

Ministry Newsletter

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Winning the heart of Africa for Jesus Christ!

Because You Care!

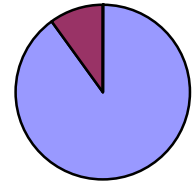
2008 – The Best Year for Bridges Ministries!

- over 11,000 lives being positively affected every day in Kenya
- 38 pastors are being trained in the Morell School
- Senior Pastor of Weddington UMC visits the Morell School
- new NIV bibles have been ordered for the student pastors
- 54 new graduates of the Women's Training Program
- 60 women in the new Women's Training Program classes
- 18 women completed the Tailoring Class and pass the National exam
- 25 women in the newly expanded Tailoring Class
- 17 families are now being assisted by the new ICAN program
- 2 more sponsored students graduate from high school - Yeah!
- 150 to 185 Street Boys are being fed 3 nutritious meals each week
- over 25 Street Boys have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior
- the Street Boys New Converts class is taught 3 times each week
- 65 young girls facing "The Cut" are taught the value of Godly purity
- about 150 mothers were taught the dangers of Female Mutilation
- a 20' X 40' wall tent for a classroom is on order
- 7 Texas Methodists visit and work with Bridges Kenya for 2 weeks
- Bridges - Kenya, Board of Directors elected and working hard
- the goat house was constructed for the Bridges compound
- 30 people complete goat management training
- the goat is here and waiting the birth of her kid
- website visits double from previous year
- the Bridges website is being updated - check it out at www.bridgesid.org
- the Bridges - U.S. Board of Directors now has five members
- the Bridges Kenya staff received their first **Christmas bonus** ever
- **You make it happen!**

Finances

Because you have generously supported the ministry, Bridges International has grown greatly in the past few years. The income for 2008 was about \$94,000. This was an increase of 40% over 2007. The number of people making donations in 2008 also increased by 30% over 2007. Therefore the amount of money spent for direct ministry expenses has also increased by 30%.

As shown in the adjoining chart, the amount of money spent for direct ministry expenses for both 2007 and 2008 was 90% of the income and only 10% of the income was used for overhead, office, and other operational expenses.



Thank You for your support!

The ministry of Bridges International Development, Inc. is making a difference in winning the heart of Africa for Jesus Christ! We are affecting the lives of a lot of people and changing the lives of many of them. Numerous testimonies and reports confirm to us that hopeless lives are being changed, the gospel is being taught, and the ministry of Bridges in Kenya is making a dramatic difference. Look at the relationship we have with some of the



most respected local Bishops, with the local university KEMU, with other community and ministry leaders, and yes even the comments of the local Kenyan District Commissioner affirms that Bridges is recognized for our leadership position in the community. The evidence is clear from our monthly reports and especially the things we see for ourselves when we travel to Africa. Ask anyone who has traveled with us. It is truly a personal life changing adventure! As one of our younger supporters said, "**Bridges rocks!**"

Would you seriously pray about financially supporting Bridges? The desperate people of Africa are looking to you for help!

In His service,

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