

Noah's Ark opening long awaited



Noah's Ark was dedicated on July 10, 2010. It was a beautiful day with just the right amount of sun and shade with no rain. The building looked so pretty. You could tell that everybody had put in long hours to get it ready for this day. There were four tents set up one for the food and the rest for the guests. There were about 350-400 people there with more that showed up for the food. Several people shared about Tumaini, Sue Newton gave a brief history of Tumaini and Jackie and Albert gave testimony's about their lives at Tumaini.

The younger children sang a song and danced and then the older children sang and danced. Noah Coors got up and spoke about Noah in the bible and how he was sent to save the earth. So Noah's Ark was there to help save little ones. We also were entertained with a dance by the Maasai guards.

When it came to cutting the ribbon Noah Coors and the local government official Hon. Lewis Nguyai, MP Kikuyu Constituency, did the honors. Then we all walked through the finished building. The staff of Tumaini were so excited and happy about this new building that they sang and danced out their joy on the front porch of Noah's Ark.

Here is the speech delivered by Noah Coors:

First of all I would thank all of you for coming here today, to the opening celebration of Noah's Ark. Eunice and my Mom met when I was 1 year old. They both share the same love for orphans and they feel the need to care and help them.

In Genesis 6:14 God tells Noah to make an ark of cypress wood. It had to be 450 ft long, 75 ft. wide and 45 feet high. He had to have 2 of every kind of animal from the whole earth in the ark. So Noah obeyed God and did everything God told him. When the flood did come Noah, his family and the animals were safe in the ark. Eunice like Noah obeyed God's call to come back to Kenya and start an orphanage for children, which is why we are here today. Because of her obedience many kids will have a chance to have a family, a future and a relationship with God.

In John 14:18 it says "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you" God sees the orphans of Kenya, and has sent Eunice to care for them. And I am happy to be here today as we open Noah's Ark on the Tumaini farm. Thank you.

It was so thrilling to be there and to see the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream. Eunice told me the story of when they had a dedication at the original site that two goats from the neighbors house came over to Tumaini and delivered their babies on Tumaini property. It was taken as a sign of blessing from God. The day of Noah's Ark dedication a baby goat was born at the farm. Another sign of God's blessing.

Comments

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My husband and I visited Tumaini in April this year. Our small church, The Chapel Door, donated two large action packers full of clothing. We were so disappointed and sad that Eunice was not there because she was in the states caring for a sick parent. How is that parent?

Sue Newton and Kennedy were so generous in giving us and our mutual friend from Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe a tour of both sites. I am AMAZED that you finished Noah's Ark in July and look forward to seeing more photos of the completed building in use. I also LOVE the name!

When I showed the photos of your orphanage to some adoptive parents in our church, they said there was a world of difference in this orphanage and the ones where their children were in Russia. It is a bright, happy, open, clean and personal home for your children. Your staff and volunteers were so very caring and made us feel very welcome as we visited on the day your dryer was not working in the laundry!

The gardens and animals that provide your children with food and income for your organization were so well taken care of - just like the children! You are doing good work and I encourage you in your ministry, as we say at our church, of "being the hands and feet of Jesus."

Congratulations on completing this phase...now, I'm wondering what your next dream is!