



## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Thanks that training in the use of natural medicines is being well received in many areas. Please pray that appropriate statistical data on their success, together with chemical analysis of the plants used, will be reliably acquired
- Guidance in finding the most suitable plot of land in the Kisumu region, to purchase with a grant from Greyfriars, in order to facilitate more effective work in that area.
- For the safety of all REAP personnel as they live, work and travel in often dangerous areas of Africa. Particularly for several young people from Devon who will be working with REAP over the next few months.

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RURAL EXTENSION WITH AFRICA'S POOR

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## Rain; its Blessings...

*Unusually heavy rains through January and February (normally very dry months) have been of enormous benefit to REAP's work.*

The continuous rainfall that Kenya has experienced over this last season has enabled REAP staff to gain a head start with this year's planting.

One result is that vetiver grass, which prevents soil erosion, has been multiplying at a very good rate, so that there is now an abundant supply getting out to all the churches.



REAP, along with other organizations, has been promoting tree planting, as a symbol of new life at Easter, in response to the changes in the environment. The extra rain has been a great encouragement for people to do this, as long as it persists through the normal planting season.

## and its Challenges...



Along with the persistent rain, and the accompanying floods, much soil has been washed away, so the REAP team have found a renewed challenge to emphasize the need for care of God's world.

As a result REAP have produced two new poignant leaflets that demonstrate the wonder of trees and remind the reader of the importance to use the soil responsibly, as they bring together Biblical passages on the topic.



## Medicinal Plants Thrive

*Many of the medicinal plants, which REAP is introducing for the poor to be able to produce themselves, have spread much faster due to the increased amount of moisture in the soil.*



## Food Security for Tanzania

*Dr. Sharland has been very encouraged by the response in central Tanzania to REAP's holistic approach.*

On a recent visit to Central Tanzania, the local churches, together with partners World Relief Canada, have welcomed Roger's approach to the environmental degradation there. They have been very open to accepting the concepts that REAP is putting forward, opening great potential to turn the situation around for the poor in that area.