



Kenya EMEGENCY Newsletter – July 2011

Dear Supporter

First of all, a big thank you for the many people who have donated already to our appeal. I have been thrilled and excited to receive so many credit card donations on a website and cheques in the post with an average value of over £100 each.

You may have heard from the news that areas of Somalia are now classified as in "Famine" and much of Kenya is classified as in "Emergency" or "Crisis". We have no way of helping in Somalia, and in fact many Somalis are moving as refugees to Kenya but our partners are well placed to meet some of the needs in Kenya.

Our partners in Kenya are a church in the town of Thika just north-east of Nairobi the capital of Kenya. The immediate area is relatively unaffected by drought but within 100 km are areas are defined as in "crisis". Our partners will transport food from their base and distributed in rural areas affected by the drought.

A few years ago the area was affected by another (less serious) drought and I had the privilege of going out with them to a village and helping them to distribute food to a very needy area. These are not refugee camps - they are rural areas where people are marginal farmers, dependent on the rain for harvest and for their livelihoods and survival. Such villages are often not targeted by the larger organisations. It is good to know that we have partners who we can trust and who will be faithful in reaching out to their communities.

The present crisis is going to continue until at least the end of the year and there are also long-term aims which need to be met. It is not too late to donate further:

- On-line by credit/debit card at <http://www.kingscare.org/donate?fund=Emergency+Kenya+Drought>
- By Cheque to the address below
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