



WORLD REACH ORPHANAGE IN KENYA

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Dear Friends of our Kenya Orphanage,

Perhaps you have wondered about how the children at our orphanage receive their education in Kenya. What follows is a description by David Magiri, our World Reach Kenya Field Director, of the public, primary schooling for the younger children.

Primary education in Kenya starts with Nursery 1 and 2 then continues with Standard 1-8. (This would be the equivalent of K-4, K-5 and grades 1-8 in the U.S.) Each morning the children dress in their school uniforms and are checked by the orphanage staff before they leave for school (walking) as early as 6:30 AM. The children return to the orphanage around 4:30 PM. At school, the children begin the day with morning devotions and then receive instruction in a variety of subjects, including: Kiswahili (Kenya's national language), English (Kenya's official language), reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and Christian education. In addition, they engage in physical education and sports. Although the schools the children attend are public schools and the teachers are paid by the government, the schools are not free of cost. In addition to the cost of the uniforms, there are tuition fees, lunch fees, testing fees and others that must be paid. At the conclusion of Standard 8, the children take a national examination to determine which further educational opportunities will be available to them.



So, you can see that the younger children who attend primary school have a full day, and it doesn't end there. When the children arrive back at the orphanage, they all assist with washing and cleaning to help keep their "home" neat and in order.





I want to share with you the words of Phineas, a child at the orphanage who is in Standard 8 (8th grade) regarding how you have helped him. ***“I am sending my greetings...to all of World Reach. I want to thank you for removing me from darkness. My life was like a dustbin. Now I am happy because of this ministry. In my heart... you are great...for helping me and others. Be blessed. Phineas”***

We can never say thank you enough for your partnership with this life changing ministry to orphaned, abandoned, and rejected children of Kenya. On behalf of Phineas and the other children I want to say, as the children would say in Kiswahili, “Asante Sana”– thank you very much! You are the hands and feet of Jesus.

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PS– Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us financially to help sustain and grow the impact of our orphanage in Kenya. No amount is too small... every gift will be greatly appreciated.



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