

Thank you everyone for the opportunity to talk to the congregations of St. Hilda's today.

Based on the comments and questions that I received, you have a wonderful opportunity to gather a great group of supporters into your MDG project(s). I hope that I will be able to work together with you in the near future and that my presentation will result in your group being able to support or adopt Ndandini Village.

As I mentioned, we are currently short some us\$17,000 towards the well project. I understand that it could take some time for your group to get its goals and process in place. In the meantime, I will be diligently working towards us getting our project financing completed so that we can get on with getting the well for the village. If your group did decide that it wanted to get started by making a contribution and becoming a partner in the well project, I/we would certainly welcome your interest and eagerness.

As I mentioned to Neil, I leave for Kenya this coming Friday but will be picking up emails periodically throughout the month of October so that is probably the best way to keep me informed of anything that you want to share or ask.

Here are a few links to help you share our story.

Here is the link to the original One Village At A Time website which helped us raise over \$11,000 from private individuals around the world. [www.OneVillageAtATime.ca](http://www.OneVillageAtATime.ca). People can still make private donations through this site if they wish and a Canadian tax receipt will be issued but I would encourage your church members to donate through your church and route their donations that way.

Here is the link to a webpage that I have within the Water & Sanitation Rotary Group website. Four of the six partner Rotary clubs discovered our project by reviewing this website.  
<http://www.wasrag.org/projects.php?project=63>

I have also attached the "Vision Plan" document that I prepared at the start of the project which will give you all a broad understanding of the various kinds of project ideas that your group could help with as well as the well.

Here are some independent reports of what is happening in eastern Kenya:

**The BBC has reported that it is the worst drought since 2000.**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/africa/8211753.stm>

The BBC has sent a reporter to eastern Kenya to record how bad the drought really is and try to put in pictures what it means. These photos and narrative report are from Garissa which is not far from the Ndandini area. **Land that was once pasture is turning to desert, tens of thousands of animals have died, and the UN has warned that nearly four million people need help. You need to watch this.** Once you do, I know that it will add new fire to your desire to help us raise the money to get the well drilled for Ndandini and to help the people of Ndandini in other ways over the next several years.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid\\_8227000/8227391.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_8227000/8227391.stm)

The drought situation is so bad that Kenya's power company is closing the largest hydro-electric dam because of low water levels. **Our project manager who lives in Nairobi is regularly unable**

to email me from his computer because the city of Nairobi is now subject to blackouts due to the lack of electricity.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/africa/8128681.stm>

Thanks again for the fantastic opportunity to talk about something so near and dear to me and our Sunshine Coast Rotary Club.

Remember, Ndandini will be a better place because we cared and helped.

Sincerely

Terry