



Hope Restored

MCFCF's 1st Newsletter!

It is with great excitement that we send you MCFCF's first newsletter! Last October Mully Children's Family Charitable Foundation (MCFCF) became a registered Canadian charity. We are a Christian humanitarian organization committed to transforming the lives of orphaned, abandoned and abused children in Kenya. There is so much that has happened in Canada and Kenya this year, this newsletter will only provide a glimpse. Please visit our website www.mcfcf.ca for updates on how God's hands are working through this ministry.

What's new in Canada?

RAAM 2008, Biking For Basics



Oceanside to Annapolis

Arvid Loewen's goal is to make Mully Children's Family a recognizable name. It is for this reason, Arvid has once again put himself on the line physically, mentally and spiritually to participate in RAAM starting June 8, 2008.

The Race Across America, or RAAM, has established itself as a dramatic American tradition, respected worldwide for the sheer magnitude of its challenge. RAAM is the most recognized and longest endurance annual cycling event in the world today. To "finish" within the maximum allowed time of 12 days, participants race approximately 20 hours a day over mountains, across deserts and through the manifestation of pain and doubt the likes of which are unparalleled in almost any other athletic endeavour on earth. RAAM covers just under 5000 km.

NEWS FLASH: DOLLARS DOUBLED! Herb & Erna Buller, friends and supporters of MCF, recently visited Kenya, Africa. There they saw firsthand the marvel of MCF. They are more determined than ever to see this ministry grow and save more children's lives.

To that end, they have committed to match all funds raised in RAAM 2008, up to a maximum of \$100,000. See www.spokeimpact.com for details and track Arvid's progress. May God grant Arvid the strength and protection that he will need to finish the race well!



A Message From Charles

Warm greetings to my family in Canada! Esther and I give thanks for you all each day and remember our recent trip to North America fondly. Your hospitality and well wishes have encouraged us greatly to press on. So much has happened here in Kenya since our return. Many of the projects that you have funded are nearing completion. I thank God for all that has been accomplished. At the moment, we are working hand in hand with the government for the young people to be relocated to MCF Yatta and Ndalani from the Eldoret IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camp.

We have extended our hands to another demographic within the camp who, like the abandoned children, are desperate for help. Many young girls in the camp have been abused and have no where to turn. We had anticipated receiving 300 children however the number has escalated to 450 which includes 50 young women. The exorbitant cost of oil and fuel is an added challenge to transport the children for the 450 KM to Ndalani. Sadly, the newly identified MCF beneficiaries are suffering with ailments that need to be given priority especially the child mothers. We thus need to equip our dispensaries with medicine and other equipment so as to cope with the situation and to enable us to give better services to the children.

With all this, I can't forget to give my thanks and appreciation to all that have given funds towards the support of the IDPs who are being absorbed in MCF. The work has begun to construct tables, beds, chairs and a new make shift corrugated iron sheet dormitory which is almost ready for occupation.

These are sad and trying times as there are many enormous needs in the world. But that should only encourage and not distract us from our visions and missions that God has given to us. "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?... " Romans 8:31 - 37.

Dozer to Kenya

There are days when you wish there was another word for “Thank You”, a word for the inexpressible gratitude when the unattainable becomes reality. MPP Kevin Flynn visited MCF in 2005 and asked Charles what MCF needed. “A bulldozer” was Charles reply. Few men would have taken it to heart but Kevin knew the generosity of friends from his riding and began his quest to find a bulldozer for MCF. Enter Mike Gallagher, Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers. If anyone knew the impact a bulldozer could have on a community, Mike did. Together they gathered friends from the construction industry to take up the challenge of raising \$135,000 to purchase the machine to meet the needs of MCF. At a banquet held on April 5th, Charles was overwhelmed by their announcement that not only had they reached their goal, guests and sponsors had exceeded the goal by \$30,000. Thank you to Kevin and Mike for your efforts to impact the lives of Kenyan children for generations to come. They say behind every good man is a great woman. In this case, 2 special women require a word of gratitude. Huge thank you’s to Leanne Tabar and Tania Barile for your role in the success of the event. To Kevin, Mike, the IUOE and all the guests who attended, sponsors we are forever grateful for your compassion. Be blessed.



