

CrossWay International

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Merry Christmas from all of us here at CrossWay International! During this time of the year when we sit back and think about the past year and how much we have grown, we are so grateful for your role in everything we are able to accomplish in the ministry. We wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a new joy as you celebrate the best gift of all--the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ!

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CrossWay Gift Cube



Here at CrossWay International, we have been hard at work for the last few months designing our newest evangelistic tool--the CrossWay Gift Cube. This cube unfolds into several different shapes and shows pictures that illustrate God's free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. The pictures are colorful, the story is easy to follow, and it is very fun and intriguing for kids and adults alike!

We are excited about this new tool, because we have found that at times the simple gospel message is distorted or unclear in the minds of unbelievers, and many times, they believe that doing good works is a part of salvation. The purpose of our cube is to clarify that salvation is a free gift through the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We would love for you to get your hands on one of these cubes, because once you pick it up, it's hard to put down! We are suggesting a donation of \$5 per cube, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling (contact us for shipping prices on larger orders).

Call the office at 830-249-2322 or email dean@gocrossway.org to order your CrossWay Gift Cubes today!

CrossWay Coffee Gift Baskets



Remember--we have coffee gift baskets for your holiday needs! These baskets include your choice of freshly roasted CrossWay coffee and assorted chocolates, and all proceeds from these baskets help feed our 549 orphans in Sudan. To order your baskets, please visit our website at www.crosswaycoffee.org or call our Coffee Manager, Sherry Zule, at 830-249-2322.

Hurry! The last day to order holiday baskets for Christmas shipping is **December 9!**

GRAND OPENING!



Medical Clinic in Meki, Ethiopia

Medical Clinic Opening Ceremony

On November 13, 2010, I (Dean) was invited to come and address the pastors of the Meki community, which is about 2.5 hours south of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We had a good number of pastors and interested leaders, and we shared with them the ideas we had for this property and clinic. We are hoping to use it for two main areas: kidney dialysis and the general care of mainly women and children, as they tend to be the most vulnerable to all kinds of disease and infection.

The building is finished, but we need to install a couple of sinks, which should be done in a week or two. Then we'll hire a full-time nurse (around \$100 a month), which is required for the Level One Clinic License that we need.

Melaku Abebe, our Ethiopian Field Director, and I also met with a fellowship of Christian doctors headed by a Dr. Abebe. He expressed a desire to send out some of his members to Meki and also has asked us to partner with them at a clinic in Addis. We look forward to working with Christian doctors and seeing how God might save many lives, both physically and spiritually.

First Well Drilled with New Rig

On this same trip this November, CrossWay International was able to successfully drill our first well with our new rig in Ukunda, Kenya. This has been a real learning experience for us; we have faced a number of issues, such as getting all of our trailers and equipment to the location, getting the mud pump to work, and learning to work together as a team. But in spite of the obstacles, this well will provide clean drinking water for a large number of people who have only had access to dirty swamp water. This will also provide an excellent opportunity to share the gospel, and I'm hoping to get back to the area to do that very thing.

Geoffrey Ndungu, our Superintendent in the field, has many years of experience with different kinds of rigs. He is a quick study and has done a great job, along with the oversight of Bob Nicol, our Missionary and Engineer. We will be bringing the rig and trailers to Nairobi, which is around 500 km from Mombasa, and will concentrate our efforts more in this area for our future wells. We continue to receive requests for wells, and we are looking to the Lord to provide not only the funds still needed to pay off the rig, but also additional funds for specific drilling sites.

So as you turn on your water faucet and enjoy clean, safe drinking water, please remember the many people who do not enjoy the same access to clean water that we enjoy. Please pray with us that God would continue to raise up partners who will help us in this vital ministry -- drilling wells of fresh water in order to share with people the Living Water.



Crew pumps water for the mud pit.



The drilling team uses new rig.



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Gift Ideas to Help the Hurting

In this season of gift giving, we'd like to present some gift options that will help those who are hurting in underprivileged countries. Consider giving the following on behalf of your friends and family:

- Water well -- \$6,500
- Bull or milk cow for orphans -- \$500
- Milk goat for orphans -- \$50
- Clothes for orphans -- \$5 to \$10 each
- Food for one month for one orphan -- \$5



Praises and Prayers

- ~ Praise the Lord for the successful drilling of our first well with our new rig in Mombasa, Kenya.
- ~ Pray with us for God's provision for the remaining \$20,000 for the drilling rig and setup costs, as well as funds for wells in poverty-stricken areas in Kenya (and opportunities to share Christ).
- ~ Praise the Lord for the completion of our CrossWay Gift Cube, as it will be used to reach many for Christ.
- ~ Pray for opportunities for each of us during the upcoming holiday season to share our faith with friends and family.
- ~ Praise the Lord for the finishing of the Medical Clinic in Meki, Ethiopia!
- ~ Pray with us for God's provision for the safety of our 549 orphans near Darfur, Sudan, as violence has broken out within 3 hours of our village.