

*"I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Isa. 43:19*

# RIVER of COMFORT MINISTRY

Dear Faithful Supporters of ROCM,

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and partnership with this vital ministry in the Narok, Kenya community. God is working here in powerful ways and we are thankful to be a part of His great plan. We are excited to announce that our first ever Giving Opportunities catalog is now published. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the needs of ROCM. We hope that you will consider using the catalog as a unique way of gifting this holiday season, blessing the people of Kenya!



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## Time for Gratitude

Thanks to the great number of you who contributed items from the Lentorors' wish list. Everything was gathered and delivered to them this summer with the group that visited. They were overwhelmed by your love and generosity.

Many of you donated items for the shipping container that Granada Heights Friends Church sent to the Lentorors a few years ago to benefit their ministries. It has been painted and renovated with windows and doors to serve as housing (see above). To the right is a picture in the library of Bissett Bible College (where Stephen is principal).



So many of you are faithful attenders and promoters of our monthly dinner fundraisers. We appreciate you! Last spring the Lentorors were able to purchase a much-needed vehicle for the ministry, partly funded by these fundraisers. The next project we are working towards is a ranch, which will provide for the needs of the residents.

## Praise & Prayers:

- **PRAISE** for a visit to ROCM from the county governor's wife. She attended one of the monthly events at ROCM and was impressed with the facility and donated some food for the elderly ladies who visit.
- **PRAISE** for God's provision of a vehicle to transport the elders in the community.
- **PRAISE** for the beginnings of a ranch/farm at ROCM.
- **PRAY** for the funds to complete the ranch/farm.
- **PRAY** for continued health and strength for the Lentoror family, as they faithfully serve God in so many different capacities in their community.
- **PRAY** that the residents and visitors of ROCM would feel God's love for them and come to know Him personally, if they have not done so already.

## Meet (and pray for) the Residents:

Mr. Koonyo is the oldest and first resident at ROCM. When Mr. Koonyo was a young man,



he spent most of his time on big ranches herding cattle and providing security. He never married and has no immediate family nearby. He used to be a chronic drinker but broke from his addiction completely and hates anything to do with alcohol. For a time he wandered the community with nobody to turn to. He was directed to ROCM by neighbors who thought he looked

hopeless as he walked by with only two small sacks. By living at ROCM, he now has a home with a clean bed, daily delicious meals, warm clothes and health insurance. These are simple things that Mr. Koonyo lacked for a long time. If asked, he will tell you that he loves being at ROCM.

## Board Member Corner

Four of the USA ROCM board members were able to visit the Lentorors this summer and see the facilities of ROCM firsthand. While there, they were able to meet the current residents, attend a monthly gathering, tour the facilities, hear the Lentoror's vision for the future of ROCM, and meet with the Kenyan board of ROCM. What a blessing for both boards to meet and pray together for this impactful ministry!

### Our USA Board:

Callie Winters, President/Director  
Victoria Chandler, Secretary  
Diana Baima, Finance Chair

Lori Way, Fundraising Chair  
John Baima, Board Member  
Dan Kamwesa, Board Member

## Don't Be Ready, Be Open

An excerpt of a blog post (before the trip to Kenya)  
by board member Diana Baima

*Do you feel ready? That's the number one question I have heard as we get closer to our missions trip to Kenya. I am never really sure how to answer. I have bags packed and a list of things we are taking checked off neatly in my room. The kids have a great VBS planned out, and we have diligently collected items that have been so generously donated on the Lentoror's wish list. I have prayed and been prayed over, and still there is that little piece of my heart where I feel Jesus calling to me and telling me **don't be ready, be open**. Open to what? To serve? To learn? There is a lot there, and open sometimes equals vulnerable in my head, so I take a deep breath and just sit in that uncomfortable place he is calling me to.*

*When Stephen and Carol came to America, they got off the plane with their two little boys not knowing where they would lay their heads that night and with little money in their pockets. The only thing they knew for certain is that God had called them to be there. They were **open** to the unknown and God blessed them. That faith has inspired us, as they continue to trust God for His provision while caring for the "least of these" in their community.*

## WHAT DOES YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT ACCOMPLISH?

*River of Comfort not only provides housing, food and basic care, it also provides the residents (and visitors) with a sense of dignity that they do not experience anywhere else. In addition to her duties at ROCM,*



*Carol regularly visits impoverished villages to bring clothing, food, and the gospel to those who need it most. Many of the elderly she visits are shut-ins and the food and care that she brings are life-giving. Carol and Stephen also provide meals at the ROCM facility to those in need who stop by on a regular basis.*

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*Thank you for your partnership and generosity! You are making a tangible difference in the lives of the elderly in Narok, Kenya!*