Mike Gallagher
Business Manager IUOE

Charles Mulli
Holding a D6 dozer

Kevin Flynn
MPP

If it takes a village to raise a child, it will take a CAT to build that village.

Charles’ Visit to Canada A Big Thank You!

Charles and Esther Mulli arrived in Canada April 4th and began the first night of their visit to North America at “A Night for Africa” a fundraiser hosted by Ryan Tremblay and students of Holy Trinity School. Thanks to their Canadian family, the Mulli’s agenda was filled with events and meetings. Asante Sana to the following people and groups who hosted the Mulli’s during their stay: Ryan Tremblay, Holy Trinity School, Mike Gallagher and the IUOE, Kevin Flynn, Steve & Cheryl Holmes, Becky and Don Munnings, Harvest Bible Chapel, St. Marguerite d’Youville School, Rotary Club of Collingwood South Georgian Bay, Nova Conference, Faith Tabernacle, Redeemer Bible Church, The Stevens’, Crossroads, 100 Huntley Street and the Missions Department, David Shelley, Careforce International, Chuck and Lore Ormrod, Christ Church Stouffville, KPMG, Andrew and Yetti Williams, Shawna Coxon, Dr. Pat Baranek, Dr. Alison Fleming, Emma Park, Spa Utopia, Arnold Community Church, Hartmut & Edith Berger of Prairie Log Home, MCF/RAAM Banquet in Winnipeg, Mark Norman and The Gathering, Parkdale Baptist Church, Partners International, Tracy Brophy & Shred-It, Soul Influence, Massassaga - Rednersville Public School, Everyone who attended the Mulli Family Reunion - A Family Affair, NDCA, Richmond Hill Christian Academy, Glenview Senior Public School, Henry and Irene Hamm, The Spithoff’s, The Dowdell’s, Lawrence Park Community Church, Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, Markham District High School, African Inland Mission and Cedardale Church of the Nazarene.



Charles and Esther on the set of “100 Huntley Street”

Kids Helping Kids “Coins For Kenya” NDCA



Newmarket and District Christian Academy (NDCA) is a small school with a big heart for the children of Kenya. After hearing the news that many children had been displaced due to turmoil caused by the recent election in Kenya, Principal Jane MacLachlan knew that NDCA could help. In two weeks NDCA raised over \$2000.00 through the “Coins for Kenya” campaign. An assembly was held to try and explain to the children the political upheaval that is happening in Kenya and the riots have left over 500,000 people displaced – no home, no village, no food, no hope. Many of the victims are children. The students of NDCA knew of the life changing work of Charles Mulli and MCF/CF and wanted to help bring back hope to the displaced children. For two weeks the students brought in their coins, their parent’s coins, their aunt and uncles’ coins and their friend’s coins. The results - A little bit of change can bring about big change – over \$2000 raised by less than 100 children. The best part of this campaign is that the students truly understand that they can make a positive difference in the world and bring hope to a fellow student half way around the world.

IDP Camp Update

The violence that erupted due to the Kenyan election in December 2007 resulted in the internal displacement of over 500,000 people. Charles' home town of Eldoret has the largest IDP camp in Kenya with approximately 20,000 people, 11,000 of those being children. Currently MCF is serving a daily hot lunch to 3,500 school aged children, providing education, counseling and medical care to the victims finding refuge in the Eldoret IDP camp.

The first week of April saw 300 IDPs brought to the Eldoret IDP camp. Out of this, approximately 190 are children. The group arrived in the afternoon and early evening of that day. MCF received a phone call from the Red Cross asking to provide food for all the new IDP's. Without hesitation MCF went to the camp and assisted in preparing and serving the food to the IDPs together with some staff from Red Cross and other organizations. This new group of IDPs fled from their homes after being chased by a different community in a new flare up of clashes.

