HOW AN OLD POOR COUPLE IS BENEFITING FROM GROW BIOINTENSIVE

William Njoroge and his wife Margaret Njoroge and their disabled children

William Njoroge and his wife Margaret have been married for 28 years and they have raised 6 children, 4 boys and 2 ladies. But two of their children are disabled and require very special attention in order for them to survive. The children are dependent on their aging parents.

Njoroge, their 3rd born, who is now 21 years old (right inset), was diagnosed with polio when he was 15 years old. He cannot walk, or even sit up. He must use medicine everyday worth ksh 50. The medicine is known as Revotril and it is used to treat seizure disorders by slowing down the activity of the nerves in the brain (i.e., the central nervous system).

Wangui (left inset) is the 4th born in the family. Her tragic day came when she was playing with her friends and she fell on a knife which stabbed deep into her left eye. She became paralyzed on the left side from the foot upwards. Her left arm and hand, her speech and her thinking were totally disabled.

The couple has been struggling to cope with these challenges. To assist them, G-BIACK has helped them to create GROW BIOINTENSIVE family gardens and an income garden so they can provide a nutritious diet for themselves and for the children, as well as income that helps them to purchase the medicine required by the two children.