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Kingagop—The Farms

1st Phase. Seven of the original 9 ladies are now working their own acre shamba (farm). Jo admitted some mistakes were made and Turning Point had learned a lot which obviously helps future groups. As well as working their land they are trying to find ways to supplement their income. One lady is looking after someone's cow that is in calf and in return she will get the calf.

2nd Phase. The Farm Manager Samuel Wanderi is now there with the ladies and as well as helping them with the land, he has a big heart for discipleship. The mammas work 6 days a week on the land and Sunday they go to Church. In this group there are 10 mums, 38 children and on the day they moved to the farms one baby was 2 days old and praise the Lord will never know the slums of Kibera.

Microfinance

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Action

We are to be the guards and need to be praying so that those in Kenya can get on with the work and not worry. The work at the moment is outsourcing the money.

1. We were asked to pray for staff members and were given pictures of them, with details of their lives and the comments they have made.
2. Pray for Moses (Heads up Microfinance) and Emily who are going to get married in June. Her parents find it difficult to make arrangements so far away.
3. We made Key fobs with ribbon in four colours and were asked to pray -
Red—for the children, Yellow—for the Microfinance programme
Green, for the Farm , White, for peace in Kenya.

The Kibera Diet Challenge 19th – 23rd March. Eat as you would in Kibera (and give what you would normally spend on food) or miss a meal and pray.

One church in Guildford has provided each of the mammas with a Solar Power Lamp which is charged by an A4 size panel that is put on the roof or just outside. They only cost £11 each and give three strengths of light and will also charge a mobile phone. So cheap yet so useful!

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