



WORLD REACH KENYA ORPHANAGE

November 2020 Update

Dear Friends!

We are thankful to report that our children and staff remain healthy despite recent increases in COVID-19 cases in Kenya. Since March, our 21 orphans have remained quarantined on campus with occasional visits to the hospital when needed for attention to minor illnesses or injuries. We discontinued other ministries on our Meru campus in March because we felt it important to minimize risk for the children.

David Magiri, our Kenya Field Director, indicates that schools will not resume until 2021 and even that is uncertain. David, his wife Janet, and our staff have worked tirelessly during the pandemic to care for the children.

Greetings!

Please receive a letter from one of our orphanage children named Kelvin. Because of support by World Reach, Kelvin is healthy and happy and has hope for the future. Kelvin had been neglected by his parents and left with a grandmother who had no means to support him. He lacked food, shelter, clothing and consistent monies to attend school. After being beaten by an uncle, Kelvin ended up living on the streets of Meru. When our orphanage took in Kelvin at around age 14, he was very sick and malnourished. We took him to the hospital and provided very costly medical care. Kelvin continues to recover physically. He is a bright boy and is doing well academically and is in grade 7. He is able to lead other children in devotions and does it well.

Please continue to pray for us in Kenya. God has been faithful and gracious as COVID-19 has not affected our health thus far, although cases are increasing rapidly in our country. As you can imagine, the children are weary of being confined to the campus and miss attending school. Our staff are working longer hours than ever before and trying to educate the children both spiritually and academically. If schools do not reopen in early 2021, it may be wise to try and hire a trained school teacher to come on campus to provide some lessons. Sadly though, COVID-19 has greatly increased costs for food and supplies on campus. Please pray diligently for the strength, patience, and endurance of our staff as we continue caring for and educating the children. Pray for the children too as they are anxious about becoming ill. We appreciate your love and care for our orphans.

Yours in the partnership for the Kingdom,

Rev. David Magiri



Thank you for making an impact on the lives of children in Kenya. Here is a letter from Kelvin (with some revisions for clarity).

Dear Friends,

My name is Kelvin. I am sixteen years old.

Before I came to World Reach Orphanage, I was living with my grandmother. My grandmother told me that I was left with her when I was three years old. My father and mother disagreed, and my father chased my mother away. I was then left with my grandmother.

I love my grandmother because she loves me. She was not able to feed me properly, and sometimes I would sleep without food. I had torn clothes. I had no pen or school bag. Because we did not have enough money to pay school fees, I was in and out of several schools and finally had to stay home.

One day I was left home alone by my grandmother to look after our cow and small calf. My uncle came and called me. I went to him and he held me and started beating me without reason. I escaped and went to live on the streets of Meru. I stayed there for four days without eating anything.

When I came into the orphanage, many things changed. I get good food to eat and good clothes to wear. I get good medical care and shelter, and my school fees are paid for.

I advise other children to read and do well in school and grow to be good in the future. My goal is to become a doctor.

World Reach's staff have taught me how to read the Bible and how to pray. Also, they have taught me to respect others in the orphanage as brothers and sisters.

I am glad that I was introduced to World Reach Director, David Magiri, by a lady named Charity who served as Board Member of World Reach Kenya until she passed away recently.

Thank you for helping me,

Kelvin



I hope this letter provides better insights into the plight of many children in Meru and also encourages you to know about the opportunities the Lord provides us to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Would you be interested in providing one-time funding to help better educate the children if school doesn't resume in January 2021? Or, would you be interested in providing ongoing funding to help add an orphan to our program? If so, please email me at info@world-reach.org. To learn more about the Kenya ministries, visit our website at www.world-reach.org/en/project/kenya-orphanage. Thank you for your partnership and please know that we covet your prayers!

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