



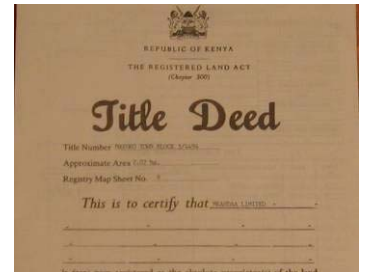
Operations Update

Accomplishments



Purchased the Land

- Purchased 5 acres located southeast of Nairobi
- Purchased 3 adjacent acres of land
- Obtained title deed for all 8 acres of the property



Planted 10,000 Trees

- Planted 10,000 acacia trees in four parallel rows around the entire property to serve as both a barrier and a sustainable source of wood for cooking fuel
- Built a drip irrigation system to water the trees
- Fenced all 8 acres (woven and barbed wire used on 3 of the acres)



Provided a Full-Ride Scholarship

- Sent Wilson—a poor local farmer—to medical school at a local university



Partnered with Springs of Hope

- Formed a partnership with Springs of Hope Rescued Children's Center in preparation to welcome many of their children to RROP
- Committed \$20,000/year to ensure it will continue its life-saving work



Established a Food Distribution Program

- Purchased a pick-up truck
- Found a company willing to donate 2,000 pounds of fresh produce per week on a long term basis
- Established a fresh produce distribution network that feeds several hundred orphans and child-headed households in Machakos



Established a Permaculture/Ag Program



- Plowed and harrowed the agricultural land
- Built 98 planting beds (each 1x48 meters long)
- Set up a propagation shed to raise our seedling plants
- Established a detailed, year-round planting and harvesting schedule based on specific growth cycles for the produce and medicinal herbs we plan to grow
- Secured a commitment from a Kenyan company to build our drip irrigation system at no charge



Completed the Dam and More ...



- Completed 7000 cubic liter dam to collect and store seasonal rain water for our agricultural program
- Completed a detailed site plan
- Joined a local citizens' group to address water issues
- Assembled a team of experts to oversee and train people to manage our permaculture/ag program
- Launched RROP.ORG, featuring updated recent news



Goals for 2008



- Bring electricity to our site
- Upgrade the road leading to RROP
- Modify our original architectural plans as needed
- Work on an agreement with an ornithologist from the Nairobi National Museum to establish a permanent Bird Banding Station and Observatory on the property



- Start agricultural work before fall rains
- Work with the team: architect, structural engineer, agricultural consultant to further develop the overall framework for land use
- Hire and train caretakers and support staff
- Continue establishing relationships in the local community near the project
- Further promote RROP as a local endeavor, employing local labor and benefiting the local community as much as possible



- Develop orphan induction/selection process
- Continue researching educational opportunities
- Continue developing our vision: doing everything from planning through construction in the most eco-friendly way possible
- Become a registered international NGO
- Begin construction

Continue changing lives ...

