

MAASAI RESCUE CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING REPORT

The long awaited opening and hosting of rescue girls in our Maasai Evangelistic Association Rescue Centre opened it's doors for the first 12 girls on 16th April 2014. All started at the M.E.A headquarters in Narok town where the girls and the staff of the Rescue Centre were hosted for a special lunch. After lunch I had time to welcome all the girls and the Matron and I gave each one of them time to introduce herself and tell us more about her life. We later took records of every girl to ensure that we know each individual in a more detail way as this will help us follow up their cases very closely.

After a short orientation of the whole programme Pastor Ben who is our Center Manager and I transported all the girls, the Cook and the Matron to the Rescue Centre. Upon arrival we had prayers of dedicating the whole programme to God. Pastor Ben and I took sometimes to give the girls some rules and regulation to govern them while staying together at the Center and we later gave them time to settle down in their rooms.

The Rescue Centre Committee developed a daily timetable and you can see it on the attachment. In the timetable we have invited Nurses and Doctors who came in to teach our girls on the negative and harmful of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). We also invited counselors who came in to give counseling to the girls. Spiritual affairs and administration at the Rescue Centre is done by Pastor Ben. The **Matron (Josphine)** is like a parent to them and stays fulltime in the Centre to look after the girls. The **Cook (Daniel)** takes care of all catering and prepares food for the girls providing breakfast, lunch and dinner. The **watchman (Miyon)** provides security for the girls as well as for the whole Centre.

News have gone around about the opening of the Centre and many girls are asking to be accommodated but I have stopped taking more girls as our facility at the moment can only take 12 girls. I have about another 25 who are in our waiting list. We hope to take more in August and December. A big kitchen and dinning hall is needed very urgently as the one we have now is quite small which will be followed by the manager's house and another dormitory.

For a reminder of this Programme -- **The Maasai Rescue Centre is offering refuge, education and empowerment for young women who have fled forced marriage. It will also be used to disseminate information about the harmful health effects of female circumcision (FGM).**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Please pray for the spiritual growth of every girl and every staff member**
- **Pray for Ben as manages the programme**
- **Pray the Matron (Josphine) as takes care of all the girls**
- **Pray for the Cook (Daniel)**
- **Pray for each girl education as we are currently looking for sponsors to support them in School**
- **Pray for funds to run the Center (please see budget attached)**
- **Pray for funds to build a Kitchen and a dinning Hall**

Thank you for all your prayers and support for this Project.

Rev. David Kereto