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Subject: Re: Makindu Children's Medical Fund

Thank you all for your continued support of Makindu Children's Program.

We have another child in desperate need of immediate medical attention. Details of her situation are below:

From Tom, the Director: "We have a sick girl who urgently needs medical attention. She hails from Syumile Site, one of the 8 MCC’s sub sites. Her father died of HIV related complications, while her mother is sickly and on HIV care and treatment. D. had an accidental prick on her left leg, just above the ankle in June this year. It eventually developed into a wound, which was initially treated at Syumile Dispensary, then later referred to Makindu sub county hospital. The doctors in Makindu managed the enlarging wound for four months, with little success. They referred her to a specialist at Machakos Hospital, who in turn referred her to a dermatologist in Nairobi.

Upon review, the dermatologist recommended urgent admission at Kenyatta National Hospital. She said the wound has eaten up both the epidermis and dermis layers of the skin, and that the fluid swelling in the subcutaneous layer of her skin needs to be drained, and a culture performed on the fluid to identify the type of poison. She advised that it needs to be immediate, for if the wound gets to the bone, she may have her leg amputated.

I’m actually seeing the dermatologist on Saturday, so that she books a bed for her at Kenyatta hospital, for sometimes they are usually full to capacity. Will update on progress. More costs, details and updates as we talk tomorrow."

Other expenditures of this nature this year have been:

Expenses for F., the girl we met with the deformed foot, came to $432. She is doing quite well now, smiling and playing with the other kids.

Expenses for the two children who needed hearing aids came to $1,200. They are both so relieved and grateful that they can hear again with these aids.

I will let you know what the expected expenses will be for D. once I get numbers from Tom in Makindu.

There is always need in Makindu. Thank you for caring.

Very fond regards,

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Executive Director

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