On June 2nd the MCF Eldoret team woke up to the sound of two infants crying. The one month old twins were left at the MCF Eldoret Home gate with torn clothes and nothing to cover them. The children are currently in the Eldoret Referral hospital undergoing a full medical check-up before being handed over to MCF for custody. One of the babies has severe pneumonia and is currently under oxygen support. This is just a glimpse of what is happening because so many people are internally displaced (IDP). Through the MCF rescue team, 450 children have been identified as orphans due to the post election violence. Many of them saw their parents murdered while others lost their parents and siblings during the skirmishes and have no idea of their whereabouts. Kindly remember to keep the additional 50 young expectant girls and child mothers in your prayers. They have nobody to care for them, no trade skills and have only the last resort of either working as a child labourer or commercial sex worker. Many of them are traumatized as they were psychologically affected by the recent violence. As we prepare to integrate them into the MCF family pray for God's guidance as they adjust to a new environment and for God's provision of beds, beddings, desks, stationery, food, medicine, additional classes, dormitories and other facilities for the MCF fraternity as we receive them.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your support is making an immeasurable impact in the lives of thousands of people.



Reflections by Vikki Buchner, Executive Director

Gazing out my window upon the steady rain I can't help but think of Kenya. Kenyans see rain as a blessing - it brings food from the ground and water to drink. Before visiting Kenya I didn't see rain as a blessing but rather an annoyance that brought a gloomy day. Before visiting Kenya, I didn't appreciate how blessed we are. Like many North Americans, I was stuck in the constant striving for bigger and better things. The media has done a great job convincing us that what we have isn't good enough. The truth of the matter is we live in a country of tremendous blessings and abundance. Just look at all the yard sales that start on the May 24th weekend and don't stop until the snow flies. We have enough and enough to share.

I am forever grateful that God sent me to Kenya in 2004 and took the blinders off my eyes. What a wake up call. Every 3 seconds a child dies because of poverty in Africa and here we are, having yard sales to get rid of the things we didn't really need. Over 1.7 million Kenyan children have lost their parents because of AIDS. I met some of them in the slums of Kipsongo. I heard their stories and held their hands. It broke my heart to let go of their tiny hands and leave them in the slums. Sadly, MCF does not have room for all of them; space is reserved for the most desperate of children. That day Charles brought home two young children, Michael and Grace. The children in the slum call him "Daddy"; he visits regularly bringing food, drink and the message of Hope. The children can see Daddy's love is real and goes beyond anything they have experienced.

It is very appropriate that MCF's first newsletter is going out in June, the month we celebrate Father's Day. God has placed a special burden on Charles Mulli - to father the fatherless. Charles loves the children of the street unconditionally, regardless of tribe, race or religion. When Charles sees a desperate child he has to respond for that is the ministry that our Heavenly Father has ordained for him. I can almost hear God whispering in Charles' ear, "Go, be my hands and be my feet and show these little ones how much I love them, they are not forsaken for I have chosen you to be their father." Through his obedience to God's call, over 6,000 children and young adults call Charles "Daddy". Now that's something to celebrate!

MCF Spotlight

Name:	Alice Nduku
Gender:	Female
Date of Birth:	Dec. 31st 1991
Status:	Destitute
Admission:	Feb. 2008



Alice is the fifth born from a poor family of nine siblings. Her father does not earn enough money to support his large family.

After Alice's mother passed away in 2003, it became her responsibility to take care of her younger siblings. She often had to miss school in order to look after her brothers and sisters. Alice is a hard worker and she managed to do her studies up to grade eight whereby she did her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) in the year 2005.

A determined young girl, Alice held onto her hope, she was determined to achieve her goals despite her poor background. Alice's maternal aunt took her to her home where she could support Alice in her education. In her eighth grade, hell broke loose on her when she became pregnant and stopped schooling. The boy who impregnated her was nowhere to be seen. Her aunt took the responsibility of taking care of Alice until the baby was born. To worsen the matter, Alice lost her little angel after only two days. She was psychologically disturbed and it took a long time to accept what had happened to her.

Just as she was feeling like she had no one to turn to for support, her case was referred to MCF. Alice was rescued and admitted into MCF Yatta grade nine in February 2008. She is doing well and is responding to the rehabilitation program. She is currently showing a keen interest in education and with average performance. Alice also has a great passion for God and she actively participates in the spiritual activities at MCF. Alice was able to rekindle her hope and become determined once again to achieve her goals and getting an education.

Meeting Our Board



Founder and CEO of MCF Kenya- Charles Mulli
Need we say more?

Executive Director – Vikki Buchner

Vikki first visited MCF in 2004 where her heart was torn in half as she saw first hand the devastation caused to the human race due to HIV/AIDS. She found hope as she witnessed the transforming power of Jesus Christ in the lives of the children at MCF. She came back home committed to support the ministry of MCF with her business skills and passion to empower Canadians to make a difference for the victimized children in Kenya. Through the support of her husband John and 3 children this is now a reality.



