

# Mully Children's Family Sponsorship Update – June 2010

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Your sponsorship update comes directly from my recent trip to the Mully's Children's Family home. I visited the Ndalani and Yatta sites between June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> of this year.



I was met at the airport by Angela and Jackson. Over the week I visited MCF home I got to know Angela really well (pictured left). Angela is 26 years old and has been a part of the MCF home for 17 years. She is the classic example of what sponsoring the children at MCF is doing in and through the kids' lives.

Angela is the daughter of the second wife in a polygamous family. Following a family dispute, she and her sister and mother were abandoned by their father. Eventually, Angela's mother got a job as a temporary secretary at the MCF office and when Charles Mulli found out about their situation, he took the two children into care at the orphanage while their mother was given a permanent job.

In 2000, Angela was part of the first cohort of children from the MCF school to sit the national exams for students aged 14 years and is just one of the thousands of successfully rehabilitated children whose lives have been transformed. She now works for MCF and helps out with the teams that come to visit. Everyone who has been to MCF knows and loves her for the healthy, intelligent, God-loving woman she has become. Best of all, she is now working with MCF to 'pay it forward' to the 2000 other children at MCF who are in the position she was once in. That is how MCF is changing Kenya.

There are indicators of success everywhere you look at MCF, success that would not be possible without your continued support. At the Ndalani site I had the privilege of sitting in on a social geography lesson for grade 12's. They were discussing the statement: 'All incumbent political parties use the media, police and military to their advantage and to the disadvantage of opposition political parties'. As a parent of two older boys not too much older than grade 12, I was very impressed by the level of sophistication in the debate.

Almost all of the children now live in very comfortable brick houses (pictured right). The whole project is moving rapidly towards providing an even greater portion of its own funding by income generating activities (already provided 50%). Right now they are exporting vegetables to markets in Europe and employing some six hundred local villagers at the same time. They have a fish farm and a chicken farm both of which supplies the local market in Nairobi. In addition, this project planted 500,000 trees in Kenya last year and this year the aim is to double this number. All the profit from these activities goes towards the cost of helping feed, clothe and educate the children, just like your sponsorship support.





To the left is the Thika River, last year bone dry, now flowing well, at Ndalani. To the right is the guest house for team participants ! ...finally complete and quite nice I must say. Our 2011 teams will stay here.



The above three photos were taken at the Yatta site, which is home to a number of the income generating activities I talked about above. In the middle is the 'Daddy' of the 2000+ children you support - our friend Charles Mulli and myself.

I've been involved in relief and development work for nearly 25 years and I have to say that this is one of the most impressive projects I've ever seen. Children's lives are being changed, and they're being built with the capacity to continue changing other children's lives after them. I began sponsoring the children at MCF promptly when I arrived home. Thank you kindly to all of you for your support. Please share this with your friends and if they would like to sponsor the children as you do, please direct them to [www.careforceinternational.ca](http://www.careforceinternational.ca)

Regards,

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