

Update 8 January 2011

The last days are approaching and despite the problems the constant fight against corrupt officials etc; I shall be sorry to leave Kenya as it now feels more like I am leaving home to go to England than the other way round!

All was well until yesterday morning when a child woke up with a very sore stomach and a headache added to which she wet her bed so we decided she would miss school and I thought we would take her to the doctor as normal. No she wanted to go to church and see the pastor

Despite my own thought of the doctor first, church second I was over ruled so she and my partner went to church spent an hour there and came out feeling a lot better

I will be honest I am no great believer in miracle cures but there was no doubt about how ill she was and for a child who is "always" ready to eat, to refuse breakfast and lunch it has to be serious.

I still don't know what happened in the fire and brimstone church but if it works its fine by me needless to say she is fully recovered and even as I type is eating fresh mango as if she had never tasted anything so good before

The point, here in Kenya they have a blind faith in GOD thinking whatever they suffer he will eventually put it right! Sadly the crooks and politicians use this blind faith as a shield against their own corruption But there is another angel in GODS army now the internet it is allowing Kenyans (and others)to see Christians/Muslims in other lands have faith but also stand up for their rights.

If God is reading this then I can only ask if he intends to help NOW WOULD BE THE TIME

I travelled into the hills today over ever more rutted and worn away roads in 34c and I saw desperate herdsmen looking for water and anything possible for the cattle/goats to eat. Kenya is expecting another drought this year food prices will rise despite all the cattle being slaughtered as was the case last time meat in the shops rose in price

That means for us prices and costs rise as well

I visited two children's homes one set up by a wealthy group ore as a showcase of their wealth and generosity than a genuine social commitment the other as are we are ,run on a shoestring but full of simple people who cannot turn a blind eye to need

All places that care for children are a bonus I just wish the people who set them up would do so as a long term commitment rather than short term status enhancement

The twins as ever are still becoming the stars as it seems no matter what you do they come up laughing and most definitely working as a team what one has the other must also have

My fear is at 2 years of age they will need help longer than my own lifespan so I am desperately trying to find a long term sponsor for them and one other child

One very sad and extremely disappointing thing today I found that one of the people whose sick child we took to hospital stole £200 from me I will not go into details except it was not a temptation or spur of the moment crime It was pre planned

The dilemma is do I call the police who will lock him up and thus deprive the children their fathers presence or take another action that will severely embarrass him amongst his peers if he has any shame at all

Oh the money did not go to help feed his children or pay for the medicines etc I t went to buy beer and soft drinks for his "pals" to be "the man"

On this note I will end tomorrow we are again taking some kids to the beach and yes the twins will go to as even the kids like to make a fuss of the twins

I had intended to end but as ever owing to getting an internet connection I can continue sadly the trip to the beach is postponed once again the church came first it seems even 2 year olds cannot miss Sunday Church two weeks in a row!!!

Maybe just as well as I needed to visit the local hospital for a bloods test as over the last few days I have been a little "rough" It may be I am just worn out but I need to ensure my INR is OK

We did get away and were supposed to see a children's home in KILIFI but found it closed and abandoned when we got there apparently they too have suffered loss of sponsors as world disasters like HAITI and Pakistan get the news coverage

The fact that Kenya is now facing severe drought no longer merits news time

As for KILIFI it really is AFRICA at its best a coastal inlet with ½ mile wide estuary of clear blue water and a sheltered position perfect for the windsurfers and boating fraternity

Also perfect for distressed kids but it is the rich man's playground so land prices are also sky high However there a hundreds of needy kids lining the streets away from the security guarded area and of course the prime spot is taken up with government offices and accommodation

"SAY NO MORE "as Monty Python would say

Tomorrow decides the fate of my own wedding as we hope to get final documents delivered to an obstructive official and be married by the weekend

So with that adieu from UKUNDA Kenya