Adams arriving back from the field with the Lugulu Mission Hospital Vehicle

Emily Adams is taking the first year of her Medical Degree at Oxford University so it was an ideal time for her to visit several hospitals in a tropical country. Her visits included Lugulu Friends Mission Hospital for 3 days where she worked along-side the nurses, doctors and field staff and witnessed many cases which in England she would need to wait months or even years to witness. She saw many cases including malaria, labour (with difficulties), TB, road accidents,

old age, alcoholics, malnutrition and a family from Mt. Elgon that were riddled with bullet wounds including the grandma. She was also taken around the wards with the doctor. Plus she travelled to the rural parts of Bungoma and met with HIV/ AIDS patients where the doctors tested, diagnosed, treated and counselled them. John also experienced two days at the hospital where he saw the same kind of cases, but he didn't go with the doctors. Instead he talked with

the patients and prayed for them— which encouraged the patient's family and the patient very much. Emily had 5 days at Kimilili Sub-District Hospital where she stayed with the child health, general, and special clinics. She also had a couple of days at Dreamland Medical Care Centre (DMCC) where she stayed with the nurses and observed child vaccinations which take place on Monday. Throughout her time here she witnessed numerous areas concerning medicine and gained further knowledge for her degree.

*'Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering Gods grace in its various forms'*  
I Peter 4:10

## A New House for Joyce Chendete

This was a first for the gap programme and I didn't know what to expect. We had a group of 3 wazungos, (white people) these being Paul Robinson, Matthew Reeves and myself. This may have been the first for us but we were prepared; I had completed the risk assessment, we had our Wellingtons, overalls, gloves, gap T-shirts and not forgetting sun cream. After four days con-

structing we had completed a semi-permanent house. It was a total success! This house was built for an 80-year-old widow called Joyce Chendete from Kamukuywa Unit. On the day of the hand over seven fellowships attended – a total of 133 people. 50 of those who attended were saved through the preaching and the witness of the newly built house - many were encouraged.

Paul Robinson helps with nailing the fitos to the posts



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