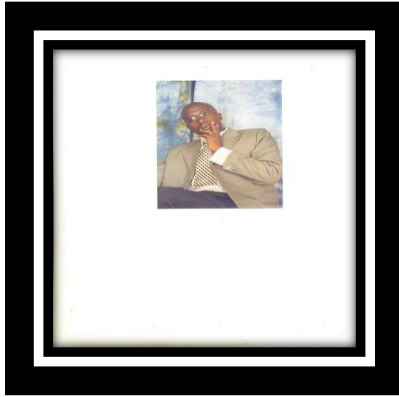


## **The Wells Sinking Team**

Get to know the individuals making it happen in Africa with your support.



**DAVID OMUKUBA ESHIHUULA**

Suitcases for Africa Projects Administrator-Kenya

### **Background Summary**

I went through Bukura Primary School and later St. Peters' Minor Catholic Seminary Mukumu. I later went through Meru Teachers Training College and later on to Kenyatta University –Nairobi where I obtained a degree in special education and Maseno University for A master's degree in special education as well.

### **Family Life**

I am married to Joan Kalemera and we have one daughter, Michelle.

### **Who most influenced my life?**

My late father influenced my life a lot when I was growing up because he brought me up in a strict Christian environment. Rev. Father Patrick a missionary Catholic priest at Elufumbo Parish was my mentor .While serving as an altar boy up to my fourth year at the minor seminary he encouraged me to take a teaching course in Special Education to gain skills of working with children with special needs. He always emphasized –acting responsibly, being a good time manager and respecting others.

### **What makes you like suitcases for Africa?**

The entire team of suitcases for Africa is a team composed of people full of love. Our President Darlene Anderson who likes small children. She knows the difficult conditions poor children in Kenya go through and has tirelessly and selflessly worked to improve their condition. Wendy Buchanan who is always touched by the travesties and vicissitudes vulnerable children go through here in Kenya in their pursuit of education. She doesn't hesitate to drop a tear and will often more times give a surprise donation. Charlotte Marcella who fights for the plight of the orphans seeks and connects them to people who

care. Mary a woman of love and full of compassion. May God bless the entire suitcases for Africa team and all the Canadians who always have felt compassion and have made it their commitment to support such life changing projects.

### **How has working for Suitcases for Africa contributed to my life?**

Suitcase for Africa has given me an opportunity to serve God as I serve his people. The need for Safe clean water and the desperation of the people especially in rural communities is overwhelming and it has forced me not to take things for granted but instead appreciate life more fully. We sink wells in the most needy and poor communities .Therefore the time we spent with these people leaves a lasting memory and impact on our lives particularly due to the joy they express after receiving the water .I would like to thank Suitcases for Africa for giving me the opportunity and chance to help others.

### **Favorite Quote(s)**

“So let’s not get tired of doing good things and what is good .At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”-Galatians 6:9

“If you help the poor you are lending to God and He will repay you back!”-Proverbs 19:17

“Always do your best and it must be first class.”



## **ENGINEER CALEB MWENJE OKWARO**

### **Well sinker**

### **Background information**

I studied in Ekapwonje primary school then went through Bushiangala Polytechnic where I acquired a certificate in fluid mechanics.

### **Family life**

I am married and have two sons and one daughter.

### **Who most influenced my life?**

My late mom and dad greatly inspired me and shaped my life.

### **How has working for Suitcases for Africa contributed to my life?**

I have witnessed how peoples' lives have improved by what we do. Suitcases for Africa has given me the opportunity to meet the tangible needs of the community, with safe and clean drinking water. Water is life.....

### **Favorite Quote(s)**

"There is no one who will be like Jesus."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"-Romans 8:35

"And the just shall live by faith."-Heb.10:38



**MR. ACHANDO MALIKA**

**Well sinker**

**Background Summary**

I Studied at Eshandukusi Primary school then learnt masonry by apprenticeship.

**Family life**

I am married and have one boy and one girl.

**Who most influenced my life?**

My late mom and Dad taught me to be hardworking .My father taught me how to forgive people and move on. Sinking wells has taught me a lot of team work.

**What makes me sink wells for Needy Communities?**

I found out that I would be involved in doing the work for God by providing safe and clean water to the community. Jesus said,"I was thirsty and you gave me a drink...."Math (25:35)

I feel a sense of fulfillment which I had never experienced before .I love the way we treat each other especially the advice and encouragement I get while working as a team.

**Favorite Quote(s):**

"Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will succeed." –Proverbs 16:3

"And the just shall live by faith" .-Heb10:38

"There is no terrible circumstance without remedy with God."



**ISAAC MIHESO**

**Well Sinker.**

**Background summary**

I am a trained mason. I learnt masonry through several years of apprenticeship.

**Family life.**

I am married and have grown up children.

**Who most influenced my life?**

My mother and my father.

**How has working for suitcases for Africa contributed to my life?**

It has improved my life both spiritually and economically. It has given me an opportunity to share my Christian faith with many people in the different communities we work with.

**Favorite Quote(s):**

“God’s timing is always the best timing.”

