

Building a Maternity Unit in Kalemunyang, Turkwel - The Realization of a Dream

The Project

During 2005/2006 the Faith in Action group in Ballineaspaig Parish, Cork developed links with Turkwel Parish in Kenya. Their parish priest at that time was Fr. Oliver Noonan SMA, a native of Cork.

The link is a twofold one, through prayer for each other and through practical help by supporting them financially, to dig wells, develop irrigation schemes, build a health clinic, and assist with the ongoing costs of equipping and running the clinic.

While he has now moved on to other work in Kenya, Fr. Oliver retains his close relationship with the people of Turkwel. In 2019 we asked him to advise us about the most pressing needs of our sister parish. He contacted Sr. Pascalia, the Sister in charge of the health clinic in Kalemunyang. She responded by sharing her dream of building a maternity unit adjacent to the health clinic to serve the Kalemunyang catchment area in Turkwel Parish. *"It has been a challenge conducting deliveries without a maternity ward but with hope and your help we are looking forward to the realization of our dreams. It will be a great achievement for our community"* We asked Sr. Pascalia where the new unit would be built. She replied, *"It will be on the right side of the existing building near the improvised small delivery room (manyatta) as it shows in the attached photos"*.



Kalemunyang Clinic



Improvised small delivery room (manyatta)