



WORLD REACH ORPHANAGE IN KENYA

May 2020 Update

Dear Friends of our Kenya Orphanage,

COVID-19 has impacted us dramatically in the U.S. and even more so around the world. In this report, David Magiri, World Reach Kenya Field Director, explains how the coronavirus has affected Kenya and our orphanage ministry.

Let me explain how coronavirus has affected so many things. The churches are closed and people cannot meet to fellowship. We cannot travel from village to village due to restrictions. We must wear masks and practice social distancing. Some villages and counties have been locked down completely. Prices for food and supplies have doubled.

The World Reach orphanage ministry has been greatly impacted because schools were closed in March. As you may remember, our students in secondary school (high school) attend boarding school. World Reach covers all the costs for secondary schooling including: tuition, room and board, school fees, uniforms, etc. All 11 of these secondary school students were sent back to our campus to live rather than being quarantined at the boarding school. Of course our 10 primary students living on campus can no longer attend their school each day. All of our children need more attention than ever before!

Suddenly, we are faced with additional needs for higher quantities of food, soap, sanitizers, and other supplies on campus not only for the 10 primary students but also now for the 11 secondary students. We are using resources at double or triple the rate of what we normally use on campus. At the same time, the costs for food and supplies have doubled in Kenya!

Praise God that there are no Covid-19 cases reported in our county of Meru, where our campus is located. None of our staff, families, or children are infected so far. We are all joining hands in praying that God will finish this virus. Kenyans fear this disease which has shaken the whole world, but God is our refuge. All in all, God is in control and people have good testimonies of what the Lord has done through World Reach – Kenya.

I am providing a personal testimony of Kenneth Mwiti who we took in to our orphanage at age 7, and he is now grown up and pursuing a four-year medical degree and hopefully graduating near the end of 2020. Thank God for allowing World Reach to impact the life of Kenneth.

Thank you and may God richly bless you for partnering with us in Kingdom work. Please continue to pray for needy children to be helped, as we have many on our orphanage waiting list.

Yours in the partnership for the Kingdom,

Rev. David Magiri



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Thank you for making an impact on the lives of children in Kenya. Here is the personal testimony from an orphanage "graduate", Kenneth Mwiti (with minimal revisions for clarity).

Receive my greetings in Jesus Christ. I am Kenneth Mwiti, 23 years of age. I currently in my final semester pursuing a degree course in Bachelor of Clinical Medicine Surgery and Community Health.

First let me thank the Almighty God for His grace and favour upon my life and making me a part of World Reach orphanage. It was back in 2004 in August (aged 7 years) when the Lord opened another page in my life and through David and Janet Magiri, I was welcomed to the orphanage ministry. As the Bible reads in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Before entering the orphanage, I experienced a lot of challenges which firstly begun with the demise of my parents, the incident which left me so heartbroken. Schooling was difficult due to financial constraints, sometimes staying hungry, lack of clothes, I also suffered hatred and neglect from some family members.

In the orphanage ministry I was warmly received and welcomed to the new family by the World Reach staff. So many things happened which made a positive impact in my life. Foremost from daily morning devotions; I continued with my education; I would also have enough food; I would learn how to cook, wash my clothes and play with other children as one family. I also had counseling and mentorship classes with our Director and other staff members.

My being in the World Reach ministry is the most miraculous thing in my life. The ministry has molded me to be whom I am today - - - more so the Christian foundation that has been laid upon my life, it has also given me another and more positive perception of life and towards others.

In closing, please receive my humbles and sincere gratitude to all World Reach staff, starting with our donors and directors in the USA, our director in Kenya, and all staff who shower children with His love as the Bible readeth in 1 St Corinthians 15:57-58: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Thank you WORLD REACH!

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth Mwiti



I hope that you are encouraged by this testimony from Kenneth and that you also have a better understanding from David Magiri of the impact of Covid-19 on our orphanage. I was blessed to visit the orphanage in January 2020 and met the staff, all of the primary students, and several orphanage "graduates" like Kenneth, who are now successful, Christian young adults. Thank you for your partnership financially and through many prayers!

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