Dear Partner,

We are excited to let you know that our children returned to school in January. It was quite a busy month for Field Director, David Magiri, and his wife Janet as they hurriedly bought supplies and clothing for the children and transported the high school age kids back to their various boarding schools. The school schedules will be different this year to try and make up for 2020. Please pray for David, Janet and the Meru staff as they navigate all of these changes. Also pray for the children to excel in school and to grow in Christ!

Thankfully, we have been able to resume other ministries on our Meru campus, with required precautions in place, such as the weekly widow’s Bible study and also our Bible Institute training for pastors. The first class of pastors resumed in February and the next class is in March. Both are led by Kenyans since our US teachers cannot yet travel.

When I went to Kenya in January 2020, David Magiri introduced me to several young adults who had been raised at the World Reach orphanage. It was encouraging and inspiring to meet these young adults. Each had become a Christ follower AND was employed and making an impact in their community. In this report, we want to share a letter from one such young adult who is now a nurse:

Receive my greetings in Jesus name you all!

Today am so overwhelmed with joy to write to you. It says in Africa, “no appreciation is enough for great kindness”. But, I still want to thank you all the World Reach ministry for your great kindness which you have provided to me with hope and courage.

I lived in series of struggles; desperation, rejection, disappointments and discouragements from family members. My dad and my mother died from HIV infection when I was 8 years old. I was left with my grandparents who were not stable as they had another burden from my elder sister who was in school. The despair and grief held all my thinking; it was a terrible state for me at that age. It was through our Director Rev. David Magiri, his wife madam Janet who came to my rescue. Their support is highly appreciated. I vivid remember they made a number of visits. On August 2004, I joined the orphanage. I must say am much humbled. May our almighty God bless you.

In the orphanage ministry, I could experience the great warmth welcome from World Reach staff and even other kids. I was introduced to Christianity as we conducted daily morning devotion, continuous bible reading which made me realize another perception of life. The verses also instilled within me hope and faith, that through Jesus everything is possible.
My heart was full of joy. Hope returned in me. I continued with my studies, I had enough clothing, plenty of food, good shelter, medical bills were handled, environment full of positivity. It was no "one man's game" ... rather you all contributed to raising me with good parental advisory and providing a good childhood background. You believed in me that I can become a better version of me which can be relied upon in our societies. The only thing I had to reward your kindness was to study hard for excellent score in school.

I graduated to high school and all was good on my side. I sat for my national examination whereby I scored good grade which secured me a chance in the university. I was a bit worried about financial constraints as university fees was very huge. Thank you a lot to our Director Rev. Magiri for being there for me. He sacrificed a lot to raise any funds possible just for me to join the university. The Bible says everything happens for a reason. By God’s grace it happened at that time our USA Director, Paul Whitmore, was in Kenya for ministry visit. Rev. Magiri organised a meeting with Paul to discuss the matter of my university education. I had to keep on praying to my Lord day by day because it is he who has the last word in our lives. After a week or so, I joined Kirinyaga University to pursue a medical degree in Clinical Medicine and Community Health. Much thanks to our Directors Paul and Rev. Magiri, throughout my four years of university study, my school fees were fully paid and all other expenses were cared for by Rev. Magiri and Janet who offered an accommodation in their own home during school holidays. I highly appreciate for all your support. Finally, I graduated with a medical degree, Glory be to God, on November 27, 2020.

The support I have received through the World Reach mission since my parents passed away is the reason I am here today. It has made me who I am today. Without your support maybe I could have ended up on the streets. I couldn’t have achieved my medical degree certificate that I have now. I thought I had no one, but I had World Reach ministry that stood with me. Your kindness means a lot ... as great as a mountain. I am really proud to be a product of World Reach ministry. I may have not mentioned your name in this letter, but I highly appreciate your support either directly or indirectly.

My prayer and my hope in future is to become a blessing to less fortunate people in various communities worldwide and extend the kindness you have offered me to others. This will ensure continuity of Christ’s love. I was unfortunate orphan before, but now how happy I am. You gave me so much love and I cannot express my gratitude by any words. On behalf of all unlucky children just like I was, I would like to say “thank you”. Through you, God’s love reaches those children who are in difficulties and in need.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN WORLD REACH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. LOVE YOU ALL!!

Ken Mwiti

The Lord continues to provide opportunities to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children in Kenya, and we have room for more orphans at our facility. If you’re interested in providing ongoing funding, please contact us. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry!

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