

ANAJALI ADVOCATE



ANAJALI PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELLINGTON NABWOBA
FOUNDER & HEAD TEACHER

KIBERA SLUM, NAIROBI, KENYA

The Anajali Primary School enrolls approximately 450 students ages 3 through Class 8.

Anajali Ministries sends work and ministry teams twice a year to the Anajali School.

The Anajali Advocate is the official newsletter of the Anajali School

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MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCES

“Many wonderful experiences await anyone who travels to the Anajali School. I always receive a spiritual lesson. The school put on a program to show their appreciation for us. I can’t sing and I can’t dance, but when the school choir was singing praises to the lord and dancing before Him as David did, they invited the team to join them. Well, before I knew it, my mouth was making a noise that I trust God interpreted as joyful. Then when I looked down, I saw that my feet were jumping around so I suppose I was sort of dancing, too. I felt so close to God and

knew He was happy that I was doing this for Him.

Later, I got to thinking that nothing I have done on my own qualifies me for heaven because it has all been contaminated by my sinful nature. However, in spite of no qualifications of my own, when I surrendered to the love and mercy of God through the blood and sacrifice of Jesus, and now as I live my life through the power and leading of the Holy Spirit, when I reach the other-side of the grave, before I know it, I will be singing and dancing with the angels.

by Bradford Blodgett





NEWS

FROM

WELLINGTON

Head Teacher & Founder

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Things are progressing slowly but steadily on the new property, which will eventually be the Anajali High School. The papers have been sent to the land office and the lawyer is beginning to process the papers so that Anajali will have the title deed. As soon as this is accomplished, work can begin.

DISASTER ON THE HIGHWAYS.

Lillian M., a Form 3 student was traveling back to school after her school break by matatu (a 17 passenger van.) All her books and supplies were strapped on top of the matatu. The matatu rolled and

all her belongings were destroyed. She has since recovered from her injuries and is back in school.

The Education Officer who has been especially helpful to Anajali and Wellingtone, was traveling by matatu to get her son for his break from high school when that matatu rolled. The Education Officer was thrown from the vehicle and landed head first on the pavement. She died on impact.

SCHOOL EXAM RESULTS

Anajali Primary School students scored the highest marks since the opening of the school in 2000. Vanessa, a Class 8 student, scored the highest score among area schools becoming # 1 out of

600 students. A number of other children assessed on the February trip, who have been receiving additional help with the software given to the school, showed amazing progress.

ROAD TO THE SCHOOL

The Kibera slum has been encroaching into the narrow roadway through the slum to the Anajali School.. Recently the “Coming Soon Kibera Library” began ground breaking in the middle of this road, which allows cars to reach the school. It will be very difficult to get to the school if this project is allowed to continue in this particular place. Pray for a good solution.

FOOD CRISIS

The government agency providing free corn and beans to a large number of schools in Kenya, dropped fifty schools from the program, Anajali being one of the ones dropped. There was no money for beans and corn. Where would the food come from, or would Wellingtone have to send the children home with empty stomachs knowing that there was no food at home either. When 8 year old Caleb heard about this need, he asked if he could ask the church to give a special offering to help so that the children could have food. It costs a little over a hundred dollars a week to provide food for the students and teachers. I had sent a hundred dollars to the school until I could raise some funds.

People responded to Caleb's plea for help. \$1011.12 was received that morning. I got up at midnight to call Wellingtone to let him know that we had raised money for food. He was overcome with the news and wrote the following to thank people for their generosity.

"Dear Anne and all the good friends,

It is morning here and the clouds are very clear. I have visited the kitchen and Dorice our cook is not happy. When I ask why she is not happy she

says the meal she is preparing is the last one and she is very worried that their will be cries of food! food! from the three year olds and yawning from the bigger children the following day. That information also cuts through my heart and I stand gazing at the stoves and the two big pans. Weakly I walk to the office straight because I should have gone round the classes greeting the children and teachers but now thinking about the food situation I decide to go to the office where I lock the door to Thank God for the school and the children.

Amen!! The phone rang and on the screen was Anne calling! I was hesitant because though here it was morning back in the US was Midnight!!What is wrong??I pondered as I pressed the button to receive. That was the phone call that changed everything. Because the Church and her friends had raised money to take us two months!!! Glory be to God!!! Tears of joy trickled down my lips as I called the deputy to notify him of the miracle. We waited until evening when we rang the bell to break the Good news and everyone broke into song to glorify God and thank Anne and her team for her efforts!!

May the Almighty God continue Blessing You!!

*With regards,
Wellingtone"*



Caleb H.

Letters had also gone out to about 50 people who had made a gift to Anajali in the past but were not sponsoring a child. To date, \$3,000 has come in for the food program.

If you would like to participate in providing food for the children of Anajali, you may make your contribution to Anajali Ministries and mark it for food. The money that has come in will provide food for about 25 weeks. Since this will be an ongoing need, perhaps you would be willing to help by sponsoring a primary child at \$20 a month.

Send your contribution to:
Anajali Ministries
PO Box 46
Scotland, CT 06264

Thank you everyone who has contributed. May God bless you.

Reflections and News

by Susan LaSante

My name is Susan LaSante, and I grew up in Eastford, Connecticut but have lived in Littleton, Massachusetts for over 30 years. In February, I travelled to Nairobi, Kenya to work at the Anajali School with 4 other people as part of an Anajali Ministries' Mission Trip. I met some beautiful people in Kenya who encouraged me to return. I told them I would try to listen for God's call and if He wanted me to return I would come.

Little did I know that less than a month later, I would be planning the next trip for June. As I drove to work this morning, I listened to a CD of African Christian music that I had purchased in Nairobi. For 40 minutes I thought of the people I had met and knew that part of my heart now belongs to the Anajali School.