## SITE PHOTO

The photo below was taken at a well sinking site in Shanyinya community in Kakamega South District in Kenya. The well was sunk in memory of a young girl called Isabella Shiripoti. Isabella died of AIDS. She contracted the deadly disease through mother to child transmission. She was preceded in death by her both parents and her elder siblings. Due to the difficult conditions Isabella was staying in due to the absence of both parents, she requested the authority to be taken to Mukumu children's home, a home dedicated to providing care to orphans infected and affected by HIV AIDS. Isabella's dream was to become a teacher and perhaps Mukumu children's home would have assisted her to achieve her dream. Isabella never realized her dream. She was lost the battle to AIDS and silently passed on at Mukumu mission hospital. Suitcases for Africa decided to dedicate a well in her memory and all the children living under the hardship of HIV/AIDS in Kenya. It is hoped that all those who draw water from this well should say a prayer to the many children in Kenya living in extremely difficult circumstances due to the hardships of HIV/AIDS.



## QUICK FACTS

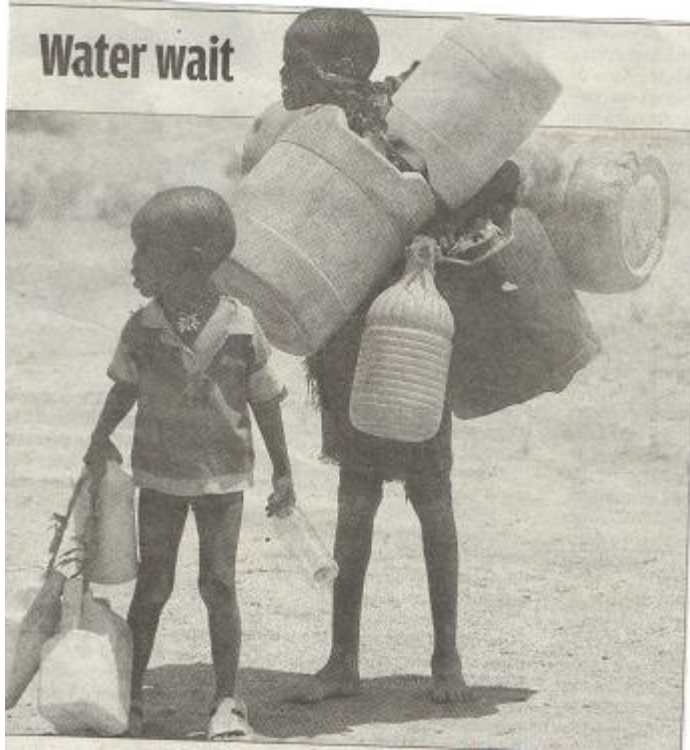
1. According to the U.N. a child dies from water borne disease every 15 seconds.
2. In East Africa water –related disease kills 1 in 4 children who die before the age of 5 years.
3. 70% of East African hospital visits are caused by unsafe drinking water.
4. Women and children walk an average of three miles a day to fetch water.
5. Women in Africa carry as heavy as (44 pounds) of water on their heads.
6. The average Canadian home uses 100 gallons of water each day an African family uses about five gallons of water each day.

These newspaper cuttings from print media indicate the hustle and bustle Kenyan communities go through on a daily basis to get water. They support the facts above. The problems cut across the entire country.



**PHOTO 1: Women and children trek for longer distances to get water.**





**PHOTO 3: Children are the most affected.**

THIRST | Red Cross in rescue effort



JARED NYATAYA | NATION

Nothing goes to waste, as Chepkopus Losule quenches her thirst yesterday with water spilling from a tank at Nyaunyau Primary School in Baringo East District. This water distribution point funded by the Kenya Red Cross Society using a bowser, has been provided as a result of a prolonged drought in the area.

**PHOTO 4:** This child sucks water from the bowser directly, risking pulmonary infections and other water related infections. Due to scarcity of water many schools close down to allow children and parents look for water.

DROUGHT | Too thirsty to wait their turn for a drink



DENNIS ODUNGA | NATION

A resident and some goats quench their thirst at Konger trading centre in Pokot East District as the drought continues to bite in the area. Residents are now relying on food aid from Kenya Red Cross.

**PHOTO 5:** The water problem is so serious that human and animal conflict is common. The animals get impatient and force their way to quench their thirst even before human beings quench their thirst.



**PHOTO 6:** Many children die or sustain accidents while looking for this precious commodity.



**PHOTO 7:** Many children waste a lot of their time waiting for water instead of concentrating on their school work.



**PHOTO 8: Men relieve their wives by fetching water on bikes. Many women incur back injuries as they carry heavy pounds of water.**



**PHOTO 9:** This is the artistic impression of Kenya. Kenya is in Sub-Saharan Africa. Alleviation of extreme poverty and hunger is the first and key millennium development goal that was agreed upon by 192 United Nations Member states headed by Jeffrey Sachs a Canadian. It is saddening that many years down the line, with only 4 years left to assess the success indicators of this goal many poor children in Kenya suffer from extreme hunger and poverty. They undergo through

great difficulties of disease and hardships. They waste muscle and bone due to extreme hunger. Many do not make it to their fifth birthday. They die and never enjoy the gift of life. Be a blessing to a Kenyan child today.

## **HOW YOU CAN BE A BLESSING TO A COMMUNITY IN KENYA.**

1. Donate a family or friends well to a community in Kenya through Suitcases for Africa and let the well have your name as the donor. Your donation will serve 500 people.
2. Make a personal donation and touch over 500 lives.
3. Fundraise for a well at school and pass the water to over 500 thirsty souls in Kenya –Africa.
4. Fundraise for a well at your local church and pass the love of God by giving water to over 500 people in Kenya –Africa.
6. Fund a well at your work place and be a blessing to the less fortunate children and persons in Kenya.