



# WORLD REACH KENYA ORPHANAGE

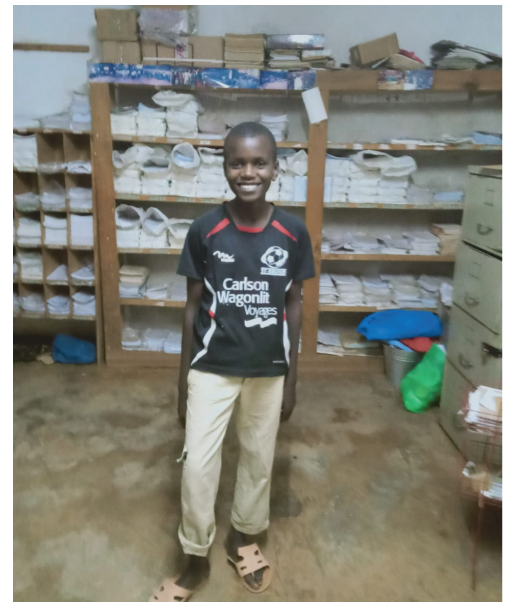
## May 2021 Update

Dear Partner of our Kenya Orphanage,

Our children successfully completed their first term of school from January through March and had their normal break in April. Although COVID-19 cases increased in certain counties of Kenya, the children have not been impacted. Praise God!

We welcomed a new child named Eric to our orphanage this month! Eric is attending "standard" or primary school with our 12 children in grades 1-8. The 9 other high school aged children are in seven different "form" or secondary schools, which are boarding schools. Now we care for a total of 22 children!

Sadly, Eric's mom is not of sound mind, and his father is unknown. Eric was living with his grandparents and a preschool aged sibling. His grandfather is quite sick and unable to provide for the family. As you can see from our first pictures of Eric, he is very happy to be at the orphanage. David Magiri has assigned Kelvin, a child who is the same age as Eric, to be Eric's "special friend". Kelvin will guide and mentor Eric as he transitions to his new life at the orphanage and at primary school. Kelvin will also help to disciple Eric.

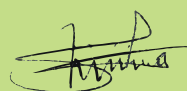


You may wonder how we find new children. It is usually word of mouth! Families often appear at the orphanage seeking assistance. Church members might also make referrals to us. David and Janet Magiri maintain a list of children that they hear about. When we feel there is sufficient funding to add a child, they investigate the family situation and needs and also evaluate a child's health before acceptance. For example, if a child tests HIV+, then we must move on to the next candidate. Once a child is chosen, David and Janet obtain bedding, clothing and toiletries and enroll the child in school. These are things that any new parent would do!

The up-front one-time costs for a new child total about \$350. Then, at least \$1,200 is needed annually (or \$100 monthly) to provide food, clothing, medical visits, school fees, etc. for each child. A child may enter our program at age 6 or beyond, depending on life's circumstances; and we will nurture the child to adulthood.

Please find below a letter of personal testimony from Phineas, who was taken in by the orphanage 3 years ago because his mother is mentally sick. Phineas is now in Form I Secondary School (equivalent to 9th grade in the U.S.) and is improving in his studies and education. He is very happy to be in the orphanage. World Reach is providing food, shelter, clothes, school fees, and much, much more.

Phineas now has hope and he is thanking World Reach for providing a home for him. He knows the word of God and confidently leads other children in sharing, prayers, and devotions.

  
REV. DAVID K. MAGIRI



Greetings!

Am well through Christ who strengthens me. I wish you all well under God's protection.

My life changed when I came to the orphanage ministry. Before, I had struggled in many circumstances.

When I came to this orphanage, I counted it as God's miracle because I had cried to God to help me, and He heard my prayers for He answers prayers. And since I got here at World Reach I started getting things I couldn't get before . . . like books and school fees. I was taken to secondary school where I can be educated.

My life when I was at home was only having friends and loitering here and there visiting them. I didn't have the opportunity to learn. But when I came to World Reach my attention was in the books.

Also now I know how to well communicate with God and how to cook and how to relate with others.

I grew up spiritually and now I know how to read the Bible and translate and how to share and preach the word of God. I am happy to be part of the orphanage and enjoy the company of other children. My best friend at the orphanage is Ian and in school it is Dennis.

I thank the Lord for bringing me to the orphanage because I know there are so many others with needs that are not fulfilled. I know that God cares for me.

Yours faithfully,

*Phineas Mutithea*



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Tim Prewitt, Director of World Reach, and 3 others plan to visit Kenya in late June to conduct a 3-day retreat for World Reach Kenya staff. Our team has certainly faced many challenges during the pandemic – from caring for, protecting, and educating 21 children at our Meru campus who were unable to go to school or anywhere else - to serving patients through our medical clinic in Muthetheni with minimal protective gear. To God be the glory for the amazing Kingdom work this team has accomplished. Our US team hopes to encourage their hearts in Christ Jesus so that they will be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord!

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and financial gifts.

Blessings,

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