Projects for the June trip include reading assessments to help teachers provide appropriate interventions for struggling students, organizing the library so that teachers and students can easily access the books, and taking pictures of all the students for the sponsorship program.

We would like to record the height and weight of the children so that their growth can be followed, as well as test their vision and hearing; if there are problems, teachers can be aware and make accommodations as needed. Many repairs

to buildings and classrooms need to be done. And then there is just taking time to be with the students either playing a game or reading a book .

We are still looking for a few people to join us on the June trip. Please prayerfully consider coming with us. If you are interested in applying for the June 2011 trip, you can fill out an application online at <http://www.hecareskenya.org>.

To learn more about my February Mission Trip you can read about it and see pictures and movies on my blog at <http://anajalimissiontripfeb2011.blogspot.com/2011/02/leaving-in-4-days-for-kenya.html> .



PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday: Pray for Wellington as he leads the Anajali School and Church.

Monday: Pray for the teachers, staff, and students at the Anajali School. May each be committed to doing their very best.

Tuesday: Pray that Anajali will be able to have the funds to purchase the corn and beans for the children's noon meal at school. For many of the children, this is their only meal each day.

Wednesday: Pray for the provision of an orphanage to house the increasing number of Anajali children who are left homeless due to AIDS and other disasters.

Thursday: Pray about being part of Anajali by sponsoring a primary child, giving to the general operating budget of the Anajali School, helping with the home office expenses, or going on an Anajali Mission Trip.

Friday: Pray that sponsors will be found for each Class 8 student so that each can access high school. Yearly fees for high school are currently \$750 per year, and due in December of each year.

Saturday: Pray for Anne Blodgett and the home office work.

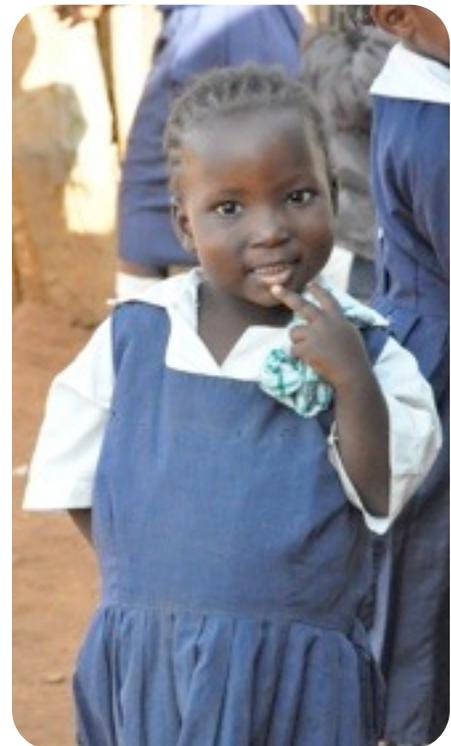
PRAISE

Praise God for the outpouring of love from so many people who have helped to provide food for the Anajali children.

Praise God for six people who are going to minister at the Anajali School June 23 through July 6.

Praise God for the highest academic scores Anajali School has seen since it opened in 2000.

Praise God for the children who learn not only academics, but also about the love of God for them.



***Picture highlights
from the
February 2011
Anajali Mission
Trip
to the
Anajali School***

Kibera Slum, Nairobi, Kenya.



Dolls made for the children by Erin S. as a project for her Girl Scout badge.



Toothpaste and soap collected by Erin for her Girl Scout badge was given to the children.



Logan doing a science experiment for one of the Anajali classes.



Carolle getting ready to hand out pajamas to needy children.

Join us
on the next
**ANAJALI MISSION
TRIP**

June 23 - July 6, 2011

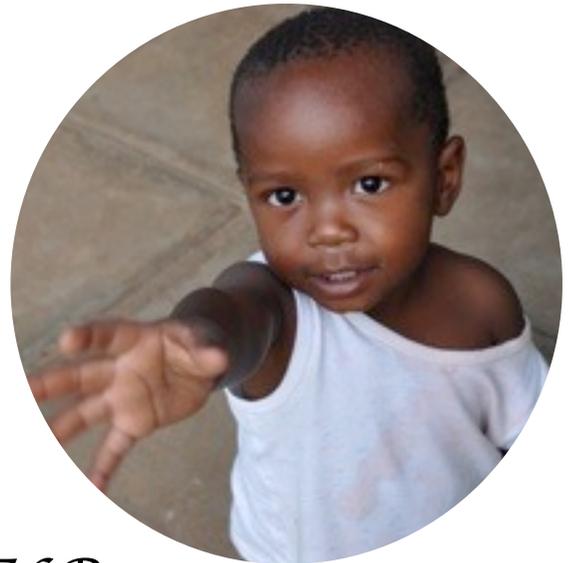
(dates may vary slightly depending on airline ticket availability)

Cost of Trip - \$800 plus air fare.

Experience the African church,
the Kibera slum,
the Anajali School, the
African culture.

For an online application
visit the web at

www.hecareskenya.org



HELP

ANAJALI

*You can be part of this exciting
work that God
is doing through Anajali Ministries.*

Sponsor a Child = \$20 a month

Sponsor a Child for High School = \$750 a year.

(can be paid monthly)

Give to the High School Project

Support Missionary Anne Blodgett

Help buy corn and beans so the children
can have one meal a day.

Mark 9:41

“For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

CALENDAR

APRIL:

*April 13 - Westfield Christian
School, Westfield, MA*

MAY:

*May 14 - Under One Roof Concert
Vermont*

*May 15 - Green Mt. Alliance Church
Rt. 100 Waterbury, VT*

JUNE/JULY

June 23 - July 6

Mission Trip

To schedule a speaking engagement,
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