Vice President- Byron Winsor

Byron Winsor and his wife Sheila have three children and five grand children. Byron's career has been in Human Resources and Administrative management. He recently completed a thirteen year term with Crossroads Christian Communications Inc., as Executive VP Administration, and is currently working with Crossroads Television System. As a result of CCCI's partnership with The Mulli Childrens Family he saw first hand the magnitude of Charles' Ministry and had the privilege of spending time in Africa on several occasions.



Secretary- Maureen Kehler

In 2003, Maureen Kehler was introduced to MCF by World Vision. After a visit to Kenya in 2004, Maureen felt God calling her to get involved. It was a world away from Maureen's previous involvement in the entertainment industry, however her work in communications and tour production are now being used to promote MCF. Together with her husband Thomas, and daughters Jordan and Maddy, the Kehlers are relocating to Calgary and look forward to introducing their home town to the life changing opportunities at MCF.



Treasurer- Michael Crane

Michael has travelled to MCF – Kenya in 2005 and 2006 where his heart was moved by the work being done for the children at MCF. Michael is a Chartered Accountant and works for ICL Management Inc., a management company which operates a number of companies ranging from digital security cameras to recreational trampolines. Michael lives in Toronto.



Board Member- Grace Mulli

Grace is the third child born to Charles and Esther Mulli. She has spent the majority of her life caring for the street children of Kenya. She has earned her MBA in finance and project management and uses these skills on a daily basis for both MCF and MCFCF.



Director of Donor Relations- Elizabeth Wray

Elizabeth Wray first went to MCF in 2005. She returned in 2006 and in 2007, but this time with her daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters. She is happiest when she is working with the teenage girls in Yatta teaching them knitting skills and getting to know them. Back at home in Belleville, Ontario Elizabeth has a career consulting practice



Board Member- Paul H. Boge

Paul H. Boge spent 3 months teaching at MCF in 2003. He was the media coordinator for Spoke2005 – a cross Canada tour to raise support for MCF. Paul works as a Professional Engineer and as a novelist and filmmaker. He wrote Father to the Fatherless: The Charles Mulli Story. He lives in Winnipeg, MB.



Board Member- Arvid Loewen

Arvid's desire to help orphaned children led him to MCF, where he continues to use ultra-marathon cycling as a platform to create awareness and raise funds for the children. He resigned from his senior management position with Palliser Furniture, where he was employed for 31 years, and is committing all of his efforts to this cause for the time-being. The entrepreneurial approach towards self-sustainability at MCF is what makes it an attractive organization to support.



Board Member- Frank Tilley

Frank first met Charles Mulli in April, 2001, in Mississauga. There was an instant connection and within 2 1/2 months, Sarah, their youngest child was in Kenya teaching grade 3 students. At the end of her term, Frank and his wife Jane visited MCF for the first time. From the time of his return, Frank has been a strong supporter of MCF and Charles. Frank is president of Tilley of Canada Ltd., a leather and souvenir distributor, now headquartered in Collingwood, ON.



Board Member- Dr. Jennifer Wilson-Bridgman

Jennifer is the President of Careforce International. Careforce is privileged to partner with MCF to rescue and rehabilitate street children. As a former educator, Jennifer is pleased to be able to work alongside Charles to help provide excellence in education and to see these children realize their potential. She loves to see how people's lives are changed by visiting MCF and seeing how God has used Charles to make such a powerful difference in Kenya.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8th –Arvid began the World's Toughest Race The Race Across America.

Charles returns to Canada this fall. Contact Vicki Buchner to have Charles attend a meeting or if you would like to create an event for him.

PRAYER ITEMS

For peace and stability in Kenya as the situation is still volatile.

For peace, strength, good health, and wisdom for the MCF fraternity and Charles' biological family.

For funds to resettle the 450 children from the IDP camp to MCF Yatta.

For the transition of the traumatized children from the IDP camp in Eldoret to Yatta and Ndalani.

For the outstanding MCFCF projects to be implemented. Several projects cannot be completed due to lack of funds.

For Arvid Loewen to have the physical and mental strength to complete the RAAM Challenge.

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